

RE LINKS - NUA FILMS

**HOW NUA COMPLIMENTS
THE IRISH RC RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION
CURRICULUM IN
SCHOOLS**

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Introduction

NUA Films are short video series online that encourage questions, acknowledge doubt and offer an engaging perspective on the Christian faith. These videos have been created by Irish youth and parish workers. We have lots of different series to choose from. Our resources have been endorsed by Diocesan advisors, Teachers and Youth workers.

Years of experience of working with and listening to young people

NUA Films comes from Scripture Union Ireland years of experience of engaging with thousands of Irish young people through retreats and faith based programmes and listening to their questions and struggles with the faith.

A GIFT for the faith formation of Irish young people

Scripture Union Ireland through very generous donations etc invested significant sums and staff resources in producing these high quality film series.

However it was decided that the videos should be provided FREE by way of a GIFT to bless and support Irish schools and parishes who are committed to the faith formation of their young people and to alleviate any economic barriers to doing so.

Linking the RE Curriculum

NUA film series was not produced as a *substitute* for the RE Curriculum, but is an ideal *supplement* for delivering the resource in the limited time allocation of RE class per week. The topics in each NUA series compliment the learning outcomes of an RE class.



Uniqueness of NUA:Origins

Specifically developed for this age group 9/10-14 years

NUA:Origins is an 8 part high quality film series developed by Scripture Union Ireland for 10-14 year olds and aims to provide a learning environment that empowers young people to engage with the person of Jesus and explore the 'big questions' regarding the Christian faith.

NUA:Origins was produced in Ireland for this age group 9/10-14 years at this faith milestone and the critical decisions they will make regarding their continued faith journey especially for many at Confirmation.

An Irish Production with Irish Hosts

It was produced by an experienced Director (Greg Fromholz), filmed on locations around Ireland/Europe and has three Irish young adults as its hosts who share the origins of their own faith journeys while encouraging the viewers to explore their own. Young people can therefore connect and relate to these faith stories and experiences.

The videos comprise of 8 Episodes, 12 minutes long broken into three 4 minute segments. The presentation is contemporary and conversational in style that engages with the young person and taking them on a Journey through the central themes of the Christian Faith: *God and Creation; the true message of Christmas; the person of Jesus, His Passion, Death, and resurrection; Pentecost and the work of the Holy Spirit, his gifts and fruits; the Church, a place of belonging and community; Prayer; and the Bible the Word of God and Choosing to Follow Jesus, the Journey continues.*

A holistic approach

Exploration: *Allowing the young person to be open and honest about their faith as well as exploring the 'tough question'.*

Encouragement: *The video series will encourage them on their journey and grow as well as owning their faith.*

Enjoyment: *We want them to enjoy the experience and have fun along the journey.*

Encounter: *It is hoped that they will experience God for themselves and find the answers they have been looking for.*



A Tried and Tested resource

NUA:Origins is a tried and tested resource. During the production of the scripts and content we held three Focus Groups one in the Dublin Archdiocese and one with the Down and Connor Diocese with representatives comprising clergy, Diocesan workers, parish pastoral workers, teachers, catechists etc. We also held a focus group of sixth class primary age young people.

We ran a number of PILOT GROUPS in a schools and parishes during 2019/2020 (Covid times) and the feedback was extremely positive (see samples of endorsements from Ashbourne Parish (four primary schools) and Marino Parish (100+ Confirmation candidates delivered online to Home context).

A participants reflective Journal

One of the outcomes of the Focus Groups was the need to produce an attractive printed Reflective Resource to encourage the young person to experience some personal reflective time after each four minute Session to engage more deeply with the content of the videos. It was also important that the Journal was NOT an exercise or workbook but a tool for personal and private reflection.

The resource is therefore accompanied by a Participants Journal that is tactile, A5 format printed, and ring bound for the participant to draw, jot down thoughts, pause and reflect. There is a small cost of €2 euro per participant which just covers the cost of printing.

User Guide and Episode Guide

The resource is accompanied by a clear and concise User and Episode Guide to support the Facilitator or Teacher to deliver the resource with the utmost of ease.

Connecting - NUA:Origins & Grow in Love

The Grow in Love RE Curriculum for Catholic Primary schools is an extremely comprehensive and excellent resource for teachers. The themes cover all the core elements of the Christian and Catholic faith and values, with excellent lessons guidelines.

NUA:Origins film series was not produced as a *substitute* for the Grow in Love resource but is an ideal *supplement* for delivering the resource in the limited time allocation of two and half hours RE per week.

Having reviewed the core themes and lesson outlines it is very evident that the content of NUA:Origins links extremely well and indeed enhances the delivery of the Grow in Love themes and lessons. *(see on page 6 outline of links to related themes content)*

The best example where NUA:Origins was incorporated well into the curriculum and Confirmation preparation was the Pilot Group in Ashbourne Parish Co Meath. This consisted of four catholic ethos primary schools with over 200 sixth class students.

Each NUA:Origins eight Episodes has three 4/5 minute sessions. These were easily incorporated into the RE curriculum whereby the teacher delivered an Episode per week over three days showing the 5 minute Sessions of video content followed by 5 minutes of personal reflective time where students used the Journal resource. This allocated just 10 minutes of the allocated 30 minute daily lesson. The NUA origins video content provided the teacher with the ready-made narrative content based on the theme of the Grow in Love lesson. The teacher used the remaining 20 minutes from the curriculum content.

The feedback from these teachers was extremely positive and they valued NUA:Origins for its high quality, the themes linked so well with the curriculum as well as the language being very age related. It engaged and held the students interest and allowed them to see faith as realistic and normal and desirable in a modern world of competing voices. It also in relation to Confirmation gave the students a deeper understanding of where the Holy Spirit fits into the broader Christian faith Journey. They also valued the reflective Journal resource which helped the student process what they had seen on the videos.

Topic Links - Grow in Love & NUA:Origins

GROW IN LOVE THEME/LESSON	NUA ORIGINS EPISODE/SESSION
Theme 1 GOD	
<p>Lesson 1: We are made in Gods Image Men and women have a unique eternal relationship with God the Creator They were made in the image and likeness of God Bible : Genesis 1:27-28 / We have a unique Dignity We are 'Gods work of Art' or Masterpiece Jesus is the clearest image of what God is Like</p>	<p>Episode 1 MASTERPIECE Part 1 We see Gods Fingerprint in the whole of creation We are uniquely designed by God our Creator Wonder and Awe at the created world Genesis story of creation</p>
<p>Lesson 2: God speaks to us through Creation Knowing the 'Story of Creation' Appreciate that Science & Faith are not necessarily opposites but complement rather than compete Bible: Genesis 1:1-23, 2:1-3</p>	<p>Episode 1 MASTERPIECE PSALM 139 I am fearfully and wonderfully made Part 1 Science and Faith discussed</p>
<p>Prayer - Jesus teaching on prayer Luke 11"1-10</p>	<p>Episode 4 Connection - Session 1-3 all on Prayer</p>
Theme 2 CREATION	
<p>Lesson 1 The Bible is the Word of God Sacred Scripture is the Word of God written by human authors but inspired by the Holy Spirit Turn to the Bible for help and inspiration in their own lives Bible: Psalm 119 :105 Your word is a lamp to guide me and a light to my path'</p>	<p>Episode 5 - Story Part 1 Light - Your word is a lamp to my feet Psalm 119 Part 2 - God's story in the Bible Part 3 Foundation - Help from Gods word Episode 1 Session 3 God speaks to me through the Holy Spirit and Scripture</p>
<p>Lesson 2 - God speaks to us through creation The Creation Story - God saw it was good Gen 1:31</p>	<p>Episode 2 WORTH Session 1 - God saw that it was good Genesis 1:1-3</p>
<p>Lesson 3 The Story of Adam and Eve Bible Gen 3: 1-13</p>	<p>Episode 2 WORTH Session 1 Adam and Eve and Choices</p>

Original Sin, Conscience and Temptation We are born with original sin so have a tendency to sin Our need for Salvation	Original Sin - bad choices, temptation
Theme 3 JESUS	
Lesson 1 Jesus invites us to use Gods gifts Bible: Parable of 3 servants Mt 25:14-24	Episode 6 Part 1
Lesson 2 Jesus calls us to Forgive Parable of Unforgiving Servant Mt 18:31-35	Episode 4 – Connection / Prayer
Lesson 3 Jesus shows us the Way Recognise that life is a Journey and Jesus shows us the way Jesus is the Way to the Father Who do you say I am Bible John 14:6-12	Episode 1
Theme 4 CHRISTMAS	
Jesus is God with us – Emmanuel / Jesus is the Saviour of the World	Episode 2 WORTH - Part 1 Christmas again
Lesson 2 At Christmas we celebrate the birth of Jesus Bible Mt chap 2 Recognise the TRUE meaning of Christmas Know that Jesus is the Messiah and was the fulfillment of the Promise of God to send a Saviour Micah 5:2-5	Episode 2 WORTH The true message of Christmas
Theme 5 Social Justice	
The Church responds to the poor over history the parable of the Good Samaritan Luke 10:30-35	Episode 7 Belong
Theme 6 CHURCH	
Lesson 1 Church as Family	Episode 7 Belong - Part 1 The People
Lesson 2 Together we make a difference Early Church Acts 2 and believers had all things in common	Episode 7 Belong Part 2 Hands and Feet
Lesson 4 One body with many parts 1 Cor 12 / Connected	Episode 7
Theme 7 HOLY WEEK & EASTER	
Lesson 1 We remember the passion and death of Jesus Final days of Jesus life Holy Week, the last supper, Crucifixion, death and burial of Jesus The Cross its meaning and purpose - Good Friday	Episode 2 WORTH Part 3 Great Friday Jesus passion and death on the cross the meaning and purpose / Forgiveness

<p>Lesson 2 Easter our reason for Hope The Resurrection its meaning John 21 Jesus appears to his disciples John 21</p>	<p>Episode 3 New Beginnings Part 1 Tomb Raider - Resurrection of Jesus John 3:16 / Jesus appears to the Disciples Part 1</p>
<p>Theme 8 MORALITY</p>	
<p>Lesson 1 Each of us Gods 'Masterpiece' We are precious to God We have a unique dignity made in the image of God</p>	<p>Episode 1 Masterpiece</p>
<p>Lesson 2 God has given us FREE WILL We have a conscience / Making Good choices</p>	<p>Episode 3 New Beginnings Part 3 Your Choice / Jesus stands at door and knocks Rev 3:20</p>
<p>Lesson 3 We can choose to Shine like Jesus Story of the Prodigal son Luke 15 / Christ is our Light</p>	<p>Episode 8 Journey Session 1 Decision</p>
<p>Theme 10 THE HOLY SPIRIT (Confirmation)</p>	
<p>The Holy Spirit is active in our world The Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit The Holy Spirit Empowers the church to continue the mission of Jesus Pentecost - Acts 2</p>	<p>Episode 6 Guide / Episode 8 Part 2 The Road Ahead Part 1 Power - Acts 1:8 Power of the Holy Spirit Acts 2 Pentecost Part 2 Charged Gifts of the Holy Spirit</p>
<p>Lesson 1 The Power of the Holy Spirit Recall and understand the story of Pentecost - Acts 2 Name and describe the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Life changing moments</p>	<p>Episode 6 Session 1 -3</p>
<p>Lesson 2 The Fruits of the Holy Spirit Identify the fruits of the Holy Spirit and know they are the result of using the gifts of the Holy Spirit</p>	<p>Episode 6 Part 3 Risk - Fruits of the Holy Spirit</p>
<p>Lesson 4 Making a Difference after Confirmation They will know we are Christians by our love By the power of the Holy spirit we can make a difference in the world Going forward on the Journey - a decision a choice each candidate to make</p>	<p>Episode 7 Belong Part 2 & 3 Inspire Change Stories from young people whose faith matters in their lives Episode 8 Journey Part 1 to 3 Decision, The Road Ahead & Origins!</p>

Inspire – JC Religious Education (3 year book)

Connecting Inspire with NUA:Origins (9/10-14 yrs) and NUA:Fresh Perspective (14/15+ yrs)

Inspire - emphasis on Enquiry, Explore, Reflect and Action

NUA - values Exploration, Encouragement Enjoyment and Encounter

Inspire's Key Words links with - Key words in NUA Facilitator/User Guide

Inspire's Ice Breaker Activities - Links with Icebreaker ideas in each episode outline in NUA Facilitator/User Guide

Inspire's Time to Pause and Reflect - Complimented by the NUA printed participants reflective Journal

Inspire - Managing Information and Thinking	NUA
Working with Others	Videos viewed as a group and group discussion questions provided for each session
Being Creative	Participants Journal designed to encourage drawing and thinking creatively
Being Literate	Participants Journal designed for a time of personal reflection and writing down thoughts and answers to questions
Communication	Connecting facilitator to participants through discussion, activities and journaling
Managing Myself	Being responsible for doing personal reflection time, guided by the Journal

LEARNING OUTCOMES	
Inspire: Junior Cycle R.E.	NUA:Origins (9/10-14yrs)
Strand 1 Expressing Beliefs 1.8 Role of Prayer	Episode 4 Connection
Strand 2 Exploring Questions Explore Different narratives that give An understanding of Creation and their Meaning and relevance for today	Episode 1 Masterpiece
Exploring Questions like Why are we here? What happens when we die? Is God real? Why do bad things happen? How should we live?	Episode 1 Masterpiece Who am I? Why are we here? Episode 7 Belong Inspiring change Making a difference
Sacred Texts Chap 3. The Bible – the Sacred Texts for Christians from Genesis to Revelation Moses, Exodus, Abraham The Gospels etc	Episode 5 Story – Gods story in the Bible Session 2 - An animated bible timeline Episode 5 – Session 3 The meaning and helps and foundation for understanding and reading the Bible
Chap 8 & 9 .Advent & Christmas The Nativity Story	Episode 2 Worth The message and meaning of the birth of Jesus
Chap 11 The Work of Jesus How do we know about the life and work	Episode 5 – The Story – Session 2 & 3 Bible Time line – New testament
The gospels and historical evidence of Jesus. The four gospels. Historical evidence Jesus the Miracle Worker	Episode 3 New Beginnings Session 2 – Tears – Jesus was not a Magician but a Miracle worker
Chap 12 The Wisdom of Jesus Identify the message and purpose Of Parables	Episode 8 – Journey Session 1 The Parable of the Sower Matthew 13 – The meaning and purpose of this parable.
Chap 13 Sacred Places The Church	Episode. 7 Belong Covers the early Christian community and explores the difference between church as a building or institution and the concept of the faith community as the People of God.

LEARNING OUTCOMES <i>contd.</i>	
Inspire: Junior Cycle R.E.	NUA:Origins (9/10-14yrs)
Chap 14 Compassion & Justice Christian Faith in Action	Episode 7 Belong Session 2 'Hands & Feet' explores service to others and that we are God's hands and Feet motivated to acts of love and good Works (Heb 11:24)
Chap 18 Talking with God Prayer	Episode 4 Connection Explores what prayer is and different Types of prayer The Lord's Prayer or model Christian Prayer.
Chapter 21 - Saints: Inspiring people of faith	Episode 7 - The Church: a force for good
Chap 25 The Passion & Death Of Jesus The events of Holy week Jesus passion, Crucifixion and death	Episode 2 Worth Session 3 Explores Jesus passion, crucifixion and death
Chap 26 The Resurrection of Jesus	Episode 3 New Beginnings Explores the resurrection of Jesus and Its meaning. Also the evidence for the Resurrection and the appearances of Jesus
Chap 27 Spreading the Good News The events of Pentecost and the coming Of the Holy Spirit	Episode 6 Guide Covers the events described in Acts 2 At Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit The Power and Gifts of the The Holy Spirit
Chap 28 Creation Stories Sacred Story creation of Adam & Eve Its meaning and relevance	Episode 1 Masterpiece Creation story from Genesis Episode 2 Worth Adam and Eve and their choices
Chapter 33 - Religious and Non-Religious Responses to Big Questions	Episode 8 - Our choices
Faith and Science	Episode 1 Masterpiece Explores the creation of the universe in All its complexity and beauty and the debate between science & faith
Chap 44 Rituals & Rites of Passage Confirmation	Episode 6 Guide - Explores the person and work of Holy Spirit, the gifts and working of the Holy Spirit and confirmation

LEARNING OUTCOMES	
Inspire: Junior Cycle R.E.	NUA:Fresh Perspective (14/15+yrs)
Chapter 1 - What is R.E? Page 7: exploring questions	Episode 1: Section 1 - The search for meaning
Chapter 2 - Page 12: Religious Symbols - The Cross. Chapter 25 - The Passion and Death of Jesus	Episode 3: Section 1 - The Cross / Jesus' Death and Resurrection
Chapter 3 - Page 21: Oral Tradition Chapter 11 - The Biblical writings of Jesus	Episode 2: Section 2 - The Bible (Historical evidence & Oral Tradition)
Chapter 3 - Sacred Texts. Page 21: the Bible	Episode 2: Section 1 - The Bible
Chapter 11 - The Work of Jesus	Episode 4: Section 1 - The Life of Jesus
Chapter 11 - The Biblical writings of Jesus/The Gospels	Episode 2: Section 3 - The Gospel Writers
Chapter 11 - Page 82: The Gospel Writings	Episode 2: Section 1 - The Bible
Chapter 11 - Page 84: The purpose of Jesus' ministry	Episode 6: Section 2 - Jesus' response to suffering
Chapter 11 - The Work of Jesus. Page 85: Jesus the miracle-worker	Episode 4: Section 2 - Jesus' Miracles
Chapter 11 & 12: The work and wisdom of Jesus	Episode 8: Section 2 - The person of Jesus
Chapter 12 - The Wisdom of Jesus	Episode 4: Section 1 - The Life of Jesus
Chapter 12 - Page 90: Religious leaders and the law	Episode 5: Section 2 - The law and the religious leaders
Chapter 12 - Page 91: The Good Samaritan	Episode 5: Section 3 - Good Samaritan
Chapter 14 - Compassion and Justice. Page 116: A Religious understanding of Justice - A Christians Perspective	Episode 5: Section 1 - Injustice
Chapter 15 - Homelessness & Faith in Action	Episode 6: Section 3 - Responses to suffering
Chapter 15 - Page 123: Christian faith in action	Episode 7: Section 3: the Church : a force for good

LEARNING OUTCOMES	
Inspire: Junior Cycle R.E.	NUA:Fresh Perspective (14/15+yrs)
Chapter 19 - Page 174: An unpredictable journey - Challenges in faith	Episode 6: Section 1 - Suffering
Chapter 21 - Saints: Inspiring people of faith	Episode 7: Section 3: the Church : a force for good
Chapter 26 - The Resurrection of Jesus	Episode 3: Section 1 - The Cross / Jesus' Death and Resurrection Episode 3: Section 2 - The Empty Tomb Episode 3: Section 3 - The Disciples at Jesus' Resurrection
Chapter 26 - Page 237: Doubting Thomas	Episode 4: Section 3 – Doubts
Chapter 28 - Page 260: Religion and Science - conflict or complementary	Episode 1: Section 2 - Science and Faith
Chapter 31 - The Human search for meaning and purpose	Episode 1: Section 1 - The search for meaning
Chapter 31 - the Human search for Meaning and Purpose	Episode 8: Section 1 - The struggles of humanity
Chapter 31/33	Episode 1: Section 3 - Meaning and purpose in life
Chapter 33 - Religious and Non-Religious Responses for Big Questions	Episode 1: Section 1 - The search for meaning
Chapter 33 - Religious and Non-Religious Responses to Big Questions	Episode 8: Section 3 - Our choices
Chapter 38 - Dialogue in Christianity. Page 353: Sectarianism in Christianity - the Troubles in Northern Ireland	Episode 7: Section 1 & Section 2 - Church: The good, bad and the ugly.
Chapter 40 - Terrorism has no religion. Page 372: Is religion to blame for terrorism?	Episode 7: Section 1 & Section 2 - Church: The good, bad and the ugly.
Chapter 41 - Page 382: Forgiveness in Christianity	Episode 4: Section 1 - The Life of Jesus

Non-Exam General Topic Links - Senior Cycle

Topic	NUA:Origins (9/10-14 yrs)	NUA:Fresh Perspective (14/15+ yrs)
God's Existence	Episode 1	Episode 1 Episode 2 part 1 Episode 5 street interview
God and Science	Episode 1 part 1 Episode 2 part 1	Episode 1 part 1
Is God real?	Episode 1 part 2	Episode 1 part 2 & 3
Early Writings	Episode 1 part 1	Episode 2 part 1 Episode 8 part 2
Are miracles possible?	Episode 3 part 1	Episode 2 part 2
New Testament accuracy	Episode 3 part 1	Episode 2 part 3
Expecting a Savior	Episode 2 part 1 & 2	Episode 8 part 2
Suffering	Episode 2 part 3	Episode 6
Holy Spirit	Episode 1 part 3 Episode 2 part 1 Episode 3 part 2 & 3 Episode 6 part 3	
Truth	Episode 1 part 3	Episode 4 part 1 Episode 8 part 3
Crucifixion and Death	Episode 2 part 3	Episode 3 part 1 Episode 8 part 2
Resurrection	Episode 3 part 1 & 2	Episode 3 part 2 & 3
What was Jesus like?	Episode 5	Episode 4 Episode 8 part 2
The Church	Episode 7	Episode 7
The Bible	Episode 5	Episode 2
Creation	Episode 2 part 1	Episode 8 part 1

Topic	NUA:Origins (9/10-14 yrs)	NUA:Fresh Perspective (14/15+ yrs)
Morality		Episode 5
Conscience	Episode 4 part 3	Episode 1 part 1 Episode 3 part 3 Episode 5 part 3
Anger	Episode 5 part 2	Episode 5 part 1
Original Sin	Episode 2 part 1	Episode 6
Commandments	Episode 7 part 2 Episode 8	Episode 4, 5, 7 & 8
Religion	Episode 7 part 1	Episode 7 part 2
Fear	Episode 3 part 2	Episode 5 part 3
Social Justice	Episode 7 part 2	Episode 5 part 3 Episode 7 part 2
Choice	Episode 3 part 3 Episode 8 part 3	Episode 8 part 3