



Y2 RE– Christianity

Easter and Resurrection

Key Knowledge:

The Easter story is very important to Christians as it reminds them of Jesus' death and celebrates his resurrection. There are four important days during Holy Week: Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

On Good Friday, Christians remember the day that Jesus was crucified. Leaders in Jerusalem were jealous that people listened to Jesus and so they had him crucified. Christians believe it is 'good', because Jesus showed great love and died for the sins of others. When he died, his body was put in a stone tomb.

On Easter Sunday, Christians celebrate Jesus' resurrection. The resurrection of Jesus gives Christians the promise of eternal life in heaven.

Some of Jesus' friends went to visit his tomb on the Sunday after he died. They were surprised to find it empty. After his resurrection Jesus visited his disciples before going up to heaven to live with God.

Many Christians go to church at Easter. Parts of the Bible are read and special hymns are sung. Hot cross buns are eaten. The cross reminds people that Jesus died on the cross. Many Christians send Easter cards. Eggs are painted and chocolate eggs are given. The eggs symbolise new life and are the same shape as the rock that was rolled in front of Jesus' tomb.

Learning Questions

Can we reflect on how seasons change?

Can we retell the Easter story?

Can we discuss different beliefs Christians have about Jesus' resurrection?

Is it true that Jesus came back to life again?

What do Christians believe happened next?

Is it okay to believe in different things ?

Vocabulary

Easter	The oldest and most important Christian festival.
Christians	People who follow the religion of Christianity.
Jesus	The son of God.
Resurrection	When Jesus came back to life.
Disciples	The twelve followers of Jesus.
Symbolise	When something stands for something else.
Betray	To be unfaithful or break a promise to someone.
Holy Communion	A special service in church, where Christians share bread and wine.
Crucified	Put to death on a cross.
Sins	Bad actions.
Tomb	A place cut into rock or underground, where the dead are buried.
Eternal	Lasting forever.
Heaven	Christians believe this is where God lives and where good people go after death.
Bible	The Christian holy book.