



R.E. LESSON PLAN - WATFORD SCHOOLS TRUST

LESSON TITLE Easter – Jesus is alive!	LEARNING STAGE KS1/ LKS2	WST TEACHER/DATE Mrs Tricia Bastable/ Mrs Johanna Jordan
AIM: To know and consider why Easter is important to Christians. LEARNING OBJECTIVE: To explore the Easter story and consider its significance to Christians.	MAIN AREA/S OF LEARNING (Herts R.E. Agreed Syllabus 2017-22) Beliefs and practices Sources of wisdom Other AOL covered: Justice and fairness	LESSON RESOURCES WST provides: Video lesson: https://youtu.be/x9gTfoFQb4o Worksheets available on our website: www.watfordschoolstrust.org/lesson-plans/ School to provide: Photocopies of worksheet Pencils, colouring pencils

Introduction:

Johanna introduces the lesson (with her daughter) by talking about ‘surprise’ eggs. They normally contain a little surprise (a toy). But what if the surprise egg wouldn’t contain a surprise. That would be rather surprising.

The Easter story is a bit like that! This lesson covers a simple retelling of the Easter story from the Bible. In the Easter story, we meet Jesus. Christians believe that Jesus gave his life for his friends.

Main part:

Johanna and Tricia tell the Easter story, illustrated by cartoon pictures from www.freebibleimages.com. They cover:

- Palm Sunday: Jesus arrives in Jerusalem and is welcomed as king, but religious leaders plan to kill Jesus.
- The Last supper: Jesus shares the Passover meal with his friends and announces his death by sharing bread and wine and giving meaning to the bread (his body) and wine (his blood).
- Jesus’ arrest, crucifixion and burial: Jesus is arrested. After a short trial, the religious leaders demand that Jesus is crucified. Jesus dies on the cross. His friends bury his body in a tomb.
- Jesus’ resurrection: On Sunday morning (the third day), Jesus’ friends find the tomb empty. An angel tells them that Jesus is alive. Later Jesus comes among them and shows his scars. Jesus’ friends believe he is alive and tell everyone the good news. Jesus leaves his friends after 40 days and goes to heaven.

Christians believe that Jesus is alive today in heaven and looks after people on earth.

Application:

Tricia explains the importance of Easter. Christians believe that Jesus died on the cross to forgive people for all the bad things they do, say or think (sins). And he came alive again because he was the Son of God and had done nothing wrong himself.

Christians celebrate Easter with special services in their Churches. They might eat chocolate eggs too to celebrate new life. When they think of the day when Jesus died (Good Friday) they say **sorry** to God for the wrong things they have thought and said and done.

And when they remember the day Jesus came back to life (Easter Sunday) they **thank God** for loving them so much that He gave his only son to die on a cross for them. Christians believe that because Jesus came back to life again, they will be able to live with God in heaven for ever after they die. They believe that although Jesus was God's son He gave up his life so that they could be friends with God.

Johanna finishes the lesson by explaining that hollow chocolate eggs remind us of the empty tomb when Jesus had risen from the dead.

Activity:

Worksheets are available on our website. We suggest children draw a happy and sad moment in the story and describe why they think these are happy/sad moments. Alternatively children could draw a story board of the Easter story.

Class teacher's notes

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