**Discern – Year 4 Autumn Term**

**Autumn 1**

**The Bible**

**The following questions could be explored throughout the learning journey of this unit after careful study of the unit content.**

* What if God had not kept his promise to Sarah and Abraham?
* What if Sarah and Abraham had no faith in God to keep his promise?
* Is trust in God important to be a Christian?
* ‘Refugees who leave their home have trust in God’ Do you agree or disagree with this statement?
* Is it fair that Jacob had a favourite son?
* Is Joseph a good role model for us?
* Is the Bible an important part of having a relationship with God? *(Exploration of the word of God and how God speaks to us through the Bible)*
* ‘Bible is no longer relevant or useful for these modern times.’ Do you agree or disagree with this statement?
* What if we chose not to read the bible, would we still hear God’s message?
* Is anything possible for God?
* What could have happened to David’s people if he did not trust in God?

**Autumn 2**

**Trust in God**

**The following questions could be explored throughout the learning journey of this unit after careful study of the unit content.**

* What if our prayers are not always answered? Does this mean God is not listening?
* What if God had not kept his promise to Zechariah?
* What if God had not answered Zechariah and Elizabeth’s prayers?
* Is the story of Zechariah and Elizabeth similar to the story of Sarah and Abraham? Does this story teach Christians and important lesson?
* Is the lesson that God taught Zechariah about trust a good lesson for us too?
* What if Mary had refused the angel’s request?
* Looking at paintings depicting the Annunciation – Which painting do you think represents the story of the Annunciation accurately? Why? How? Is it a faithful representation of the Bible story on the Annunciation
* Look at a range of images depicting the Annunciation, Zechariah and Elizabeth, Sarah and Abraham etc – Which painting do you think shows trust in God? Which painting teaches you the most about trust in God?
* Look at the painting of the Annunciation (other images of scripture could be used) What is the message of the artist? What does the artist want us to know about the relationship with God of those in the picture? Why? How?
* ‘Mary has no choice but to say yes to God’ Do you agree/disagree?
* Was Mary wise to trust God? What do you know about God in scripture that can help you to answer?
* What if God had not fulfilled his own promise to Mary? What would the consequences be for the people of God? For the Church? For the world?
* What if the shepherds had not received the Angel’s message? What if the Magi had not seen the star? Who would have heard about Jesus’ birth?
* The wise men were the most important visitors to Bethlehem. Do you agree or disagree with this statement?