

# Overview of EYFS - The Branches

BRANCH	Scripture & Focus
Branch 1 - Creation and Covenant The season of Creation	Genesis 1:31 - Creation Story We will learn that God's creation shows his love for us. We will learn that God made us special and unique because he loves all of us. We will know that we should look after each other and look after the world.
Branch 2 - Prophecy and Promise The season of Advent	Luke 1:26-31 - The Annunciation Luke 2:4-7 - The Nativity Luke 2:8 -20 The Shepherds visit the manger. We will learn that Mary was chosen by God to give birth to Jesus. We will learn that Jesus was born in a stable in Bethlehem. We will learn that God give us his son Jesus to show his love to us all, this is why we celebrate Christmas. In Advent, he wants us to show our love to others as we prepare for Christmas.
Branch 3 - Galilee to Jerusalem The season of Christmas; Ordinary Time	Matthew 2:1-12 The visit from the Wise Men Mark 10:13-16 Jesus welcomes the little Children. John 6:1-14 The feeding of the five thousand We will learn that Jesus is God's son, and he came for everyone. We will learn that Jesus came to show God's love and welcomes everyone. We will learn that Jesus takes care of everyone and wants us to welcome and show love to everyone in our words and actions.
Branch 4 - Desert to Garden The season of Lent	Simplified version of the Easter Story to enable children to recognise key events. Luke 10:25-28 The Parable of the Good Samaritan We will learn about the season of Lent and Easter. We will learn that Jesus died on Good Friday and rose again on Easter Sunday. We will learn that Easter celebrates New life.
Branch 5 - Ends of the Earth The season of Easter - Pentecost	A simple telling of the Story of Pentecost to that children can recognise key events. Acts 2:42-47 The Believers (Early Christian Community) We will learn that the Holy Spirit is our friend and looks after us. The parish church is a special place where we gather, we sing and say prayers. We will learn that Jesus tells us to look after and help each other in our community.
Branch 6 - Dialogue & Encounter Explore teaching and learning about other Christian Denominations	Hear about the simple life of St Peter and St Paul friends of Jesus. Throughout the year children should experience a diverse representation of Christianity to recognise that it is a global faith. We will learn that Jesus lived in a place called Palestine. We will begin to understand that Jesus would have looked and dressed like everyone else in Palestine at that time. We will develop attitudes of respect for other peoples spiritual and cultural traditions.

