

## P3-3 – Saints saying “yes” to God

### CfE Experiences and Outcomes & TIOF Core Learning

#### RERC 1-24a – Reign of God

I have considered ways in which the Catholic Christian community works together to show care for the world and for the needs of all people. I have reflected on the implications of this for my life and that of others.

#### RERC 1-19a – Hours of God

I know that the Holy Spirit strengthens my faith and the faith of the Saints and I have reflected on how the stories of the saints can inspire me to live a more Christian life.

### Success Criteria from Core Learning

- I can identify practical ways to show how I can also care for the wider community, particularly during Lent and advent.
- I know that we are called to be saints and that God sends us his Holy Spirit to help us.
- I know that the Holy Spirit has inspired many saints, both known and unknown, and we celebrate their lives on the feasts of All Saints.

### Key Vocabulary

Holy Spirit, Saints, Feast of All Saints.

### Teaching and Learning

#### Introduction

##### Who is God?

Bring the children together into a circle and display the images of “The Trinity” from the resource file power point. (AR3-3a)

##### The Holy Spirit - Pentecost

Read the story of Pentecost from Acts 2:1-20. The children could act the story out as it is retold a second time and thought track how the Apostles were feeling before the Holy Spirit came and after.

Highlight the fact that the Holy Spirit is with us and that we are strengthened by the power of the spirit to say yes to God and carry out his work.

##### Saints who were inspired by the Holy Spirit to Say “Yes” to God

Display the word ‘Saint’ the children discuss the term pair and share in order to come up with the definition that a Saint is a person who is inspired by the Holy Spirit to follow God and carry out his work in the world.

##### St Bernadette

Read the Story of Bernadette (found in the P2 resources AR2-5a). Display a large image of Bernadette on the whiteboard and ask the children to describe her and to retell how she was inspired by the Holy Spirit to carry out God’s work and do what Mary asked her to do.

### ICT Research task – Saints who said Yes to God

The children work in cooperative learning groups of 2 or 3 in order to research other saints. They select a saint who interest them and complete the worksheet fact file about their chosen saint (AR3-3b). Some helpful websites can be found on the resource section. An extension task might be to ask the children to create a power point about their chosen saint which could be presented to the others.

### Circle time

In a circle time activity the children should explore how the Holy Spirit guides, strengthens and inspires Saints to trust in God and carry out his work. They then consider how they can be guided by the Holy Spirit and carry out Gods work in the world today. "I can say yes to god and carry out his work by..."

### Creating a Triptych

Discuss the term triptych with the children explaining that triptych are 3 religious images which are linked. Research and display some triptych with the children (an example of a triptych is in AR3-3c). The children will then create their own triptych an outline has been included in the resource file AR3-3d.

- Mary, one of the most important saints who said yes to God, will be in the centre.
- A saint who interests the pupil on the left hand panel. The children should try to incorporate some signs and symbols which are relevant to their chosen saints (eg. St Andrew - the cross)
- A picture of themselves on the right hand panel saying yes to God and carrying out his work.

These can then be displayed on the altar to show that the children know about some saints who have been inspired by the Holy Spirit and are learning from them how to lead lives inspired by the Holy Spirit.

### Resources

AR3-3a - The trinity powerpoint

AR3-3b - Saints research worksheet

Computers for research purposes

Helpful saints websites:

<http://www.loyolapress.com/saints-stories-for-kids>

<http://www.ainglkiss.com/saints/>

AR3-3c – Triptych example

AR3-3d - Triptych outlines, pens and paints to create tripics

### Research Challenge

- Do you know anyone who has been confirmed? Find out why they chose this saint and how they have used the example of this saint to help them carry out Gods work in the world.