

Branch 3

Galilee to Jerusalem

In Branch 3, Galilee to Jerusalem, the children explored key events and teachings from Jesus' life. They learned about the visit of the Magi and what their gifts reveal about who Jesus is. They listened to and retold some of Jesus' parables, beginning to understand what the kingdom of God is like. The children also explored Jesus' miracles, recognising them as signs of his compassion and God's love. They reflected on the meaning of the Our Father prayer and how it links to building God's Kingdom. Finally, they researched and presented the life of a saint, learning how people can live out Jesus' message in their own lives.

The Our Father Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

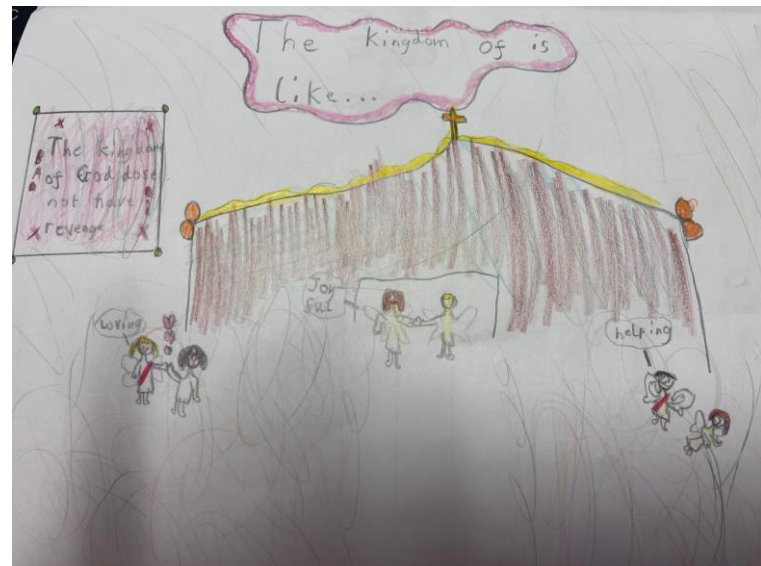
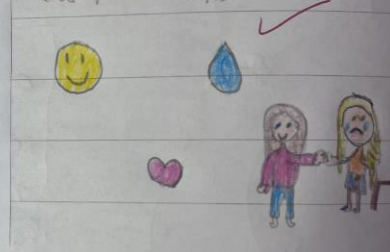
Amen.

Jesus invites us to pray for God's Kingdom to come.

One way I can help build the Kingdom today is:

- play with people who are sad

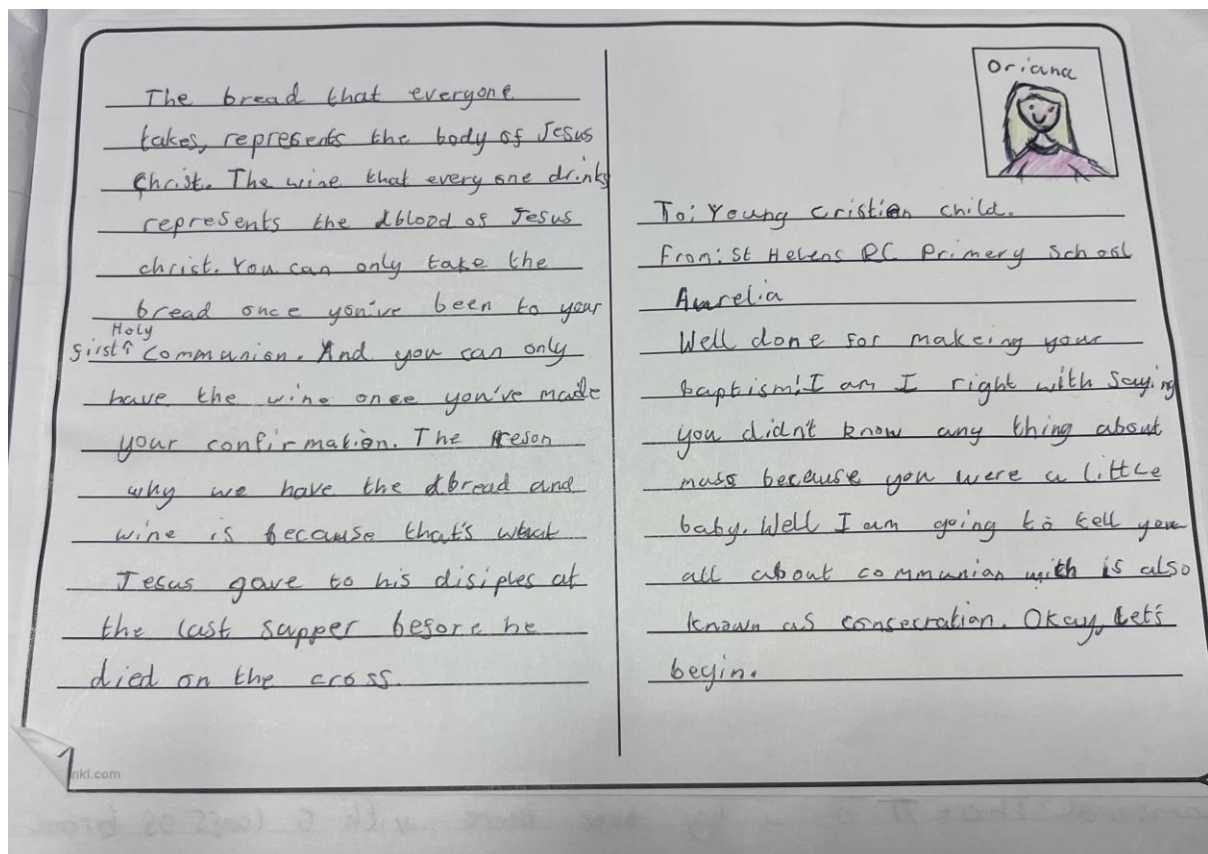
Because that will make God and that person happy.



Branch 4

Desert to Garden

In Branch 4, Desert to Garden, the children explored important events leading up to the Easter. They began by retelling the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand, recognising Jesus' care and generosity. They then learned about the Last Supper, recalling Jesus' words and actions and understanding how he showed love to his disciples. The children made links between the Last Supper and the Mass, exploring the meaning of the Eucharist and the symbols and actions used in worship. They reflected on how the Church teaches that the Eucharist brings people closer to God and unites them as part of the Church. Finally, they explored different cultural practices associated with holy week.



THE FEEDING OF THE 5,000

Once Jesus was teaching a massive crowd of 5000 men and even more women and children. Jesus could see that him and everyone was very hungry and he asked his disciples "Where shall we get food for this crowd to be fed?" His disciple answered "There ~~is~~ is a boy over there with 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish." "Get him" Jesus said. The boy happily gave his food to Jesus. Jesus took the bread and blessed it, he did the same with the fish. Jesus gave the bread^{and the fish} out to the whole crowd. Everyone had about 7 pieces each and there were even left overs! Jesus said "Gather all the left overs, don't let any thing go to waste". The disciples did as they were told. There was 12 baskets left over! ~~Th~~ And that all came from just 5 bread and 2 fish. WOW!

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