

Preston Primary School Knowledge Organiser

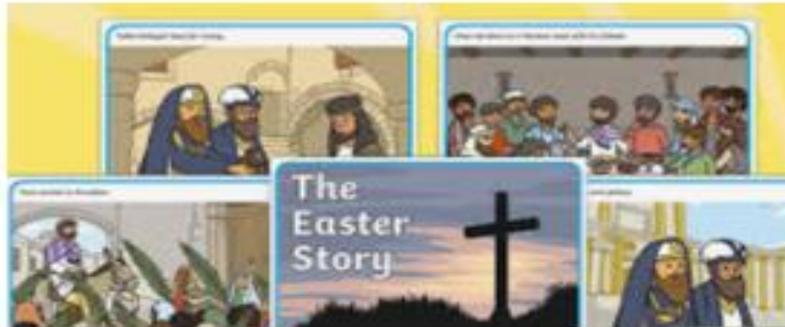
RE: Why does Easter matter to Christians?

Term: Spring 2

Unt 2: Year 1 and 2

Duration: 6 weeks

What do Christians think about God? What happened in the Easter story? How do Christians say celebrate Easter?



Important information

Easter is the most important celebration for Christians during the year. It is a time for them to reflect on the events in the life of Jesus from Palm through to Easter Sunday.

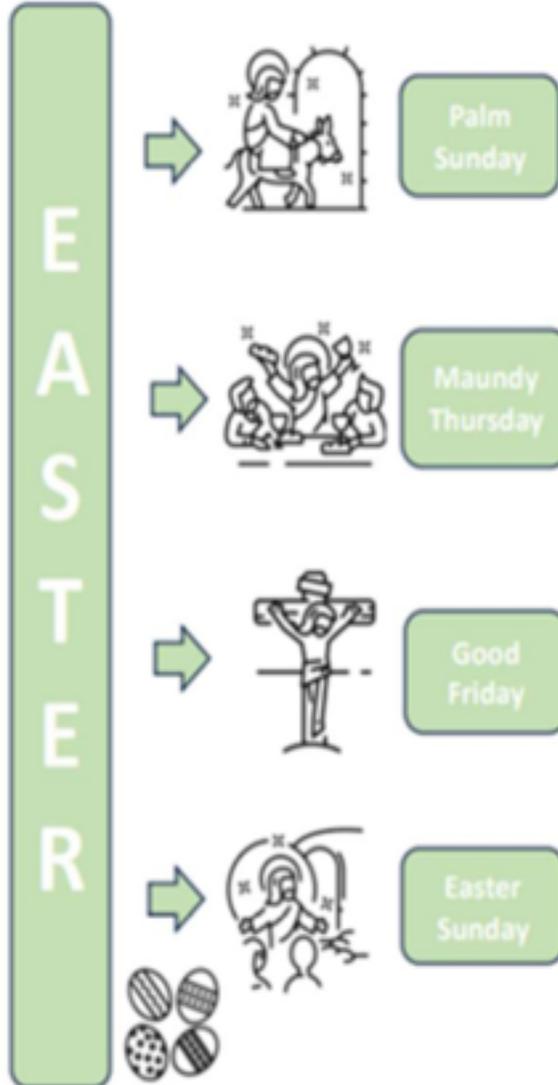
Christians remember how through his death and **resurrection** Jesus healed the rift between humanity and God caused by sin. Christians refer to Jesus as **Saviour** as he saved them from being away from God and brought them **salvation** so that when they die, they can have **eternal life** in heaven with God.

Easter can be celebrated in many ways, **religious** and **secular**. During Easter week, sometimes called Holy Week, many Christians will feel a lot of different emotions, they will feel happy on Palm Sunday when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. They may feel sad and upset on **Good Friday** as they remember this as the day Jesus died.

In **Easter Sunday** they will feel very happy as they remember the **resurrection** of Jesus when he defeated death and came back to life with a promise of eternal life.

Other people will focus on the **secular** celebration of Easter by giving **Easter Eggs** and looking out for the **Easter Bunny**. Even though this is the same time of year it can be celebrated very differently, although Christians may also give **Easter Eggs** but will always think about the death and resurrection of Jesus as the eggs symbolize the new life Jesus has brought as the Saviour.

So how does it all work?



Vocabulary

God: The all loving and powerful being that Christians believe created the world and everything in it.

Salvation: being saved or rescued so that humans are no longer separated from God.

Saviour: Jesus came to save or rescue people.

Resurrection: Jesus returned to life after dying.

Eternal life: the belief that through Jesus' death Christians can go to heaven to be with God.

Easter: The Christian festival which remembers the resurrection of Jesus.

Good Friday: The Friday of Holy week, the day which Jesus was sacrificed.

Worship: To pray and follow.

Religious: believing in a religion.