

Topic: Easter – Suffering and Hardship

Phase: UKS2

Strand: Investigating and reflecting

What should I already know?

- I know that Easter is a time of great joy for Christians, mixed with some sadness and periods of great reflection.
- I know that Christians believe Jesus died to save them from their sins and to reunite them with God, and that this is why He is called 'The Saviour of Mankind'.

At the end of the unit I will be able to:

- Talk about real-life incidents where life might not seem fair and give my opinions as to why / why not this might be true, and talk about what 'costs' are involved on both sides, investigating what Christians believe about suffering, hardship and death.
- Reflect personally on a Bible passage and can share my ideas as to what Christians may glean from this today.
- Use my knowledge of the life of Jesus to put together an accurate timeline of events from his life, and use a Bible to find and research the events of Holy Week.
- Investigate and examine the symbolism of the Eucharist and talk about what it means for Christians.
- Reflect upon a piece of religious poetry and use my knowledge of the life, suffering, hardship and death of Jesus to create an el Salvador Cross.

Important things to know...

The most solemn week of the Christian year, Holy Week, is the week leading up to Easter, and is the week during which Christians particularly remember the last week of Jesus's life. Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, when Jesus entered the city of Jerusalem. The week leads us through the Last Supper, His crucifixion, and ends on Easter Sunday with His resurrection. Holy Week is important as it reminds Christians of God's sacrifice of his son, and also God's love for his people. Christians can learn much about Jesus through the last week of his life.

Easter is the most important festival in the Christian calendar. It celebrates God raising his son Jesus from the dead as well as the destruction of the power of sin and death forever. It symbolises the opening of Heaven with the gift of eternal life to everyone.



Vocabulary

Rescue	an act of freeing someone or something from danger
Sin	an offense against religious or moral law
Empathy	the ability to share and understand other peoples feelings.
Saviour	someone who saves something or someone from danger, harm, failure, etc.