

Foundational Theology for Church Schools

Theology	Meaning	For us	Biblical References
God	Trinity 3 in 1 Eternal, omnipresent and all powerful (omnipotent)	God is love. God is greater than us. We are each made in God's image. Pentecost	Matt 28:18 Baptise in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. 1 Jn 4:16 God is love.
Creation	God is creator. Nature reflects God's glory. There is an order that is beautiful. There is a designer and a plan.	Awe and wonder Outside learning. Time to reflect. Geography, biology, science, art Instil respect for nature. Harvest	Gen 1: 1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Col 1: 16 For by Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible...
Fall	We all make mistakes. We have choice. We have a will. Consequences to choices. God is just and will judge.	Forgiveness Consequences to choices Restorative process Responsible for own decisions and actions. Just and clear boundaries Lent, Ash Wednesday	Ro 3: 10 As it is written: there is no one righteous, not even one. Ro 3:23 For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. Is 1:18 Though your sins are as scarlet they shall be white as snow. 1 Jn 1: 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
People of God	All made in image of God. All equal and precious. All unique. People flourish when they actively listen to God and follow Christ's example. Open to the prompting of the Holy Spirit.	Enabling individuality. Celebrating diversity in its richness. All equal as all loved by God. All welcome and included. EDI agenda embraced. Interdependence Social action Care of most vulnerable All Saints and All Souls Day	Gen 1: 27 So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Gal 3: 28 For there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ. Col 3: 12Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Old covenant/ Old Testament
Incarnation <i>Person of Jesus</i>	Jesus - fully God and fully human Jesus understands us fully and can relate to our lives.	Christmas Nativity, Carols Candlemas Advent	Mat 1:22 They will call him Immanuel – which means 'God with us'. Col 2: 9 For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form. Phil 2:7 He made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.
Gospel <i>Authority of Bible</i>	Story of Bible. Sharing of good news for all. Life and teachings of Jesus. Jesus' example of living a perfect life.	Hope Forgiveness Loved by God Free from all fear	Jn 3: 16 For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish but will have eternal life. Ro 5: 8 God demonstrated His love for us in this: while we were still sinners Christ died for us. Ro 6:23 For the wages of sin are death, but the gift of God is eternal life.
Salvation	God took initiative and sent Jesus to earth to live a perfect life. Jesus died and rose again, defeating the power of death. Grace enables God's justice. We are forgiven and can live free lives.	Easter Holy week Eucharist Baptism Sacrament's The Creeds	Ro 10:13 Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Rev 3: 20 Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person and they with me. Jn1: 12 Yet to all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God. New covenant / New Testament
Kingdom of God	We are part of God's family. He hears us and answers our prayers. We can make a real difference to our world, with God's help. Holy Spirit	Pray to change things. Collective worship Courageous advocates Faith Church and the saints Wisdom, hope, dignity and community	Ro 14:17 For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit... Dan 4: 3 His kingdom is an eternal kingdom. Gal 5:22 The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness and self-control.

