

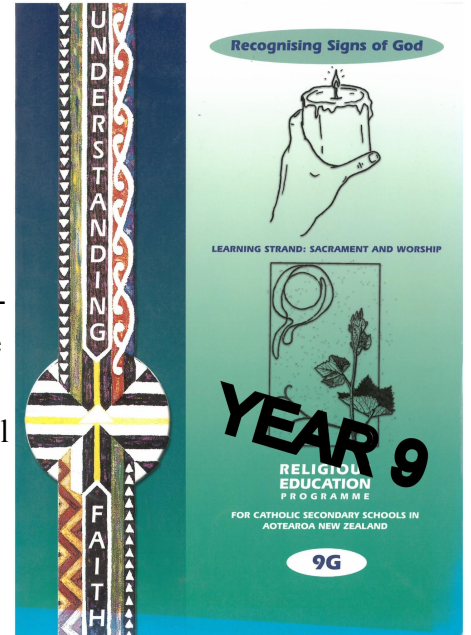
9G Recognising Signs of God

Unit Plan

[9G TEXTBOOK](#)

This unit approaches sacramentality through our experience of mystery and awe. It explores the ways in which we can see God's self - revelation and self - communication in Christ, in the Living Word of Scripture and Tradition, in the Sacraments and in ordinary things and people. Some emphasis will be placed on understanding the significance of sign, symbol and ritual. Assessment detail will be on Moodle, resources can be found on DR 4 RE website [*Digital](#)

[Tools*](#)



AIMS for 9G “Signs of God”

- As students you will gain and apply knowledge to the meaning of Sacramentality, viewed through experiences of mystery and awe. The significance of sign, symbol and ritual
- God's self-revelation and self communication in Christ, in the Church, in Scripture, in the sacraments and in ordinary things and people

Notes for Parents - our achievement objective

- Students will be able to understand the nature of sign, symbol and ritual and recognise how these provide meaning within different societies and cultures.
- Recognise that Te Atua reveals the God self to the world through signs and symbols.
- Develop an understanding of Karaiti as a sacrament of God and a understanding of the Church as a sacrament of Christ. Understand the seven Sacraments as signs of Christ's presence in the Church
- Recognise a variety of Christian symbols

Students - during this term you will

- Students will define general characteristics of signs and symbols. Recognise the personal, cultural and universal significance of symbols.
- Develop an understanding of ritual as an important form of symbol. Understand that God is present in ordinary human events and actions. Describe different symbols used throughout the history of Christian tradition.
- Identify ways in which Jesus is a sign of God. Show how people today can be signs of God to the world
- Display a general understanding of the significance of Christian ritual and sacrament.
- Identify action, words and meanings connected with each of the seven sacraments

Assessment

- Create a newspaper article on Palestine in Jesus' time

Digital Activities Overview

- Brainstorm using Prezi on the different signs and symbols around us today, create a symbol of ourselves
- Share through voicethread our family cultural stories (rituals, customs, traditions)
- Video - “The man who sued God”, discuss why people rebel against Christ
- Animation of a parable & introduce some drama/skits around the ‘Prodigal Son/Daughter’ story.
- Look at history and development of oils, candles etc.

Topic One: A WORLD OF SIGNS & SYMBOLS

- Explain the difference between signs and symbols
- Worksheet [HERE](#)
- Symbols Prezi - <http://prezi.com/yvxtxqkgz3vf/9g-signs-and-symbols-garin-college/>
- Discuss the use of symbolism in everyday life (Apple, Facebook, McDonalds etc)
- Prezi Coca-Cola <http://prezi.com/n8rsyor1xyig/coca-cola/>
- Jewish symbols - Illustrations and [explanations](#) of some common Jewish symbol
- Yr 9 Assignment - **CREATE A STAINED GLASS WINDOW** - Symbol's [PREZI](#)

Topic Two: SIGNS OF THE INVISIBLE GOD

- God reveals his presence through signs and symbols. Christian symbols - <http://www.symbols.net/christian/>
- People meet God in creation and moment of mystery through ordinary things
- Symbols are used by Christians to represent different aspects of the Trinity
- Trinity Prezi (to be adapted from yr11) http://prezi.com/0hj1ov6_daah/11-trinity-garin-college/
- Are Sacraments just a superstition? This [short article](#) explains how we should approach their use

Topic Three: JESUS CHRIST MAKES GOD VISIBLE (HUMAN SYMBOLS)

- Jesus Christ is the greatest of all God's signs
- Showed God's great love by teaching, healing and forgiving sins
- Symbols are used by Christians to represent different aspects of Jesus' life, death, resurrection
- Propose ways in which human beings can be symbols for others

Topic Four: THE CHURCH - THE SIGN OF CHRIST

- Define the concept of ‘sacrament’ as a symbolic action
- Those who follow Jesus, especially the saints are sign of God's love
- Symbols are used to represent different aspects of the Church and the Holy Spirit active within it.
- Sacraments Prezi (to be updated) <http://prezi.com/shh0bgqa3-mi/sacraments/>

Topic Five: THE SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

- Explain the concept of Church as Sacrament
- Identify at least four Christian symbols, explain use and meaning (oil, candles, etc)
- ****Note**** here we will be finishing ICT Newspaper assignment (Palestine in Jesus' time)
- An [Online Book](#) by Fr Anthony Tonne which covers everything you could want to know about Sacraments.