

Why is Easter special to Christians?

End of Unit Goal – Children will be able to draw on their experiences to understand the meaning of Easter to Christians.

| Date | Objective (s) | Task/activity | Resources | Key Vocabulary |
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| Lesson 1 | I can talk about what Palm Sunday is. | <p><u>Main Teaching/Differentiated Activities/Challenges</u></p> <p>Children to sit in a circle, show the children the plush ‘Easter’ toy set. Talk through each of the objects. Explain that we are coming up to a very special time of year, Easter. What is Easter? Gather children’s ideas and thoughts. Explain that Easter starts with ‘Palm Sunday’ – share the video explaining what ‘Palm Sunday’ is - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ITmbTuutBgg</p> | Easter Plush Set | Easter, celebrate, Christians, palm Sunday, palm leaves. |
| Lesson 2 | I can talk about what happened on Good Friday. | <p><u>Main Teaching/Differentiated Activities/Challenges</u></p> <p>Good Friday. Ask the children to discuss with their talk partner about what they remember about ‘Palm Sunday’ – share as a class. Children to sit in a circle, place hot cross buns in the middle. What are they? Why do you think they are there? What can you see? Watch the video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wnbo2AmS3OI about the Easter Story, focussing on the section about ‘Good Friday’ – stop the video before Jesus Resurrection. Ask the children to discuss in talk partners about what happened to Jesus, why did this happen? Children to taste the hot cross buns (Take photo for track display) – why do we eat hot cross buns at Easter time?</p> | Hot Cross Buns, Youtube video. | Plam Sunday, good Friday, Christians, Jesus, resurrection, easter. |
| Lesson 3 | I can talk about what happened on Easter Saturday. | <p><u>Main Teaching/Differentiated Activities/Challenges</u></p> <p>Ask the children what they know about the Easter story so far? Recap Palm Sunday and Good Friday, what happened on these days? Explain that the next important day during Easter is Easter Saturday – this is the day that Jesus is laid to rest in a tomb. What is a tomb? Explain to the children that we are going to make our very own Easter Garden to remember Jesus and celebrate his life. Bring out a tuff tray. Use gravel, soil, grass etc to make an easter garden. Use a plant pot on its side for the tomb? what could we use for the stone to</p> | Tuff tray, gravel, soil, grass, people | Palm sundya, good Friday, easter Saturday, tomb, resurrection, friends, feelings |

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| | | cover the tomb? Add small world characters to the easter garden. Explain that Jesus' friends came to visit him to remember him and celebrate his life. | | |
| Lesson 4 | I can talk about the symbols of easter. | <p><u>Main Teaching/Differentiated Activities/Challenges</u></p> <p>Recap the Easter Story so far – what do we know? Children to discuss with a talk partner. Make a mind map of children's thoughts and knowledge. Go through the Easter story powerpoint – linking each of the slides to the important days of Easter – Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Easter Saturday and Easter Sunday. Ask the children what they know now, add children's knowledge to the mind map. Children to sit in a circle, bring out the A4 picture cards of the Easter story, can the children work as a class to order the story of Easter? Adult to model explaining each part of the story, display these on the washing line. Ask the children to think about different emotions throughout the story. How did they feel? Why did they feel this way? Explain to the children that the stone symbolises the Easter Egg. Take the children on to the beyond space and go on an Easter Egg hunt.</p> | Easter eggs, Easter Story powerpoint, story sequencing cards, easter egg template. | Easter, Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Easter Saturday and Easter Sunday, jesus, emotions |
| Lesson 5 | I can talk about how easter links to new life. | <p><u>Main Teaching/Differentiated Activities/Challenges</u></p> <p>Discuss children's prior knowledge around Easter, refer to the mind map created in last week's lesson. Children to share their ideas. Explain that Easter is celebrated by Christians, however there a lots of other symbols linked to Easter. Talk about the meaning of new life. Share the 'Signs of New Life at Easter Time' powerpoint with the children.</p> | Mind Map, Share the 'Signs of New Life at Easter Time' powerpoint | Easter, Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Easter Saturday and Easter Sunday, jesus, emotions, symbols, new life |
| Lesson 6 | | <p>Easter Workshop with Reverend Katherine Bagnall</p> <p>Easter Assembly Performance to Parents/Carers/Rest of School</p> | | |