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Today is the feast of Christ the King, the last Sunday of the Church's year. Next Sunday, Advent begins, and the run to Christmas starts with it. This issue gathers what's ready for the next five weeks in a Catholic school, plus two free reads for home before the present-buying begins. Past issues are in the archive at **verityeducation.co.uk/newsletter**.

Advent, one week to go

If Advent still needs planning in your school, **Advent: Waiting in Hope** covers all four weeks in one pack. A ready-to-lead assembly takes pupils through the four candles (hope, peace, joy and love). Then come four eight-minute form-time reflections, one for each week: a Scripture reference for a pupil to read aloud, a short thought, a question, a prayer and something concrete to do. A one-page wreath guide tells tutors which candle to light each week. Scripture is cited by reference, so it works with your school Bible or lectionary. **£9.**

→ verityeducation.co.uk/products/catholic-re-assembly-advent-waiting-in-hope-4-form-time-reflections

Two lessons for the end of term

Year 7: The Incarnation

Why did the Word become flesh? Pupils work through the four reasons the Catechism gives (CCC 456–460) and annotate the Nicene Creed as they go. One complete lesson with a SEND-adapted deck, a lesson plan, an activity sheet and an answer key. Made for the last weeks before Christmas. **£4.**

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Year 9: Mary and the four Marian dogmas, ready for 8 December

The Immaculate Conception falls on Tuesday 8 December, and it's the dogma pupils most often confuse with the virgin birth. This lesson takes all four (Mother of God, Ever Virgin, the Immaculate Conception and the Assumption), shows what each one says about Jesus, and clears up the classic misconceptions. **£4**, or the full Year 9 unit, *The Blessed Virgin Mary in Salvation History*, for **£6**.

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Gratitude, before the season of more

December is the hardest month of the year to teach gratitude, and the most useful one. Our KS3 character unit **Gratitude** builds it as a real habit, not a poster. It runs six sessions: what gratitude is, the science behind it, taking things for granted, writing a proper thank-you letter, gratitude in hard times (without the toxic positivity) and gratitude in action. You can teach it whatever slot you have: as a launch assembly, as six no-prep form-time sessions a non-specialist tutor can lead, or as six full lessons. Secular, and fits in a faith school too. **£6.**

→ verityeducation.co.uk/products/ks3-character-education-gratitude-assembly-tutor-time-full-lessons

Free this fortnight

For teachers

- **Made for Love:** a complete free Year 10 Catholic RSHE lesson on love as self-gift and the four loves, with deck and plan.
- **New, the Whole-School Oracy Audit:** a free 45-minute baseline self-evaluation for oracy leads, SLT and SENCos (35 statements, seven areas, a three-priorities planner). The full **Oracy Lead Kit** (£30) sits beside it.
- **New for Year 11, a free GCSE taster:** one Origins and Meaning revision section plus one GCSE RS Talk session on creation and the Big Bang, ending in a 15-mark (d) answer (Eduqas Route B).
- **New for primary, RE Talk now runs Reception to Year 6:** 18 EYFS and KS1 branch packs join the 24 for KS2, with Talk Mats and SEND built in (£8 a branch, £40 a year), plus a free taster for each key stage.
- **Free samplers** for every line and key stage, SEND editions included.

For parents

- **Raising grateful children in an age of more:** what actually builds gratitude, ahead of the season of wish lists.
- **Pocket money to payslips:** money and character from 5 to 18. Handy if Christmas money is about to arrive.

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Coming next issue

Sunday 6 December: the last fortnight of term. What's worth teaching when the timetable is falling apart, and something for the Christmas holidays at home.

One small ask

If this letter was useful, forward it to one colleague, or to one parent who'd like it. That's the whole growth plan: people who'd actually find it useful, sent by people who did.

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