Year 5 Discern questions/Activities

Creation Autumn 1

* “Failure to care for the environment may mean that the balance of nature can be easily disrupted.” What evidence is there to support or disprove this statement? How would a Catholic respond and why? Give an example (WTL page 5)
* What does Pope Francis say about this?
* Does God work through the process of Evolution? (Articulate reasons which might lead to judgements, different to their own, in response to the claim…)
* Play with possibilities ie what if… “What would the world look like if we don’t pay any attention to the world…? Look at St Francis and Stewardship, Pope Francis and Laudato Si Cafod-Live Simply.
* Look at the following You tube clip: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5tcKf4Kh9oE>

Explore people’s behaviour and the effect on the environment. Come up with “I wonder” questions.

* Are theology and science ideas about creation compatible? Venn diagram-Theological truths against Scientific facts-How do they link and relate to each other. What is compatible? What is against it? Debate-For and against? History of the Bible-writing for particular audiences, different audiences. What is it trying to teach? What is God speaking to them then? How does it speak to us now? What viewpoint do the children take?
* Is there such thing as an immortal soul? How would it feel to know that you have a finite period to make a positive change-Life of St Francis, St Vincent de Paul, St Martin de Porres. “Make me a Channel of your Peace…” Explore how they and others interpret the meaning of hymns.
* Who is responsible for bringing sin into the world? Create human bar charts, conscience alley, pie charts, children justify opinions after debates and discussions.
* What if Adam and Eve hadn’t eaten the forbidden fruit? Would somebody else have done it? Was Eve chosen to do it?

God’s Covenants Autumn 2

* Are disasters in the world as a result of human action or God? Is God present in the disasters?
* *Humans have a part play in natural disasters.* Discuss
* Should Abraham/Moses have followed God and placed their trust in Him?
* Express a point of view to explore “What if Abraham/Moses said no?”
* What if Moses needed to be convinced by God?
* Can God stop bad things happening in the world?
* Who do you think had the bigger challenge, Abraham or Moses? Who do you admire the most?
* God challenges us in different ways. Are they hard or easy challenges?
* Do the blessings we receive in our lives outweigh the challenges we face?
* Which commandment is the most important? Diamond 9 activity- How does your opinion change?
* How does the diamond 9 link and affect your ideas to Jesus’s teaching on the most important commandment?
* What if we never listen to God’s message?
* Is God always faithful to his followers?
* How different would our lives be if we didn’t have Faith? Would our lives be easier or harder?
* What would life be like for a police officer if everyone was keeping the ten commandments?