

RE

Christianity - Easter

Year 3

Spring 2

Key Knowledge

Learning about religion

For Christians, there are many significant days over the Easter period:

Lent – a period of fasting for 40 days before Holy Week

Palm Sunday – Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem

Maundy Thursday – Jesus’ last supper

Good Friday – the day Jesus was crucified on the cross

Easter Sunday – the resurrection of Jesus

During the Last Supper, Jesus knew that he was about to be betrayed. He shared bread and wine with his disciples to signify his body and blood – this was to show he was sharing himself with them.

Many Christians believe Jesus wasn’t afraid because he knew that his death would teach people an important lesson – it was all part of God’s plan to show people they can be forgiven and start afresh. His resurrection gave them hope of Heaven and no fear of dying. Many Christians believe that Jesus gave the ultimate sacrifice to save/redeem them.

Learning from religion

Forgiveness is an important aspect of relationships – it can be difficult to forgive others but it can be even harder to hold onto grudges.

Key images



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- make connections between how Christians celebrate Easter and the events in the last week of Jesus' life
- make connections between the Christian celebration of the Eucharist, Holy Communion and what Jesus said and did at the Last Supper
- make connections between the resurrection and ascension of Jesus and Christian belief in life after death

Prior learning

- In EYFS children will have had some experiences of different religions and festivals.
- In Year 1 and 2, they learnt about some other Christian festivals and some of Jesus’ teachings

Key vocabulary

Spelling	Definition
Crucifixion	a method of punishment in which a person is tied or nailed to a large wooden cross or beam
Resurrection	bringing someone back to life after they have died
Disciples	a learner or follower
Betray	to not be loyal or faithful to something or someone
Fasting	when someone does not eat or drink for some specified period of time
Heaven	The place where God lives and rules eternally
Redemption	the act of saving or being saved from sin, error, or evil
Sacrifice	a loss or something you give up, usually for the sake of a better cause

Possible experiences

See if you can give up something that is important to you for a period of time

Re-enact the last supper

Debate ‘is Good Friday really good?’

Possible deeper thinking questions

What happens when we die?

Can any good come from death?

Can you always forgive someone who betrays your trust?