



Diocese of Armagh Board of Religious Education

Lesson Plan 5: The Christian Church
Foundation Level P1



Diocese of Armagh

Lesson Plan 5 - An Overview

This Diocese of Armagh Board of Religious Education Lesson Plan 5 (The Christian Church) has been designed to link specifically to the following:



(1) Revised Core Syllabus in RE (Northern Ireland) *

Foundation Level P1.

Learning Objective 1: **The Revelation of God (The Christian Church)**

Pupils should begin to develop an awareness, knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the key Christian teachings about God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) about Jesus Christ and about the Bible; and begin to develop an ability to interpret and relate the Bible to life.

The Christian Church

(b) Worship and Prayer: recognize that there are special occasions associated with worship.

Pupils should learn that:

- Praying is a way of talking to God so that we can thank him, praise him and ask for help.
- People can worship God in a variety of ways and places.
- During the Church calendar there are special times of celebration
- There are special occasions in a Christian's life associated with worship.

LESSON PLAN 1 – AN OVERVIEW

Theme:	The Revelation of God (The Christian Church)
Stages:	Foundation Level P1
Learning Objectives:	Praying is a way of talking to God so that we can thank Him, praise Him, say sorry and ask for help. People can worship God in a variety of ways and places. During the Church calendar there are special times of celebration. There are special occasions in a Christian's life associated with worship.
Scripture References:	Develop a respect for God and the importance of the two commandments: To love God and to love one another - Mt 22:37-40. The Lord's Prayer - Lk 11:1-4
Teaching Approach:	a. Reading a Story b. Creating Artwork c. Music / Singing d. Drama / Role Play e. Using Pictures f. CircleWork
Prayer:	Dear Lord. Thank you for the gift of prayer. Amen
Suggestions for parents:	Religious Education enables the child to develop spiritual and moral values and come to a knowledge of God. The teacher aims to work in partnership with parents to continue in school much of what is being done at home. By taking an interest in the worksheets or pictures they bring home, parents will be playing an important part in their child's faith development. They will help them to grow in faith, in knowledge of God and in love of God's word.
Links to Wider Curriculum:	Connections can be made between this Lesson Plan and other curriculum areas. This will give Religious Education a place in the life of the school beyond the time allocated to it each day. Specifically, this Lesson Plan enhances: Reading / Study Skills Writing Geography and Nature (journey of Harvest) Art and Crafts Language Development Maths (pumpkin maze) Effective Listening and Good Communication (Circle Time) History - story of the Harvest Drama (Harvest Drama).
Teacher: Reflection / Evaluation / Notes / Date:	

TEACHING APPROACH / RESOURCES

A. Reading a Story

Harvest – A Time to Say Thank You

Harvest Thanksgiving is an opportunity to thank God for the crops and the fruit of the ground. It's a big thank-you for the food we can eat and for its variety.

There is the story about old lady who was very poor. She had nothing. No shelter, no food, no proper clothes. She prayed to God and God gave her 10 apples. This was wonderful. 'Now I can get the things I need,' she said.

She was so hungry, of course, that she ate the first three apples and so was full. She traded the next three apples to rent some modest shelter so that she could be safe from the rain and the sun.

She exchanged the next three apples for some new clothes, so she was no longer cold at night and would look nice during the day. But there was then one apple left over. "Why did you give me one apple more than I needed?" she asked God. "So you can have something with which to say thank-you to me," replied God.

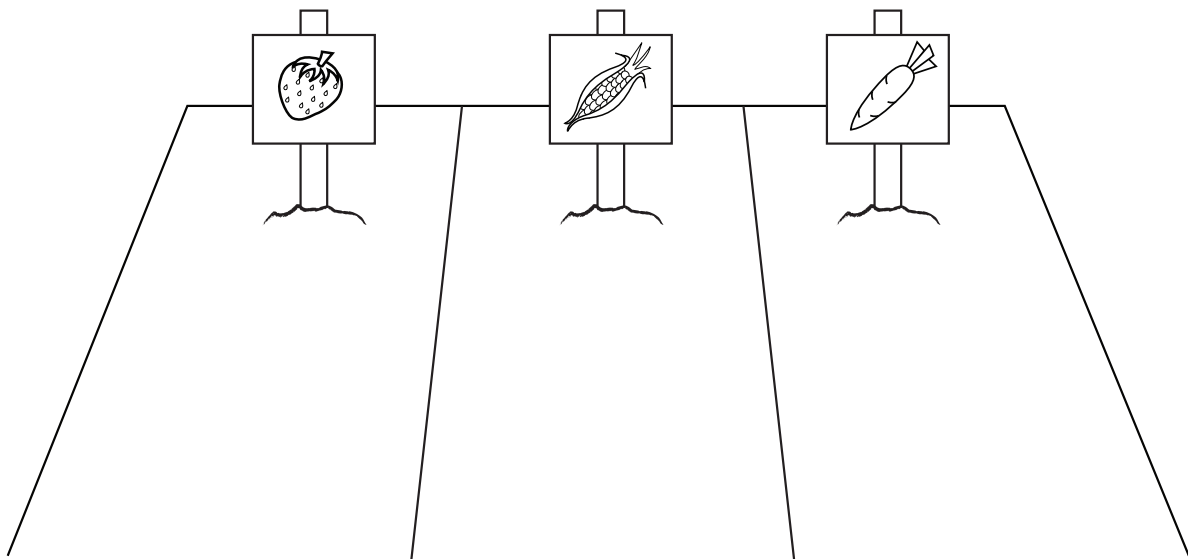
God gives us enough to say thank-you.

The harvest is the time of year when farmers gather their crops before the winter. All year long they work to grow their crops and the harvest is especially exciting because their hard work has finally paid off and they can enjoy the food they grew.

H is for Harvest

A **harvest festival** is a celebration that gives thanks for crops and food. The harvest is the fruit, vegetables, and other foods picked by farmers once they're ripe. In countries where most people are still farmers, the harvest festival is cause for a big celebration. Thanksgiving, celebrated in the United States and in Canada, started as a harvest festival hundreds of years ago.

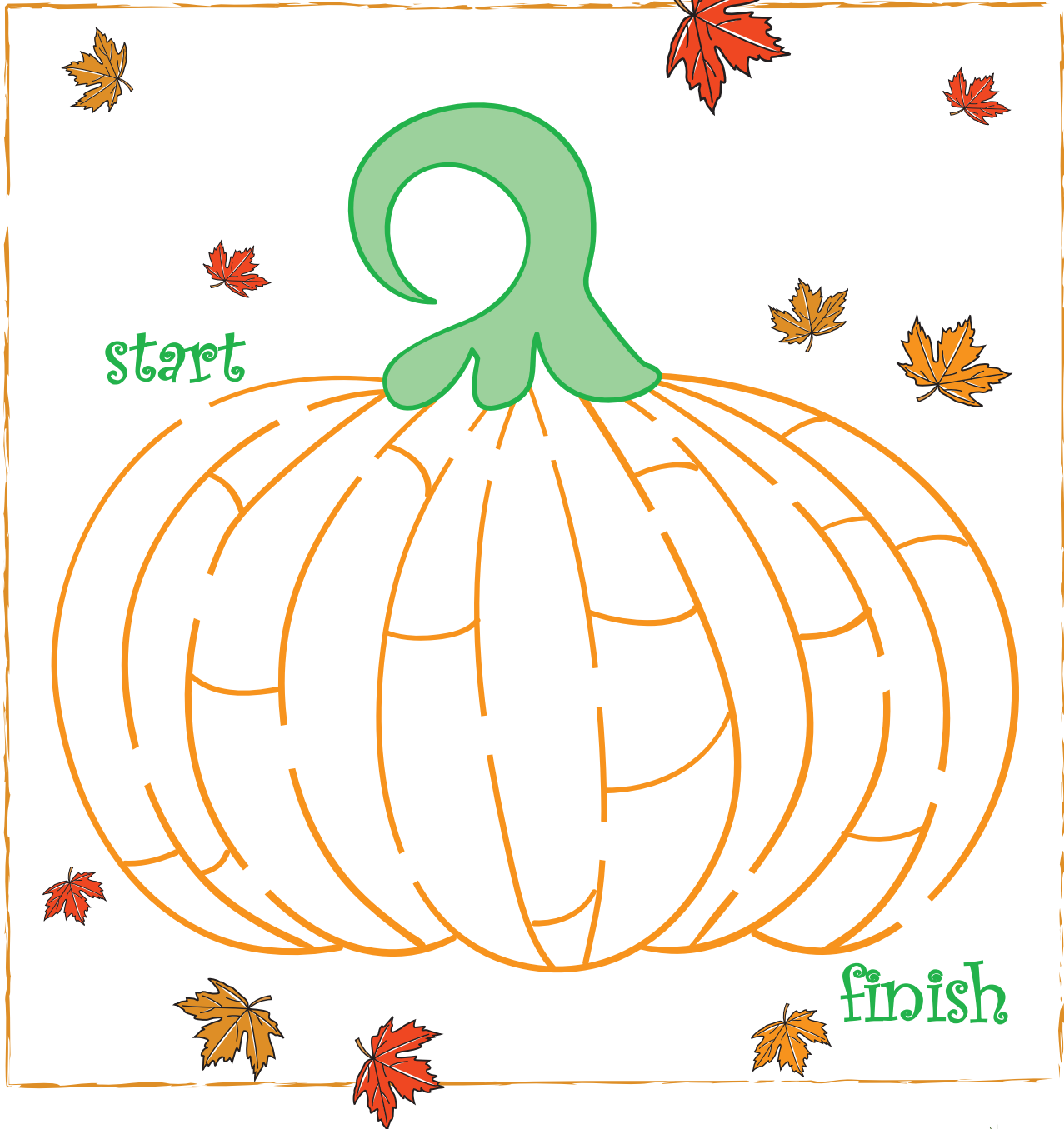
Plant some seeds in the garden! Draw yellow seeds in the row for corn, red seeds for strawberries, and orange for carrots.





PUMPKIN MAZE

Draw a line from Start to Finish to find your way through this pumpkin maze.



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C. MUSIC AND SONG



HARVEST SONG

(To the tune of 'Row Row Row Your Boat')

Thank thank thank the Lord
For the things he gives
He takes sins away
Pray to him everyday
Live a life he wants you to live

TEACHING APPROACH / RESOURCES

D. DRAMA / HARVEST PLAY

MAKE THE INDIVIDUAL LETTERS OF THE WORD HARVEST.

Ask 7 children to stand in a line and hold them up to spell out the word.

With each verse, ask each child who is holding the appropriate letter to move forward and the other children can help to identify and spell the new word.

(Or alternatively write the letters on the white board while teaching the children to recite the poem)

1.

We **HAVE** so much food here, we are fortunate
To be blessed with the best of this world
But just for a moment lets take time to think
Of all the **REST** of this world

*Refrain: Harvest's a time to show that we care
To bring gifts of food to the table to share*

2.

Let's thank God for the **HEAT** from the sun up above
For the rain that God sends us for free
For vegetables, fruit and for all things that grow
On the land and that swim in the **SEA**.

*Refrain: Harvest's a time to show that we care
To bring gifts of food to the table to share*

TEACHING APPROACH / RESOURCES

E. PICTURES AND IMAGES

Use some of these free images and pictures to create a poster, display or collage for your classroom



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TEACHING APPROACH / RESOURCES

F. CIRCLE WORK | GATHER THE CHILDREN IN A CIRCLE

- Explain that people can worship and pray at any time
- Tell them that prayer means talking to God and that He always listens to us.
- Explore different ways of praying with the children: quiet prayer, meditative prayer.
- Discuss how Christians can pray to God in thanksgiving, for example at meal times.
- Explore prayer through music and movement.
- Explain that people worship and pray in different ways and in different places.
- Explain that there are special occasions associated with worship such as Christmas, Easter and Harvest.
- Make up a prayer together thanking God for the Harvest.