

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Expected Standard - C Grade Descriptor

Year 3

Students communicate and demonstrate their understandings in a variety of ways.

By the end of Year 3, students demonstrate an understanding that people **Discover God** when they interact with creation. They identify experiences of the power and beauty of creation. They make simple connections between the natural environment and God the Creator. They recognise that God's gift of human life includes the ability to make choices. They identify groups to which people belong and give examples of how people reflect God's love and goodness.

By the end of Year 3, students demonstrate how the Christian message relates to **Human Experiences**. They investigate their familiar world to explore how the Christian message relates to living in families, schools and other communities. They identify ways human experiences are able to reflect God. They make connections between these experiences and the experiences of Jesus. They explore ways that people can reflect how Jesus lived.

By the end of Year 3, students recognise that by **Knowing Jesus** people are shown how to live as God wants. They explain that through Gospel stories and parables people can learn about how to live as Jesus did. They identify that people who belong to the Church are called to follow the example of Jesus. They identify that the sacraments are special community celebrations that help people come closer to God.

By the end of Year 3, students demonstrate an understanding that **Living Like Jesus** leads people to God. They show how the Church community guides and supports followers of Jesus. They identify the Apostles as the first leaders of the Church and give examples of how the Holy Spirit guides people. They understand that praying for others is one way people can show love as Jesus did. They can identify that Mary, the Mother of God, and the saints join with people in their prayer. They begin to understand that following the commandments is a way of showing love and respect.

By the end of Year 3, students demonstrate an understanding of the **Catholic Practices** that are part of Church life. They understand that stories from the Bible teach lessons. They identify key ideas, recall Bible stories and suggest how people can apply lessons from Scripture in everyday life. They examine the different places and different ways people pray. They identify and recall prayers important to Church life. They describe how Christians celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation and why it is important in the lives of Catholics.