

	Title	Aim	Activities
BOB Series (Building On Basics)	The Bible	To know that the bible is used by Christians to get guidance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction: Have a variety of books (1 for each child). Allow each child to pick a book and give them 1 minute to look through it. In turns each child can tell the rest of the group what type of book they hold and why someone might use it. (Magazine, atlas, telephone directory, catalogues, stories, cookery book, dictionary, highway code etc) • The Bible: Ask the children if they've ever been to a library, what type of books do they get/enjoy? Mention that the word 'bible' means library which means we will also get different sorts of books in the bible. Children pull slips out of a bible will different sorts of books and read aloud. (Adventure, History, How to live the best kind of life, finding out about God, Stories about people, What will happen in the future, Dreams, Letters, Laws, Travel, Poetry, Songs, Wars and battles, Wise sayings and good advice, Promises made and kept, Promises made and broken, Good news.) • Story: Luke 1:1-14. (play CD) • True or False: Have skittles lines up, if a group gets the answer right they get to bowl a ball. • Bible Verse: 1 Peter 1:24-25 "The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord stands forever" • Craft: Make a book worm & colour and cut.
	Prayer	To understand how easy it is to talk to God	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction: Talking game - explain and object without saying what it is. • Story: Mary's Payer song (Luke 1:46-55) • Activity: Have the words: Amazed, Afraid, Stunned, Thankful, Happy on pieces of paper. Get children to read aloud and make a facial expression of what the word means. Give each child a strip of paper with 5 sections on. Read the story and each time they hear any of the key words ask the children think of a colour to do with that word.(colour in a square on their slip of paper) • Follow-up: Discussion on feelings • Game: Blindfold obstacle course - call out clear instructions but get children to try and distract the helper doing the course by calling different instructions out. Mention that sometimes people and things will try and distract us from our prayers but once we learn how to listen to God we can hear the right things to do. • Bible Verse: Luke 18:1 (Do this in groups and see which group remember it best) "Jesus told his disciples...that they should always pray and not give up" • Listening game: (use CD resource) • How can I pray? - do I need a phone? No, take suggestions as to how we can pray (loud, quiet, in our heart, songs, dance, playing an instrument, painting and drawing) • Craft: Prayer diary
	The Holy Spirit	To understand that God sent us the Holy Spirit to help us	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction: We're going on mountain walk. What do we need? Pretend to climb up the mountain with children following your every step. Keep it going for a while until you 'reach the top'. Get mobile out and pretend someone is calling and needs you. Tell the rest of the group that you're 'Sorry, got to go.' Then leave them to find their own way back. Ask the children how they would have felt if they were really stuck up a mountain? Mention that sometimes as Christians it may be scary but God has left us with

			<p>someone to help us.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Story: God sends a helper. Use resource CD and go to 4 different stations as you go through the story. • Follow-up: What job did Jesus give his friends and followers? - (Matthew 28:19-20 & Acts 1:8) -To tell others about him Why did they have to wait for Gods special present? - So they could do the job properly Who was God's special present? - The Holy spirit Do you think the job of telling others about Jesus is finished? • Game: Paper, Scissors, Stone - do we all know how to play? What could help us if we didn't? Instructions/ someone to help show us (we have instructions in the bible but sometimes they may be hard to follow so the Holy Spirit will help show us) • Bible Verse: John 14:26 "The Holy Spirit...will teach you all things" (Have the verse written on the streamers them say the verse whilst swirling the streamer and pass to the next person who will say the verse. Keep doing this until everyone has had a go)
	The Church	To know that being a Christian means you become part of Gods family	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction: Find the group - get children in the middle of the room and get them to group up when you call out instructions. (E.g. Everyone who.....brown hair, a sister, eats broccoli, brushed their teeth today, can roll their tongue, has a baby brother or sister, is wearing red/blue, has two ears, can play the recorder, is right handed) • My family: Show a photo of my two families, we all belong to a family of some sort and they will be all different sizes. Ask the children who belongs to their family. As Christians we also have another family. We belong to Gods family and we have members everywhere, all over the world. God's family is our church • Story: God's family, the church - use CD and make concertina people • Follow-up: Get in a circle and ask the children how we are God's family/ part of the church. Is there room for more people to join if they wanted? • Song: The sticky song. "You can stick with me and I will stick with you. We're all stuck together, all stuck with God's glue. The glue is not set so there's plenty of space, for more and more people to be welcome in this place." • Bible Verse: Romans 12:10 "Be devoted to one another in brotherly love." Use text speech sheets for children to work out. • Activity: How well do you know me? - One true and one false fact about yourself and children guess which the false one is. Children then take a turn. Mention that knowing each other well will help us take care of each other better. • Application: Family of God - show children the rhyme and actions for: Here's the church. Here's the steeple. Open the doors. And see all the people. Mention that many people just see church as the building but it is the people (God's family) that really make up the church. • Craft: Decorate concertina people as their family members.