

Building the Kingdom - Law and Power

By the end of this unit children will...

Know and understand that Henry II is known as the father of common law.

Know that a big misunderstanding between Henry II and Thomas Becket led to Becket being murdered at Canterbury Cathedral

Know that during this period European Kings, including Richard I, invaded the Holy Lands during the Holy Wars

Understand why King John was forced to agree to demands from the barons and seal the Magna Carta in 1215

Know that Simon de Montfort set up the first Parliament

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Big Question

Who has authority – State or Church?

Further questions to explore:

Is democracy a result of Christianity?
Is Christianity solely responsible for Democracy?
Should the church be involved in government?

Catholic Social Teaching

Life and dignity of the human person

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Building the Kingdom - The Stuarts

By the end of this unit children will know...

James I was the first Stuart king and believed in the 'divine right of kings' and didn't treat Catholics well during his reign. As a result, there was a Gunpowder Plot to blow up the Houses of Parliament.

The second Stuart king, the son of James I, was Charles I. He was unpopular with parliament and his decisions as king led to the English Civil War, where he was defeated and eventually executed for treason.

Following the execution of Charles I, England became a Commonwealth and the Lord Protector, Oliver Cromwell was in charge.

The third Stuart king, Charles II, was restored to the throne in 1660 and ruled until his death in 1685. During

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Is it always possible to treat people equally?

Further questions to explore:

Does religion define your place in society?

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Building the Kingdom - The Industrial Revolution

Big Question

How did the Industrial Revolution change people's self reliance?

Further questions to explore:

In what ways did the inventions of the Industrial Revolution impact people's lives?

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Know that 'Industrial Revolution' describes the transition from a society based on hand manufacturing and human or animal power, to a society based on machinery.

Understand the Industrial Revolution had an enormous impact on British society, changing many people's way of life.

Understand the significance of cotton spinning moving from being a hand craft, to being mechanised.

Understand why coal and iron were so important for the Industrial Revolution.

Know that there was a surge in child labour during the Industrial Revolution.

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Catholic Social Teaching

Rights and Responsibilities

The Catholic tradition teaches that human dignity can be protected and a healthy community can be achieved only if human rights are protected and responsibilities are met. Therefore, every person has a fundamental right to life and a right to those things required for human decency. Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities—to one another, to our families, and to the larger society"

Building the Kingdom - The Cold War

By the end of this unit children will...

Understand that the Cold War was a period of tension led by the capitalist superpower, the USA, and the communist superpower, the USSR.

Know that although the superpowers never officially went to war, they fought in proxy wars- each supporting opposing sides. For example, during the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

Know that the USA and USSR also competed to develop and stockpile the most dangerous nuclear weapons during the Cold War.

This became known as the 'arms race'.

Know that in 1962 the world came close to nuclear war during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

Know that the superpowers also competed during the 'space race'.

The USSR were the first to put a satellite into space and the USA were the first to put a man on the moon

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Big Question

Why to people blame when it is better to forgive?

Further questions to explore:

Why in times of political instability is there a growth in dictatorship?

As people of faith, why do we have a special call to ensure that every person's life and dignity is respected?

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