## Class 3

## R.E.- NEW TOPIC- Universal Church- Lessons 1 and 2

<b>Universal Church</b>	Learning	Activity
Lesson 1	New Topic Universal Church — God's People TASK 1 Look at the PowerPoint and read about Eric.  What are the qualities you like in this person? Is it something they were born with, something they developed, or both? How is Eric similar to you? How is Eric different from you? Is Eric extraordinary in any way? What do you feel about Eric? How do you think Eric feels about himself? Why do you think Eric helps his family? What do you think makes someone extraordinary?	Children must compare their life to Eric's life.  Make 2 columns in your book or on paper and write about the events of Eric's life and what he likes, what he does. Then on the other side, write about yourself. Some children should discuss the links between themselves and Eric. Some children could write about why they are similar to Eric and how this links to the title of the topic 'God's People'
	TASK 2 Read through LF1 PowerPoint. We have just heard about Eric and the kindness he showed to his family. He is part of the worldwide community that we all belong to. Christians, whether they are living in earth or in heaven, belong to the 'Communion of Saints'.	Think about the saints in the PowerPoint. Look at the last page of the LF1 PowerPoint. Draw their coat of arms if they were a saint and follow the instructions.
Lesson 2	Pope Benedict  Look at the PowerPoint presentation of Pope Benedict XVI's Big Assembly.  Talk about what the Pope said.  Does anything surprise you?  What do you like about it?  KEY QUESTIONS (As referred to by Pope Benedict XVI:)  Q What are the qualities you see in others that you would most like to have yourself?  Q What kind of person would you really like to be?  Q How did Sorcha use money for a good purpose?  Q How can you become holy, as the Pope suggests you can?  Q Why does Pope Benedict say that some people do not find true happiness?	TASK 1: All children must produce a mind map on paper "What kind of person would I really like to be?"  REFLECT: A question for the children to work with, "If you were the Pope, what messages would you give to children?" Discuss links with one of Jesus' stories or explain why it is important to follow God's way.  TASK 2: Create a liturgy using a scripture of your choice that links to this topic (e.g. one of St. Paul's letters that helps to guide the early Christians to be good people). Use the Liturgy Sheet attached.