**(6.1) CALLED TO SERVE**

**CONCEPTS:** Service, Sacrament, Holy Spirit

**About this unit**

In this unit the children will learn that they are called to serve God. They will reflect on their own calling to follow Jesus and explore how they can use their gifts in the service of God and other people. The children will learn about the Sacrament of Confirmation and how the gifts of the Holy Spirit are given through it.

**Where this unit fits in**

This unit builds on work in Year 4 on the ‘Mission of the Church’ and in Year 5 during the units ‘Inspirational People’ and ‘Life in the Risen Jesus’.

**Prior learning**

It would be useful if the children have some knowledge of the commandment to love and Confirmation.

**Key words**

Called, serve, Jesus, teaching, example, follow, love, parable, unique, chosen, mission, gifts, talents, Holy Spirit, Confirmation, promises, commitment, vocation.

**Links to ‘God’s Story’ and ‘Church’s Story’**

*God’s Story 3,* pp. 88, 90, 108, 109, 115

*Church’s Story 3,* pp. 44-49, 72-77, 78-83

**KEY SCRIPTURE**

John 13: 34-35 (Love one another)

John 13: 4-9, 12-15 (Jesus washes the disciples’ feet)

Matthew 25: 31-46 (The Parable of the Sheep & Goats)

Matthew 25: 14-30 (The Parable of the Talents)

Mark 9: 33-35 (Who is the Greatest)

**KNOWLEDGE SEQUENCE**

* That Through Jesus’ teaching, and the way he lived, Jesus is an example of service to others.
* That God has given us all gifts and talents and we are to use these in the service of him and his people.
* We receive the gifts of Holy Spirit in a special way through the Sacrament of Confirmation.
* The decisions people make are informed by beliefs and virtues.

**WTL LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

* *Be aware of Jesus’ teaching and example of service and how we should try to be like him.*
* Understand that we are called to be disciples. Reflect on our response to this invitation.
* Understand what the Sacrament of Conformation does for us. Reflect on how we can use the gifts of the Holy Spirt.
* Understand that there are many ways to serve. Reflect on a variety of ways to help others.
* Know how some people respond to God’s call. Reflect on how God was able to use them.
* Understand what it means to be a disciple now. Reflect on ways to use your gift now and in the future.
* *Recognise that God has given us all gifts and talents to use in the service of him and his people.*

**BY THE END OF THIS UNIT PUPILS ARE EXPECTED TO BE ABLE TO:**

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| Show understanding of discipleship by making links between bible stories, the first disciples’ and their own feelings and experiences | Show understanding of the use of gifts and talents for God’s Kingdom | Show knowledge and understanding of the religious actions and signs involved in the celebration of Confirmation | Show understanding of how own and others decisions are informed by beliefs in the gifts of the Holy Spirit |
| Express a point of view and give reasons for it | Use sources to support a point of view |