



# St Joseph's Pleasant Point

*Growing in Christ: challenging mind, body and spirit*

**G-R-O-W**

**Gratitude – Respect – Open to God – Working Hard**

## God Strand Year 2 “Our Gracious God”

Obj 1: Lessons 1-3

Recognise that God's many gifts to people are a sign of God's love.

1. Why did God create the world? (To show us how much he loves us)
2. What very special gift has God given each of us? (He has given us the gift of ourselves)
3. How does God want us to grow up to be? (Our best selves)
4. How can we grow up to be our best selves? (By using our gifts God has given us to help ourselves and others)
5. What is God's best creation? (people) Why are they God's best creation? (Because they can love)

Obj 2: Lessons 4-7

Recognise that God's greatest gift is Jesus who reveals God in a familiar way as *Abba* – a loving and forgiving Father – *Matua*.

1. What is God's greatest gift to people? (Jesus)
2. God gave his only Son Jesus to the world so that people could come to know who better? (God)
3. What name did Jesus call God? (Abba)
4. What is the Maori name for God? (Matua)
5. Can recall a parable which tells about God as a loving father (The Parable of the Lost Sheep/Parable of the lost Coin)
6. What was the prayer Jesus taught the disciples? (The Our Father)
7. What did Jesus teach people to do? (Forgive)

8. Why is forgiving or being forgiven important? (It is a way of showing love and restoring tapu (love and respect) for ourselves and the other person)
9. Who will always forgive us when we are sorry? (God)

Obj 3: Lessons 8-10

Recognise that people are called to respond to God's gifts.

1. When do we receive gifts? (Birthday, Christmas, Baptism, First Holy Communion, for doing something really well etc)
2. What should we do when we receive a gift? (Say thank you and use it well)
3. Can name a gift they have been given from God (Kind, caring, well organised, friendly, calm)
4. How do we show appreciation for our gifts? (By using them and sharing them with others)
5. How do we show appreciation to God for our gifts? (By thanking him through prayer)