

Love and Easter

The Easter story is at the heart of Christianity. These sessions explore the life of Jesus as an adult, leading up to his crucifixion and death on the cross. After his death, his followers realised that God had raised his son from the dead.

Background Information

Easter Sunday is the culmination of Holy Week. Easter, also called Pascha (Greek, Latin) or Resurrection Sunday, is a festival and holiday commemorating the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, described in the New Testament as having occurred on the third day after his burial following his crucifixion by the Romans at Calvary. The Easter story is at the heart of Christianity. Death by crucifixion was one of the most gory ends, and was typically reserved for those seen to challenge Roman authority.



For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

John 3: 16

In this unit the children will...

Remember the temptation of Jesus.

Take part in an 'ashing' service.

Reflect upon their behaviour,

Know why Christians 'fast'.

Know the Bible records of Jesus as an adult, his words, actions and stories; and use these to consider our own behaviour and actions. This links to the previous term's worship.

Consider the feelings of others, and discuss what we are grateful for.

Know the Easter story, and that this is the most important event in the Christian calendar.

By the end of this unit...

All children can:

Discuss the messages given through the story of Christ and his life and teaching.

Make connections to their own life and how they should/could live.

Discuss the stories from the life of Jesus .

Most children will:

Think about the teachings to influence their actions and behaviours.

Know what Lent is and the meaning of Easter.

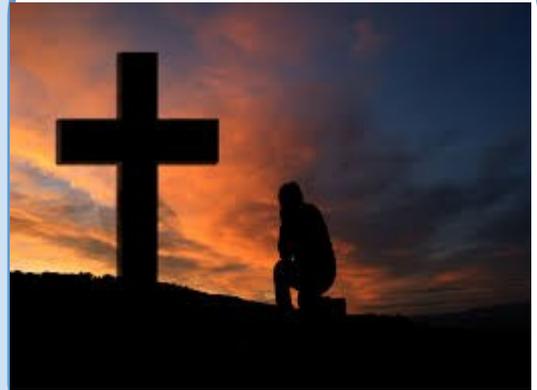
Understand that Easter is the most important event on the Christian calendar.

Some children will:

Reflect upon how they can apply these teachings to their own lives.

Discuss their experiences and struggles—especially temptation.

Be able to link the story to other Christian concepts.



Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ has taught us what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for him: give us the will to be the servant of others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us, yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever.

Key Vocabulary

Ministry Easter Lent Teaching Ash Wednesday Faithful Fasting Palm
Temptation Creation Reflection Community Forgiveness Neighbour Strength
Identity Transformation Grace Growth Challenge Christlike Decisions