

# An EYFS Scheme of Work for RE: The Emmanuel Project

## Who is this scheme for?

- RE is a statutory requirement for children in the Reception year at school.
- The Emmanuel Project EYFS Scheme of Work is suitable for all schools, including Community and Church schools.
- It meets the requirements for the Suffolk RE Agreed Syllabus (2023) but also for many other RE syllabuses nationally. Other authorities and dioceses can use the materials but should adjust them to meet the requirements of their own syllabus.

## Which units are available?

6 units for EYFS are available and constitute the whole scheme for this age range.

Each of the EYFS units are based on one of three key Christian beliefs: Creation, Incarnation and Salvation, with encounters from a further five religions and worldviews. This enables children to expand their horizons, to begin to understand that everyone has a worldview and that different people have different lived experiences. Everything is unpacked at EYFS level, drawing on and extending children's experience. Development of the concepts is supported by a carefully worded key question / unit title and an enquiry-type approach to the teaching.

The units are all on the [Emmanuel Project website](#).

## Is the scheme flexible?

Yes! We provide an example on the next page of how EYFS RE might be taught across the year, and how the six units could be arranged. It is not statutory and could be adapted, if needed. The suggested long-term plan allows for progression across the year, including progression in key vocabulary. Each unit provides recommendations for continuous provision activities.



# The Emmanuel Project EYFS Scheme of Work:

## Suggested Long-Term Plan

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
<b>Big Question 1 – What does the word 'God' mean?</b>	<b>Big Question 2 – Why are some people revered?</b>	<b>Big Question 3 – Is it always easy to help someone?</b>	<b>Big Question 4 – Does everyone need some help?</b>	<b>Big Question 5 – Is every one of us special?</b>	<b>Big Question 6 – What is really important to do?</b>
<b>Christian</b> Creation <b>Why is the word 'God' so important to Christians?</b>	<b>Christian</b> Incarnation <b>Why do Christians perform nativity plays at Christmas?</b>	<b>Christian</b> Salvation <b>How can we help others when they need it?</b>	<b>Christian</b> Salvation <b>Why do Christians put a cross in an Easter garden?</b>	<b>Christian</b> Incarnation <b>What makes every single person unique and precious?</b>	<b>Christian</b> Creation <b>How can we care for our wonderful world?</b>
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<b>Muslim Birth Rite</b> For example: Why do Muslims want to whisper 'Allah' in a baby's ear?	<b>Muslim Story</b> For example: Why did Prophet Muhammad rescue some ants?	<b>Sikh Story</b> For example: Guru Nanak and the Boulder	<b>Buddhist Story</b> For example: What do Buddhists learn from the Monkey King?	<b>Hindu Festival</b> For example: Raksha Bandhan - How do Hindu brothers and sisters show love?	<b>Jewish Festival</b> For example: Tu B'Shevat - Why do Jewish children help plant trees?

**Why is the word GOD so important to Christians?**

**Key Texts:**

- Gods from Creation by Tim Thornborough
- Allah Made Everything by Sam Shaha

**Christian worship from around the world:**

- First Steps with...
- Creation Song by Zachariah Kuku (Zika)
- Five Finger Prayer by Nicholas King
- My God is big by Veronique (Veronique)
- Great God God by Heather Christie (UK)
- Big Quality of God by Veronique (Veronique)

**Getting ready to teach:**

Prepare a range of EYFSC of God. See resources for more information.

**Key Vocabulary:** GOD, BELIEVE, CHRISTIAN, CHURCH, FAITH, HEAVEN, ANGEL, SPIRIT, CREATOR, IMPORTANT, BELIEVE

**By the end of this unit:**

Pupils will understand that God is important to Christians. They will understand that God is the creator of the world. Pupils will understand that God is the creator of the world. Pupils will understand that God is the creator of the world.

**Why do Christians do nativity plays at CHRISTMAS?**

**Key Texts:**

- A Very Noisy Christmas by Tim Thornborough
- Mary and the Lamb (Opus 2) by Andrew Sheehy (UK)

**Christian worship from around the world:**

- First Steps with...
- Christmas Song by Zachariah Kuku (Zika)
- Five Finger Prayer by Nicholas King
- My God is big by Veronique (Veronique)
- Great God God by Heather Christie (UK)
- Big Quality of God by Veronique (Veronique)

**Getting ready to teach:**

Prepare a range of EYFSC of Christmas. See resources for more information.

**Key Vocabulary:** GOD, BELIEVE, CHRISTIAN, CHURCH, FAITH, HEAVEN, ANGEL, SPIRIT, CREATOR, IMPORTANT, BELIEVE

**By the end of this unit:**

Pupils will understand that Christians believe Jesus was born in a stable. Pupils will understand that Christians believe Jesus was born in a stable. Pupils will understand that Christians believe Jesus was born in a stable.

**How can we help others when they need it?**

**Key Texts:**

- Mary and the Lamb (Opus 2) by Andrew Sheehy (UK)
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**Christian worship from around the world:**

- First Steps with...
- Christmas Song by Zachariah Kuku (Zika)
- Five Finger Prayer by Nicholas King
- My God is big by Veronique (Veronique)
- Great God God by Heather Christie (UK)
- Big Quality of God by Veronique (Veronique)

**Getting ready to teach:**

Prepare a range of EYFSC of how to help others. See resources for more information.

**Key Vocabulary:** GOD, BELIEVE, CHRISTIAN, CHURCH, FAITH, HEAVEN, ANGEL, SPIRIT, CREATOR, IMPORTANT, BELIEVE

**By the end of this unit:**

Pupils will understand that Christians believe that helping others is important. Pupils will understand that Christians believe that helping others is important. Pupils will understand that Christians believe that helping others is important.

**Why do Christians put a cross in an Easter garden?**

**Key Texts:**

- A Very Noisy Easter by Tim Thornborough
- The Three Kings by Andrew Sheehy (UK)

**Christian worship from around the world:**

- First Steps with...
- Christmas Song by Zachariah Kuku (Zika)
- Five Finger Prayer by Nicholas King
- My God is big by Veronique (Veronique)
- Great God God by Heather Christie (UK)
- Big Quality of God by Veronique (Veronique)

**Getting ready to teach:**

Prepare a range of EYFSC of why Christians put a cross in an Easter garden. See resources for more information.

**Key Vocabulary:** GOD, BELIEVE, CHRISTIAN, CHURCH, FAITH, HEAVEN, ANGEL, SPIRIT, CREATOR, IMPORTANT, BELIEVE

**By the end of this unit:**

Pupils will understand that Christians believe that putting a cross in an Easter garden is important. Pupils will understand that Christians believe that putting a cross in an Easter garden is important. Pupils will understand that Christians believe that putting a cross in an Easter garden is important.

**What makes every single person unique and precious?**

**Key Texts:**

- The One Who Made Me by Sam Shaha
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**Christian worship from around the world:**

- First Steps with...
- Christmas Song by Zachariah Kuku (Zika)
- Five Finger Prayer by Nicholas King
- My God is big by Veronique (Veronique)
- Great God God by Heather Christie (UK)
- Big Quality of God by Veronique (Veronique)

**Getting ready to teach:**

Prepare a range of EYFSC of what makes every person unique and precious. See resources for more information.

**Key Vocabulary:** GOD, BELIEVE, CHRISTIAN, CHURCH, FAITH, HEAVEN, ANGEL, SPIRIT, CREATOR, IMPORTANT, BELIEVE

**By the end of this unit:**

Pupils will understand that every person is unique and precious. Pupils will understand that every person is unique and precious. Pupils will understand that every person is unique and precious.

**How can we care for our wonderful world?**

**Key Texts:**

- Worldwide Earth by Neil Sutcliffe
- Caring for God's Creation by The Toads (Australia)

**Christian worship from around the world:**

- First Steps with...
- Christmas Song by Zachariah Kuku (Zika)
- Five Finger Prayer by Nicholas King
- My God is big by Veronique (Veronique)
- Great God God by Heather Christie (UK)
- Big Quality of God by Veronique (Veronique)

**Getting ready to teach:**

Prepare a range of EYFSC of how to care for our wonderful world. See resources for more information.

**Key Vocabulary:** GOD, BELIEVE, CHRISTIAN, CHURCH, FAITH, HEAVEN, ANGEL, SPIRIT, CREATOR, IMPORTANT, BELIEVE

**By the end of this unit:**

Pupils will understand that Christians believe that caring for our wonderful world is important. Pupils will understand that Christians believe that caring for our wonderful world is important. Pupils will understand that Christians believe that caring for our wonderful world is important.