

**Topic: Prophecy and Promise**

**National Curriculum Objectives which are covered in this unit: RE Directory – Expected outcomes for Branch 2 Prophecy & Promise**

**Understand**

- U4.2.1. Describe what a prophet is drawing on Elijah and John the Baptist as examples.
- U4.2.2. Show some understanding of the cultural and religious context of Elijah's time and why people needed to be reminded of God's covenant.
- U4.2.3. Compare the description of John the Baptist in Mark and Matthew's accounts and describe the beliefs about John the Baptist the gospel writers show.
- U4.2.4. Make links with the words of Isaiah, the preaching of John the Baptist, and the season of Advent.
- U4.2.5. Know that the feast of Christ the King marks the end of the Church's year and describe what is celebrated.
- U4.2.6. Makes links with the ancestry of Jesus and the Jesse tree.

**Discern**

- D4.2.1. Responding to a variety of artistic ways in which the Jesse tree is portrayed. Suggest reasons for the artist's choices and give reasons for their personal preference.
- D4.2.2. Talking about the type of king they think Jesus would be and give reasons for their answers.
- D4.2.3. Responding to a variety of artistic ways in Christ the King portrayed. Suggest reasons for the artist's choices, give reasons for their personal preference and compare their ideas with others.

**Respond**

- R4.2.1. Reflecting on how Elijah and John the Baptist's words speak to people today.
- R4.2.2. Reflecting on what it means to be a good leader and talk to others about their ideas. (RVE)

**Lesson sequence - include the key concept, L.O. and brief description of lesson**

<p><b>4.2.1 The Prophet Elijah</b> Know who Elijah was. Know and understand God's covenant with Elijah.</p> <p>U4.2.1. Describe what a prophet is drawing on Elijah and John the Baptist as examples. U4.2.2. Show some understanding of the cultural and religious context of Elijah's time and why people needed to be reminded of God's covenant.</p> <p>Explain what a prophet is. A Prophet is someone who speaks God's word and takes God's message to the people. V&amp;B TB P22 PPT – God's Covenant with the Israelites. Explain the message Elijah delivered to King Ahab. Elijah obeyed God. Why is this important? How can we obey God? How was Elijah's faith in God rewarded? 1Kings 17:1</p>	<p><b>4.2.2 Elijah on Mount Carmel</b> Know that Elijah had faith in God. Know what Elijah's story teaches us about God.</p> <p>R4.2.1. Reflecting on how Elijah and John the Baptist's words speak to people today.</p> <p>Identify the cultural and religious context of the contest on Mount Carmel. Explain that Elijah commanded the Israelites to gather on Mt Carmel. He invited King Ahab to bring along 450 of his prophets. Elijah's faith in God was challenged and rewarded. Things to learn from Elijah – worship God alone, have faith in God as Elijah did, do not by led astray by false Gods. Consider Elijah's faith, courage, obedience, trust, fearfulness, and weakness.</p>	<p><b>4.2.3 John the Baptist</b> Know that John the Baptist was sent to prepare the people for Jesus.</p> <p>U4.2.3. Compare the description of John the Baptist in Mark and Matthew's accounts and describe the beliefs about John the Baptist the gospel writers show. U4.2.4. Make links with the words of Isaiah, the preaching of John the Baptist, and the season of Advent. R4.2.1. Reflecting on how Elijah and John the Baptist's words speak to people today.</p> <p>Prophet Isaiah – "prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." Who was John preparing the way for? What do you think he meant by saying, 'make straight his paths'? Why was an outwards show of repentance not good enough? Find out about John the Baptist and how he was a prophet for the people. V&amp;B PB P45 – PPT</p> <p>Matthew 3:7-12</p>	<p><b>4.2.4 Advent</b> Know that Advent is a time of preparation.</p> <p>U4.2.4. Make links with the words of Isaiah, the preaching of John the Baptist, and the season of Advent.</p> <p>The church's year begins with the first Sunday of Advent. Advent – time to pause and reflect. Know that Advent is a time of preparation for Jesus' incarnation at Christmas and for the second coming as King of the Universe. The Advent Wreath. The church's readings for Advent. At Mass during Advent, we hear readings from the prophets. The real meaning of Advent – create Advent wreath or calendar for the classroom. V&amp;B PB P48 PPT – Advent</p> <p>Isaiah 40:3</p>	<p><b>4.2.5 The Ancestry of Jesus</b> Know about the ancestry of Jesus. Understand what a Jesse tree represents.</p> <p>U4.2.6. Makes links with the ancestry of Jesus and the Jesse tree. D4.2.1. Responding to a variety of artistic ways in which the Jesse tree is portrayed. Suggest reasons for the artist's choices and give reasons for their personal preference.</p> <p>Matthew begins his gospel with the ancestry or family tree of Jesus. Three groups – Jewish history from Abraham to David, Babylonian exile, the birth of Jesus, the Messiah. The ancestors of Jesus were not all blood relatives, but people chosen by God. Teach about the ancestry of Jesus with a Jesse Tree. Isaiah 11:1. Jesse trees are illustrated with ornaments that represent the people, prophecies, and events leading up to the birth of Jesus. V&amp;B TB P26 PPT – the Jesse tree.</p>	<p><b>4.2.6 Joseph the Foster Father of Jesus</b></p> <p>U4.2.5. Know that the feast of Christ the King marks the end of the Church's year and describe what is celebrated. D4.2.3. Responding to a variety of artistic ways in Christ the King portrayed. Suggest reasons for the artist's choices, give reasons for their personal preference and compare their ideas with others.</p> <p>Discover what we already know about Joseph. Know that the angel of the Lord told Joseph to call the baby 'Jesus' because "he will save people from their sins." Consider what Mary and Joseph might have asked or wondered about. What might they say to the angel? V&amp;B TB P27 – PPT Christ the King.</p> <p>Matthew 1:21-22</p>
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<p><b>Prior learning</b></p> <p><i>List year groups and topics with connected learning</i></p>	<p>Y3 – Prophecy and Promise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Mass</li> <li>• The Prophet Isaiah</li> <li>• Promises fulfilled – Annunciation and Joseph’s dream</li> <li>• Advent</li> <li>• Birth of Jesus</li> <li>• Angels – bringing God’s message</li> </ul>
<p><b>Future learning</b></p> <p><i>List year groups and topics with connected learning</i></p>	<p>Y5 – Prophecy and Promise Anointing of David, Samuel, David and Goliath, God’s covenant with David, the Rosary, the Good Shepherd</p> <p>Y6 – Prophecy and Promise Old Testament scripture – importance of women in salvation history, Mary ‘Mother of God’, the Magnificat</p>
<p><b>Key vocabulary to be explicitly taught</b></p>	<p>Advent Prophet Elijah Baal John the Baptist Jesse tree Christ the King</p>
<p><b>Cross-curricular links</b></p>	<p>Catholic Social Teaching Geography – where is Bethlehem? Nazareth? History links – Prophets Matthew’s Gospel</p>
<p><b>Enrichment</b></p> <p><i>Give visit/visitor/first hand experience and focus</i></p>	<p>Church visit OneLife – Music / Advent daily prayer</p>
<p><b>Useful websites/resources</b></p>	<p>RE Directory – Vine &amp; Branches Pupil Book &amp; Teachers Book <a href="#">Children's Liturgy</a> <a href="#">Advent resources for children</a> <a href="#">Advent and Christmas - Mission Together</a></p>