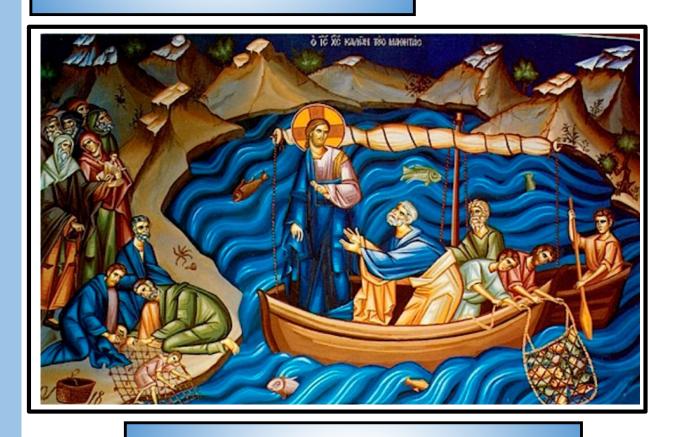
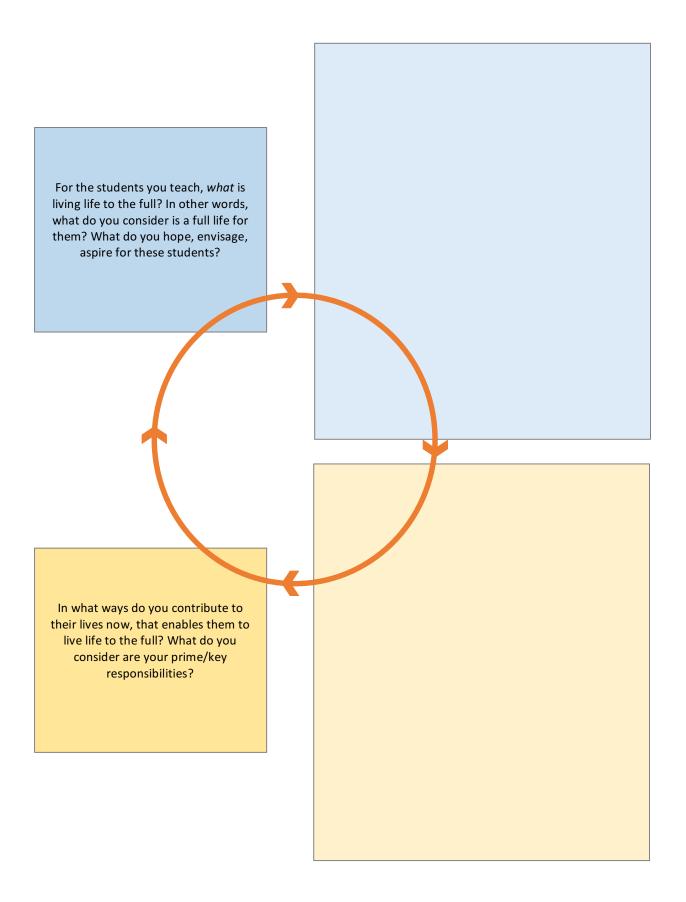
Teaching, Learning & Celebrating... Scripture



"Put into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." (Luke 5:4)

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Curriculum Overview: Planning an Inquiry Learning Unit for Religious Education

As highly regarded and well respected early years teacher, you are invited to contribute to your colleagues' professional knowledge and skills by presenting a CURRICULUM OVERVIEW outlining how you would teach a specified Gospel to students in your year level

YEAR LEVEL:	GOSPEL:				
CURRICULUM LINK	CURRICULUM LINKS & LEARNING POINTS:				
CENTER ATE:				COMMUNICATE II. III.	
GENERATE inquiry	question:			COMMUNICATE: How will students commit (Design an authentic assessment task.)	unicate their answer/response?
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			INVESTIGATE		
To answer inquiry	question students wi	ill need to:		To engage & activate students' learning te	acher will need to:
learn		do	demonstrate	teach	assess
EVALUATE:					
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Inquiry Learning

Process	Involves	Specifics
Generate	Ask a question; pose an authentic task; provoke an issue or challenge.	 How can I teach the Gospels so that students will learn what they are, what they mean and their relevance in contemporary life as specified in the curriculum?
Investigate	Find resources, research background, check curriculum, summarise, analyse, apply, synthesise, interpret, critique. [Teacher: scaffolds, models, teaches intentionally & explicitly throughout.]	 Research the three worlds of the text for specified parables. Consult RE Curriculum to ascertain what students are to learn and do. Decide on intentional teaching sessions that will develop student learning points. Identify effective teaching strategies and activities that will engage students.
Communicate	Report/ present findings, demonstrate new knowledge/findings/learning; answer question, provocation.	 Present a Poster outlining to your esteemed colleagues your curriculum plan/overview for a specified Gospel in a year level of your choice.
Evaluate	Teacher & students reflect on process. Evaluate students' engagement & learning; your teaching strategies & approaches; sequence of teaching; resources; timing.	 Teacher: What worked? What didn't? What could be improved? What next? Students: What did I learn? What did I enjoy? What was my favourite part of this unit? What was my best piece of work? Why do I think this was my best piece? What did I not enjoy? What have I learnt about myself as a learner?

The Annunciation: The Birth of Jesus Foretold (Luke 1:26-38)

Who is in the passage?

Identify what you think might be challenging or difficult language, ideas, concepts, etc. for the students you teach.

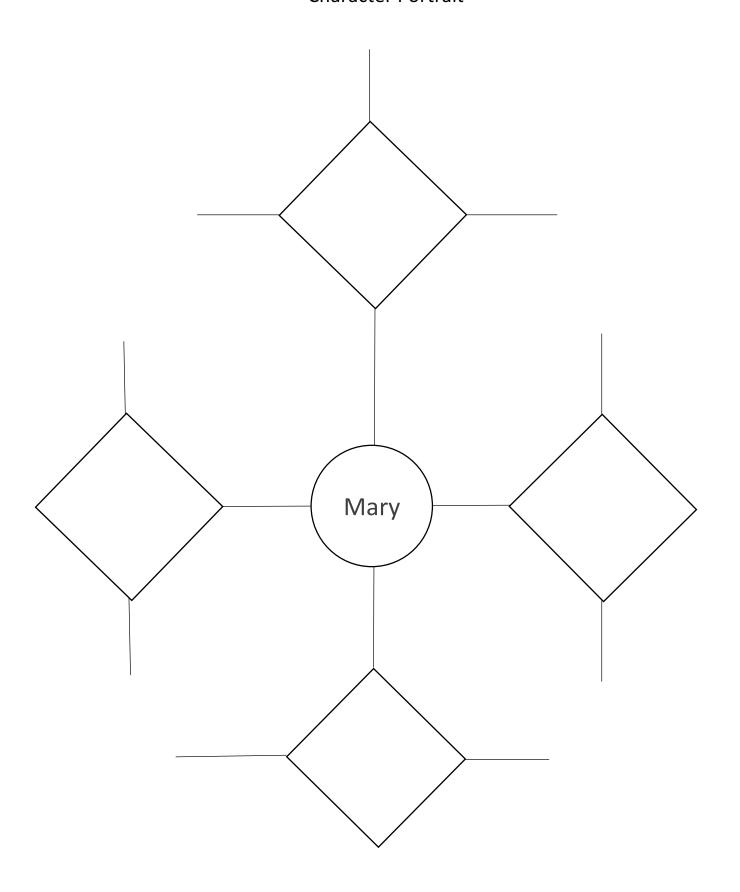
1²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. 30 The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. 32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. 33 He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." 34 Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵ The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶ And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God." 38 Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Where does it take place?

What does this passage enable you to teach about, investigate with students?

Identify what you think is the most important verse in this gospel. Why do you think this?

Character Portrait



Analysing scripture with Three Worlds of the Text Method

The Worlds of the Text		The Text:
The world <i>behind</i> the text. What is the context in which the text was created and accepted?	 Who authored the text? When? Where? To whom was it addressed? What were his concerns? What theological/religious meanings did the author seek to convey? 	
	 Who are the people and events in the text? What is the religious world of the text? What is the social/cultural world of the text? 	
	 Where did the text take place? 	
What is the	 What did particular words, images, or expressions mean at the time the text was written? 	
ne world <i>of</i> the text: What are the characteristics of the text itself?	 What is the text type or genre? What techniques are characteristic of that genre and how are they deployed in the text? 	
The world <i>of</i> the characteristics	 What are the ways the author attempts to influence feelings, ideas, and expectations in the text? 	
The world <i>before</i> the text: How does the text relate to contemporary life?	 What does this text mean for believing communities and believers? 	

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Gospel Authors

	MARK	MATTHEW	LUKE	JOHN
Author	Unknown.	Unknown, but very likely a jewish Christian convert who knew Jewish traditions.	Possibly the 'beloved physician' who accompanied Paul to Philippi (Col. 4:14). He was a Gentile, a Syrian of Antioch.	Unknown.
Date	65-70 A.D	85-90 A.D.	80-90 A.D.	± 90 A.D.
Place	Rome (?)	Antioch in Syria (?)	Greece or Asia Minor(?)	Ephesus (?)
Intended Community	Gentiles, i.e. non-Palestinian Christians	Predominantly Jewish Christians.	Christian Gentiles.	Christian-Jews and Jews i Diaspora.
Background of the Community	Constant threat of persecution under Nero; shocked by the impending or final destruction of Jerusalem, 70 A.D. End of time, Parousia, thought to be imminent.	Period of consolidation; conflict with official Judaism. Period of second generation Christians. Questions of order, discipline and authority.	Period of expansion. Parousia not imminent. Time of expansion under guidance of the Spirit.	Period of conflict with official Judaism and reflection of meaning of Christial discipleship.
Sources	An early Passion Narrative An account of the Lord's Supper Parables Controversy stories Apocalyptic writings	1) MK 2) Q 3) M	1) MK 2) Q 3) L	Jn presupposes Synoptics. H may have shared a common ora tradition with Mk. Som association with the Luca tradition is also possible However Jn is quite distinctiv and most of his Gospel has little i common with the Synoptics.
Structure	Preparation for Public Ministry 1:1-13. The Galilean Ministry 1:4-7:23. Journey outside Galilee 7:24-10-52.	The Infancy Narrative 1:2-2:23. Preparation for Public Ministry 3:1-4:11. The Galilean Ministry 4:12-13:58. Retirement from Galilee. The Journey to Jerusalem 19:1-20:34.	Prologue 1:1-4. The Infancy Narrative 1:5-2:52. Preparation for Public Ministry 3:1-4:11. The Galilean Ministry 3:14-9:50. The Journey to Jerusalem 9:51-19:27.	Prologue 1:1–18.\ The Book of Signs 1:19–12:50. The Book of Glory 13:1–20:31 Epilogue 21:1–24:25
	The Jerusalem Ministry 11:1–13:37.	The Jerusalem Ministry 21:11–25:46.	The Jerusalem Ministry 19:28–21:38.	
	The Passion Narrative 14:1–15:47.	The Passion Narrative 26:1–27:66.	The Passion Narrative 22:1–23:56.	
	The Resurrection Narrative 16:1-8 (16:9-20 later addition).	The Resurrection Narrative 28:1–20.	The Resurrection Narrative 24:1–53.	9
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Style	Good storyteller with an eye for detail. Quick moving accounts — a Gospel in a hurry. Not familiar with Palestinian geography. Use of Latinisms.	Slower and more reflective than Mk. Rearranges his material. Writes in good Greek but also manifests Aramaic and Semitic influences. More interested in teaching than actions. Contrived approach.	Good polished Greek. Observant of mannerisms of people and full of psychological insights.	Profound and theological. Use o allegories, symbolism and technical vocabulary. Develop: themes, eg. truth, light, life, glory worker, rather than give series o events. Many discourses.
Theological Slant and Concerns	Jesus seen as a suffering Messiah.	Jesus seen as the Teacher, the new Moses, the Law-giver, the Messiah-King.	Jesus seen as a prophet, the savior of the oppressed.	Jesus seen as the Incarnate Word, the Son of Man, the Light o the World. The Way, the Truth the Life.
	Passion and Resurrection is the key to understanding Jesus.	Frequent use of scripture and its fulfilment.	Parallels Jesus' ministry with Church in Ac.	Emphasizes community.
	Uses geography with a message.	Jesus has come to fulfil the Law, not destroy it.	Has concern for the Gentiles and marginalized people.	Sacramental approach of signs and symbols used.
	Gives a very human portrait of Jesus and the disciples.	Scribes and Pharisees are strongly criticized.	Prominence given to the Holy Spirit, prayer and messianic joy.	'Eternal life' possible for believers here and now.
	. *	Highlights 'Church' and Peter's role.	Emphasizes proper stewardship of wealth.	A theological Gospel that shows period of reflection on Jesus' message.
		Galilee important for Jesus' ministry and after Resurrection is gateway to the world.	Greater prominence given to women than other evangelists.	
			A Gospel of compassion/mercy (or Great Pardons) and universal salvation.	

Goosen, G. & Tomlinson, M. (1999). Studying the gospels: An introduction (pp. 102-103). Sydney: HarperCollins Religious.

Announcement Stories

Identify and *describe* each of the following features of an announcement story in both Luke 1:5-17 Luke 1:26-38.

Textual feature	Luke 1:5-17	Luke 1:26-38
An angel		
The person's name & a brief description.		
The woman or wife will bear a son (never a daughter).		
The son is named.		
The name has meaning.		

What is that person's (to whom the announcement is made) reaction/s, response/s?	What is that person's (to whom the announcement is made) reaction/s, response/s?
Is there a counter response?	Is there a counter response?
If so, who makes it and what is it?	If so, who makes it and what is it?

Jesus calls the first Disciples

Mark 1:16-20

1 ¹⁶ As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Matthew 4:18-22

4 18 As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. 19 And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people. 120 Immediately they left their nets and followed him. 121 As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. 121 Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Identify the key words and phrases...

What is the response?

Who calls?

Who is called?

call?

What is the nature of the

Senses Map

Imagine you are there in Mark and Matthew's stories beside Lake Galilee that day. What would you ...









touch

taste

Imagine and describe this setting

- What would you see? Describe the environment; the lake, the shore, the boats, nets, people etc.
- What would you hear? Lake, birds, people, fishermen working and mending, etc.
- What would you *smell, taste, touch*? Think about what is surrounding you.
- What is the tone or atmosphere?
- Anything else?

It is important and useful to commit time to imagine each gospel you are to teach for two reasons:

- It enables you to sit and tell your story in a much more realistic and engaging manner;
- You can use this re-creation as part of reflection/response to gospel in a liturgy or in prayer meditation.

Jesus call the First Disciples Luke 5:1-11

What are they key words and phrases?

Miracles have two levels of meaning:

1. The sense level:

2. The sign level:

5 Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God,²he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. 4When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.'6When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!'9For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; 10 and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.'11When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

What type of miracle story is this passage?

Identify the three parts of this miracle: Setting:

Who initiated the miracle?

What was said?

What was the initial response?

What was the miracle?

Who responded to the miracle?

What was the response?



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Implications for teaching, learning & celebrating the Gospels

Gospel	Implications for teaching & learning	Implications for celebrating
The Annunciation (Lk 1:26-38)	implications for teaching & learning	implications for celebrating
Jesus Calls the First Disciples (Mk 1:16-20; Mt 4:18-22)		
Jesus Calls the First Disciples (Lk 5:1-11)		
Healing the Blind Man		
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Healing Miracles

Jesus Cures a Blind Man at Bethsaida (Mk 8:22-26)	The Healing of Blind Bartimaeus (Mk 10:46-52	A Man Born Blind Receives Sight (Jn 9:1-12)
8 ²² They came to Bethsaida. Some	10 ⁴⁶ They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a	9 ¹ As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him,
people brought a blind man to him and	large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of	'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' ³ Jesus
begged him to touch him. ²³ He took	Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside.	answered, 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that
the blind man by the hand and led him	⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he	God's works might be revealed in him. ⁴ We must work the works of him who
out of the village; and when he had	began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have	sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in
put saliva on his eyes and laid his	mercy on me!" ⁴⁸ Many sternly ordered him to be quiet,	the world, I am the light of the world.' ⁶ When he had said this, he spat on the
hands on him, he asked him, "Can you	but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have	ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes,
see anything?" ²⁴ And the man looked	mercy on me!" ⁴⁹ Jesus stood still and said, "Call him	⁷ saying to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). Then he
up and said, "I can see people, but	here." And they called the blind man, saying to him,	went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸ The neighbours and those who
they look like trees, walking." ²⁵ Then	"Take heart; get up, he is calling you." 50 So throwing off	had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, 'Is this not the man who used to sit
Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again;	his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ Then Jesus	and beg?' ⁹ Some were saying, 'It is he.' Others were saying, 'No, but it is
and he looked intently and his sight	said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The	someone like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.' ¹⁰ But they kept asking him,
was restored, and he saw everything	blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again."	'Then how were your eyes opened?' ¹¹ He answered, 'The man called Jesus made
clearly. ²⁶ Then he sent him away to his	⁵² Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well."	mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash." Then I went
home, saying, "Do not even go into the	Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on	and washed and received my sight.' 12 They said to him, 'Where is he?' He said, 'I
village."	the way.	do not know.'

Character Maps

For each of the characters in Mark 8:22-26, describe what each: saw, heard, said and did.

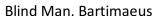




Jesus

Crowd

For each of the characters in Mark 10:46-52, describe what each: saw, heard, said and did.





Crowd

Jesus

For each of the characters in John, describe what each: saw, heard, said and did.

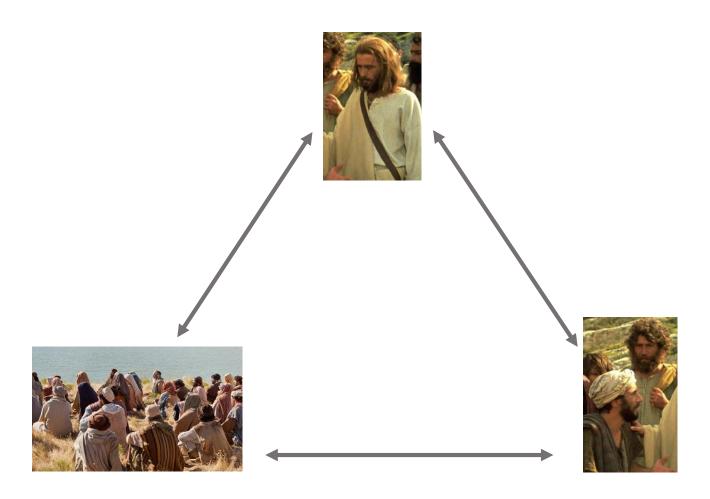


Crowd

Jesus

Feeding the Five Thousand

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹ He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³² And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³ Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴ As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. ³⁵ When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; ³⁶ send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat." ³⁷ But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?" ³⁸ And he said to them, "How many loaves have you? Go and see." When they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." ³⁹ Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. ⁴¹ Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴² And all ate and were filled; ⁴³ and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴³ Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.



The Institution of the Lord's Supper

Mk 14:22-25	Lk 22:14-23	Mt 26:20-30
14 ²² While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." ²³ Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. ²⁴ He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵ Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."	22 ¹⁴ When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵ He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; ¹⁶ for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷ Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; ¹⁸ for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹ Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰ And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."	26 ²⁶ While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." ²⁷ Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; ²⁸ for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹ I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." ³⁰ When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.
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Your group is to complete the following activity which engages you with the explored Gospels:

	What would you need to know and be able to do to complete this activity successfully?
1. Create a glossary	
Each group is to <i>create</i> a glossary of essential/key words/terms for each of the Gospels explored.	
The glossary is to be in alphabetical order.	
Each word/term is to be accompanied by a clear, concise description.	

Your group is to complete the following activity which engages you with the explored Gospels:

 2. Create the quintessential list (the most representative & definitive example of each of the following). From the five Gospels explored, choose & justify what you think is the quintessential: Place Event Disciple Other character Miracle Saying of Jesus 	What would you need to know and be able to do to complete this activity successfully?

Your group is to complete one of the following activities which engages you with the explored Gospels:

	What would you need to know and be able to do to complete this activity successfully?
 3. Create a Big Book Choose one of the explored Gospels adapt it appropriately for a Kindergarten class. Format your adaptation into a Big Book presentation. 	
Gospel adaptation:	

Your group is to complete the following activity which engages you with the explored Gospels:

 4. Create a Bio Poem Choose a character from one of the explored Gospels. 		What would you need to know and be able to do to complete this activity successfully?
•	Create a Bio-Poem of 7 lines for that character.	
Line 1		Person's name
Line 2		Three adjectives to describe that person
Line 3		
Line 4	Dreams of	
Line 5	Believes in	
Line 6	Wonders about	
Line 7		
		Add a closing line

Planning Prayer Celebrations (Liturgy of the Word)

- Which hymn reflects message of gospel?
- Is there a particular symbol that reflects aospel message?
- Choose or write opening prayer.
- How can symbol be shared? Or
- Who will share/lead reflection?

We gather (Introductory Rites)

- Welcome
- Sign of the Cross
- Processional Hymn
- Opening Prayer

We reflect & share (Liturgy of the Eucharist)

- Symbolic action related to scripture; or
- Reflection/hymn reflecting gospel message

We listen (Liturgy of the Word)

- Gospel Acclamation
- Gospel
- Prayers of the Faithful

We go & act (Concluding Rites)

- Closing Prayer
- Sign of the Cross
- Recessional Hymn

- Choose gospel
 Decide particular message of that gospel you wish to emphasise.
- Write or choose Gospel Acclamation.
- Write prayers of faithful that reflect gospel message.
- Write closing prayer that includes some form of action for children to take away.
- Choose final hymn.

Planning Prayer Celebration for

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Evaluate

•	What did I enjoy? (Process, information, resources, sharing, contributing, listening, doing)? Why?
•	What did I not enjoy? Why not?
•	What did I learn?
•	What did I learn about myself as a learner?
•	Am I satisfied with my plan (which is a work in progress)? Which parts?
•	What new insights have I gained about myself as:
	O Planner of RE curriculum?
	o Early Years RE Teacher?
	o Planner of prayer celebrations?
•	What insights, learning, teaching, & celebrating, will I take back to my school community?

