PRIMARY RELIGIOUS & MORAL EDUCATION SYLLABUS

CLASS FOUR

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND HUMAM RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

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RATIONALE

In as much as Barbados is a Christian society, our students need to be made aware of and be exposed to the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, and to understand His paramountcy.

By obtaining such exposure, our students will be able to grow spiritually, morally and socially as they become secure in a relationship with a Supreme Being.

There is the existence of other religious groups in the island and so acknowledgement is made of the need to learn about the basic tenets of such religions.

Attitudes and /or moral values are established through many avenues. The school takes priority in this area and equally so do the home and places of worship. Qualities that are held to be of value in the classroom, the use of situations involving behaviour, the choice of the stories and the manner in which they are told, all combine to mould and build character.

Stories that describe unselfish or heroic behaviours are exciting to children and give meaning. In selecting stories, the teacher must be guided not only by his/her ability to tell the story but also by the need to show that moral and spiritual attitudes are necessary to true living especially in the areas of technological advancement.

Religious and Moral Education lends itself to the development of problem solving and critical thinking skills with the assistance of various types of material, including technology. The content necessitates that students understand and analyze the activities, so that meaningful attitudes and character building will result. These activities also allow for the development of social and emotional learning skills, so that the students will understand how to solve their conflicts in an amicable way rather than resorting to violence.

Religious and Moral Education Syllabus supports the new initiatives of the Ministry of Education that stress:

- Child-centred approach to teaching and learning
- the development of critical thinking and problem solving skills
- the development of interpersonal skills
- □ the development of positive work ethics and a sense of responsibility
- collaborative learning at all levels
- integration of technology as an instructional tool

GENERAL OBJECTIVES

To help children to show respect for authority and for others opinions, ideas and property.

To expose children to a knowledge of God.

- 1. To educate for Godly living
- 2. To teach pupils how to use God's word
- 3. To help pupils to understand and appreciate their bodies as temples of the living God and to accept changes and differences of growth and development
- 4. To help pupils to develop positive attitudes and an awareness of their own potential and that of others.
- 5. To help children to understand, become aware of and develop desirable habits and good manners.
- 6. To help children to understand and appreciate their community and the environment as a special part of God's

 Creation

FORMAT OF THE SYLLABUS

In addition to the syllabus for classes 1-4 the document contains the following:

- Scope and sequence
- Attainment Targets
- Suggested activities
- Assessment objectives

The Scope and Sequence indicates the classes in which the topic is to be introduced and developed. The indicates which class the topic/skill/concept should be introduced. The $(\sqrt{})$ indicates that the concept has to be developed and maintained.

The Attainment Targets indicate what each pupil should be able to achieve at the end of each school year.

Suggested activities included in the syllabus provide the opportunity for students to apply the concepts, skills and knowledge they have learnt. The proposed tasks meet both the individual needs of the pupils as well as facilitate collaboration among pupils, teachers and parents.

Assessment is a fundamental part of the teaching and learning process. However, in Religious and Moral Education it should not only measure what students know and can do but also provide information about the development of attitudes and values. A variety of assessment tools should be used - portfolio assessment, checklists, journals, discussions and projects.

The Integration of Information Technology is an integral part of the Religious and Moral Education programme and teachers should be encouraged to use it to enhance their lessons.

It is expected that teachers will always strive to make the lesson real to the children so that they will learn about the gift of God in a creative way; the kinds of people they will meet in life and the types of communities people help to create.

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS USED

The following abbreviations are used to indicate the various subject areas where integration is possible

SUBJECT	Abbreviation	SUBJECT	Abbreviation
Business Studies	BS	Drama	D
Foreign Languages	FL	Geography	G
Health and Family Life	HFLE	History	HI
Home Economics	HE	Industrial Arts	IA
Information Technology	IT	Language Arts	LA
Mathematics	M	Music	MU
Physical Education	PE	Religious and Moral Education	RE
Science	SC	Social/Emotional Learning	SEL
Social Studies	SS	Visual Arts	VA

ATTAINMENT TARGETS

INTRODUCTION

The Religious and Moral Education Attainment Targets are designed to develop in children desirable habits and good manners.

This syllabus exposes them to a wide variety of situations and examples that deal with the understanding of the relationship between, God, and self (man)"

	love;
	wisdom;
	honesty;
	loyalty;
	forgiveness.
It i	s anticipated that from the activities, pupils will learn how to apply these principles to everyday life.

CLASS 4

The Attainment Targets reinforce the targets at Classes 1, 2 and 3. The activities emphasise attributes such as honesty, truth and law and order. A variety of text and resource persons will be used.

The	e pupils should be able to:				
	describe the characteristics of a caring family;				
	identify ways and means of solving problems within the family;				
	appreciate and discuss Bible stories which relate to generosity;				
	list ways to show respect for people, law and order;				
	identify obstacles in life that deal with tolerance and deferred gratification;				
	demonstrate situations that require honesty;				
	dramatise acts of loyalty;				
	recognise the value of tolerance through daily activities;				
	understand the importance of speaking the truth as it relates to trust.				

SCOPE AND SEQUENCE

Begins teaching the concept/skill Maintain and develop concept/skill taught

		CLASSES			
		1	2	3	4
1.0	THE FAMILY				
1.1	Define the term ,family" and explain the roles of the family members.		V	V	V
1.2	Name the members of the Holy family.		V	V	V
1.3	Recognise God as the father of all mankind.		V	V	V
1.4	To understand the proper roles and responsibilities of all members of the family.		V	V	V
2.0	GOD'S WONDERFUL GIFTS IN CREATION		V	V	V
2.1	List God's gifts in creation e.g. families, friends, plants and animals;		√	V	V
2.2	Be able to engage in self-reflection and modify behaviours accordingly.		V	V	V
2.3	Give examples of how an appreciation can be shown for the environment – the trees, birds, animals		V	V	V
3.0	THE CHRISTMAS STORY			V	
3.1	Retell the Christmas story.		V	V	V
3.2	Explain why Christmas is an important holiday		V	V	V
3.3	Explain why self-confidence, self-worth and pride can increase faith in God and trust in others.		V	V	V

Begins teaching the concept/skill/fact Maintain and develop concept/skill taught

		CLASSES			
		1	2	3	4
4.0	HONESTY				
4.1	Explain what is meant by honesty.		√	V	V
4.2	Give examples of how honesty can be demonstrated.		1	V	V
4.3	Develop positive attitude for all types of honest work.		√	V	V
5.0	GENEROSITY		1	V	V
5.1	Define the term "generosity"		√	V	V
5.2	Identify organisations that show generousity.		V	V	V
5.3	Identify ways how one can be generous in and out of school.		V	V	V
5.4	Be able to negotiate disputes and keep conflict under control.		V	V	V
6.0	DIGNITY OF WORK		V	√	V
6.1	Define the term dignity of work.		1	√	V
6.2	List different types of occupations.		V	V	V
6.3	Give examples of people from the Bible who did noble work for Jesus		V	V	$\sqrt{}$
6.4	Learn to cooperate with others.		V	V	$\sqrt{}$
6.5	Develop the right attitude towards work.		V	V	V
7.0	PATIENCE		V	√	V
7.1	Give examples of ways how patience can be shown.		V	V	V
7.2	Use role-play to understand the feelings, points of view and intention of others.		V	1	V
7.3	Explain how patience could assist in developing good manners.		√	√	V

Begins teaching the concept/skill/fact Maintain and develop concept/skill taught

		CLASSES			
		1	2	3	4
8.0	EASTER STORY/ASCENSION				
8.1	Retell the Easter Story and the ascension story.		V	√	V
8.2	List activities that are peculiar to these special events.		V	√	$\sqrt{}$
8.3	Appreciate school life and the events and activities that take place in the school.		√	V	V
8.4	State why Easter is the most important Christian holiday.		V	V	V
9.0	LOYALTY		V	V	V
9.1	Define "loyalty" and identify acts of loyalty to God, parents, guardians and friends.		V	V	V
9.2	Tell a Bible story which brings out loyalty among friends.		V	V	V
9.3	Understand when to reinforce situations and when to walk away from situations.		1	V	V
10.0	WHITSUNTIDE/PENTECOST		V	V	V
10.1	Define Pentecost and list those who were first involved in the event.		V	V	V
10.2	Outline the promise and its fulfillment.		V	√	√
10.3	Relate the change that took place in the disciples after they experienced Pentecost.		1	V	V
10.4	Develop a sense of helping rather than neglecting and become aware of the changes, feelings and experiences of others.		√	V	V

■ Begins teaching the concept/skill/fact✓ Maintain and develop concept/skill taught

		CLASSES			
		1	2	3	4
11.0	LOVE				
11.1	Comprehend the meaning of the word love.		V	V	V
11.2	Identify God's love for the world and mankind.		V	V	√
11.3	Tell of ways to demonstrate love for God, fellowman, school and		V	V	V
	community.				
12.0	RESPECT		$\sqrt{}$		$\sqrt{}$
12.1	Explain what is meant by respect		V	V	V
12.2	Name some great leaders who have gained respect.		V	V	V
12.3	Give examples of people from the Bible who have gained respect.		V	V	V
12.4	Identify ways in which one can show respect for people, law and order and		V	V	V
	property.				
13.0	PRIDE		$\sqrt{}$		√
13.1	Explain what is meant by "pride"		V	V	V
13.2	Give examples of how pride can be demonstrated.		V	V	V
13.3	Identify memory passage which promote pride		V	√	V
13.4	Recognise the importance of pride through daily activities.		V	V	V

TOPIC	OBJECTIVES (SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE, ATTITUDE)	SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES	ASSESSMENT	SUGGESTED RESOURCES
Family Life	Students should be able to:			
	1. explain what constitutes a Christian family;	Role playing. HFLE/SEL	Oral exercises	The Bible
	2. state the advantages of	Discussions (visiting, Lectures).HFLE/SEL	Written exercises	Acts 4: 31-37
	communication within the family;	Telling Bible stories. LA	Portfolio	Matthew 6: 5-15
	3. identify ways and means		Writing composition	Acts 2
	of solving problems within the family;			Children poems Videos
	4. list the responsibilities of the family.			Tapes & cassettes John 19: 25-27
	J. J			Mark 10: 13-16
				Genesis 45 Genesis 1 & 2 Genesis 37-45 Matthew 6: 26-29
				Pictures of families around the world

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God's Wonderful Gifts In Creation	Students should be able to:			
Onto in Creation	list God"s gifts in creation e.g. families, friends, plants and	Story telling, LA illustrations, film	Display pictures of animals, plants, fruits	The Bible
	animals;	strips	and ask students questions to point out	Matthew 6: 24-34
	2. give examples of how appreciation can be shown for God's creation;		aspects of God"s love and care for us.	AVA
	3. explain how an appreciation can be shown for the environment.			Matthew 13: 1-9
				School"s environment

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	KNOWLEDGE, ATTITUDE)	ACTIVITIES		RESOURCES
The Christmas	Students should be able to:			
Story				
	1. relate how Christmas is spent in Barbados and other lands;	Gift exchange. SS/SEL	Oral questions	The Bible Stories from the
	,	Distribution of food	Project	Bible
	2. explain what is meant by the real meaning of Christmas e.g.	hampers to the poor. M/PE	Written exercises	Luke 2: 1-20
	caring, sharing, love.		Witten exercises	Videos
		Singing Christmas carols. MU/SEL		Pictures
		Dramatization.		Poems and Songs Ancient and
		Video tapes. LA		Modern Hymn Book
		Books relating to the topic. LA		Tapes & cassettes
		Making Christmas cards.		Stories, pictures, poems and songs
		VA		from about other
		Group work SEL		lands
				AVA
				Library

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Honesty	Students should be able to:			
	1. explain the term honesty;	Group work SEL	Pen and paper test	The Bible
	2. demonstrate situations that require honesty;	Project work D/LA	Project work	Galatians 2
	3. identify honest acts versus dishonest	Discussion LA	Oral exercises	Acts 15
	acts;	Dramatization SS		1 Kings 3:16-28
	4. tell stories from the Bible which relate to honesty;	Use of videos LA		James 3: 1-10
				Acts 5:1-11
	5. list ways in which they can show acts of honesty.			A.V. A
				Genesis 22
				Acts 5: 1-11

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	KNOWLEDGE, ATTITUDE)			RESOURCES
Generosity	Students should be able to:			
	differentiate between selfishness and generosity.	Discussion about the meaning of these terms	writing	The Bible Acts 9: 36-42
	2. select Bible passages which		Paper and pencil test	John 6: 1-14
	highlight acts of generosity; 3. appreciate and discuss Bible	Dramatization LA/SS/SEL Discussion LA/SS/SEL	Oral exercises	2 King 4: 1
	stories which relate to	Discussion Et V 55/5EE		Resource
	generosity;	Group work LA	Portfolio	persons/agents:- Red-cross,
		Listening to tapes LA		Voluntary organisations
		Donation of food hampers to the elderly and poor in the community. LA/ SEL		1 Samuel 18
				Esther 3-7
				John 6 : 1-14
				Ruth 2-4

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Dignity of work	Students should be able to:			
	explain the dignity of work;	Reading of stories from the Bible Genesis 1 and 2 LA	Paper and pencil test	The Bible
		X7:1	Project work on different types	1 Kings 6, 7, 8
	2. explain the value and importance of work;	Video tapes, highlighting types of occupation. LA/SS	of occupations Oral questioning	1 Corinthians 12
	3. list different types of community workers.	Inviting various resource persons e.g. policeman, maid etc. SS	orur questroning	Resource persons from the community:- Fishermen, mechanics, plumber, masons
				Poems and songs
				Pictures of workers in community

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	KNOWLEDGE,	ACTIVITIES		RESOURCES
	ATTITUDE)			
Patience	Students should be able			
	to:			
		Dramatization	Oral and written exercises	Matthew 25: 14-46
	1. explain the word			
	patience;	Creating a situation in the	Project work	Luke 10: 38-42
		classroom to bring out		G : 25
	2. identify obstacles in life that demand	patience D	Observation	Genesis 37
	patience;	Observation by teacher	Performance assessment	Genesis 26 & 27
	pundio,		1 01101110110	
	3. list Bible stories that	Listening to video tapes		Luke 19: 1-10
	deal with patience;	LA		
	-	Memory passages e.g.		Luke 4
	4. dramatize acts of	1Corinthians Chapter 13		
	patience.	verse 4 to 5		Matthew 4: 1-11
		Malring masters VA		Luke 22: 39-71
		Making postersVA		Colossians 3: 12-17
				C0103514115 J. 12-17
				Galatians 5: 22

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Easter	Students should be able to:			
	1. explain what is meant by: the Betrayal;	Dramatization	Paper and pencil test	The Bible
	the Last Supper- the Garden of Gethsemane,	Story telling from the gospel LA	Oral questioning	St. John 20
	the Crucifixion the Resurrection	Video	Project	Luke 24
	2. re-tell the Easter story;	Kite flying and Kite		Mark 16
	3. explain why Easter is the major	making project M/VA/SEL		Matthew 28
	Christian holiday.	W/ V/WSEE		Songs and poems
				Videos
				Cassettes & Tapes Pictures

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Loyalty	Students should be able to:			
	1. explain the term "loyalty";	Group work SEL	Writing composition	The Bible
	2. tell the story of loyal friends from the Bible;	Project work Discussion LA	Project work	Galatians 2
	3. list ways in which they can	Dramatization SS	Oral exercises	Acts 15
	show acts of loyalty;	Use of video LA	Performance assessment	Poems Reflection – "Daily Bread
	4. dramatize acts of loyalty;	Osc of video L/1	1 CHOIMance assessment	& Today"
	5. demonstrate situations that require loyalty.			Genesis 22:1-13
	require loyalty.			Luke 10:25-37
				Philippians 2: 25-30 Ruth 1-4
				Timothy
				Philemon
				Resource persons – Banker, Credit Union Officer, Cashiers

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	KNOWLEDGE, ATTITUDE)	ACTIVITIES		RESOURCES
Whitsuntide/	Students should be able to:			
Pentecost				
	1. state simply what is meant by	Story telling	Oral discussions	The Bible
	Pentecost;			Stories from the
	,	Bible Reading		Bible:
	2. list those who were first involved in			
	this event;	Dramatization		Acts 2
	tills event,		Written exercises	Acts 1
	3. outline the promise simply and its	Video shows	VVIII CACICISES	
	fulfillment;	Video silows	Story writing	Poems and songs
	rammont,		Story writing	Song of Praise
	4. explain the change in the disciples after			Reflection: The
	the experience of Pentecost;			book "Today"
	the experience of Femecost,			Jook Today
	5 state what unusual phenomenon			Pictures
	5. state what unusual phenomenon			1 letares
	occurred at this time.			Resource persons
				from the
				community:
				Church leaders

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Love	Students should be able to:			
	identify God"s love for the world;	Dramatization LA/SEL/SS	Project	The Bible
	2. discuss ways and means in	Discussions LA/SEL/SS	Written exercises	Genesis 2: 5-15
	which love can be expressed e.g. love of self, love of	Visiting lectures LA	Oral exercises	John 3:16
	country as well as people in other countries;	Use of the InternetIT		Romans 15:25
	3. list organisations that help perpetuate the work in countries face with disaster.			Caribbean Verse-Poems for all ages-P.L. Salankey Songs and poems Deuteronomy 8 Exodus 21-23 Psalms 127 & 128 Mark 10: 13-16 Acts 11:28 Resource personnel: UNICEF, CE R O

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TOPIC Respect			ASSESSMENT Oral exercises Written exercises Performance Assessment	
				Paul"s writings Resource persons in the community-Policemen, guards, security personnel

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	KNOWLEDGE, ATTITUDE)	ACTIVITIES		RESOURCES
Pride	Students should be able to:			
	1. explain the term "pride";	Memory passage (e.g. Phil 4:8) LA	Written exercises	The Bible
	2. identify situations that	Dramatization HFLE	Oral exercises	Genesis 1: 26-28
	require pride e.g. work, deportment., behaviour;	Dramatization HFLE	Project work	Romans 12:1
	3. list memory passages that	Make reference to words of our National Anthem		Galatians 5:: 16-24
	bring out the virtue of pride;	HFLE		2 Corithians 11:21-33
	4. recognize of the value of	Practical work in the		Ephianas 5: 16-20
	pride through daily activities.	classroom (e.g. pride in their environment, in the		Proverbs 6
		classroom) LA/VA/HFLE		Ecclesiastics
		,		31 12-18
				Proverbs 23: 21
				Luke 18: 9-14
				Joshua 1:17
				Matthew 25: 14-30
				Community leaders-
				Girl guides, Scouts,
				Pathfinders, Key club, Leo
				Reflection – "Today"
				"Chicken soup for the
				Teenage Soul"