



R.E. LESSON PLAN - WATFORD SCHOOLS TRUST

LESSON TITLE	LEARNING STAGE UKS2	WST TEACHER/DATE
Easter – Holy week		Mrs Bastable Mrs Jordan
AIM: To know the events of Holy Week LEARNING OBJECTIVE: To explore the significance of Holy Week for Christians.	MAIN AREA/S OF LEARNING (Herts R.E. Syllabus 2017-22) Sources of wisdom Beliefs and practices Other AOL covered: Justice and fairness Identity and belonging Symbols and actions Ultimate questions	LESSON RESOURCES WST provides: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Video lesson about Holy week- Worksheet to make simple drawings/draw symbols or Holy Week (download from www.watfordschoolstrust.org/lesson-plans/) School to provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- copies of worksheets- pencils Links to resources used in this video: https://request.org.uk/restart/2017/03/14/holy-week-and-easter/ www.freebibleimages.org

Intro: The aim of this lesson is to provide an overview of Holy Week, the last week of Jesus' life. A range of resources has been used to make this video, including video clips from RE:quest (<https://request.org.uk/restart/2017/03/14/holy-week-and-easter/>), readings from 'Easter stories' by Bob Hartman (Lion Hudson) and further brief narratives to complete the story of Holy Week. We have used illustrations from www.freebibleimages.org

Johanna starts the lesson by explaining the meaning of Holy Week (Holy = connected to God). Christians believe that Jesus is the Son of God, who came to earth to restore the broken friendship between God and people and to bring forgiveness. During the last week of Jesus' life, many things happened and these help us understand who Christians believe Jesus really was.

The following events are covered:

Palm Sunday - video clip from RE:quest Jesus arrives in Jerusalem and is welcomed as a king by the crowd who wave palm branches in the air and put their coats on the road. The religious leaders are jealous and unhappy about all the attention Jesus receives.

Monday - clearing of the temple. Tricia reads 'Jesus knocks down the tables in the temple', chapter 2 from 'Easter stories' by Bob Hartman (Lion Hudson). The story is illustrated with pictures from www.freebibleimages.org. Jesus finds the temple courts full with trades people who are treating people badly and cheating them. Jesus, in his anger over this, turns the tables upside down. He claims that the temple is God's house, not a place for thieves. The religious leaders are angry with Jesus.

Tuesday - a trick question. Johanna reads part of 'A taxing question', chapter 4 from 'Easter stories' by Bob Hartman (Lion Hudson). During the beginning of holy week, Jesus spent a lot of time talking to people. He told many parables (stories with a special message) and he challenged the religious leaders and their beliefs. The religious leaders tried to trick Jesus by asking whether people should pay taxes to Caesar (the Roman occupiers)? Jesus answers: "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, but give to God what belongs to God". As Jesus gives a good answer, the religious leaders are angrier than ever. The story is illustrated with pictures from www.freebibleimages.org

Wednesday - Judas' betrayal. Johanna briefly tells about the religious leaders' plan to kill Jesus. One of Jesus' disciples, called Judas Iscariot, offers to help the religious leaders arrest Jesus. They offer him 30 silver coins. And the deal was done! Pictures from www.freebibleimages.org

Thursday - Last supper and Jesus arrested. Video clip from www.request.org.uk. Jesus has his last supper with his friends. He shares bread (symbolising his body) and wine (symbolising his blood) with his friends and announces that he is going to die. After the meal, Jesus and his disciples go to a nearby garden to pray. This is where Jesus is arrested.

Friday - Crucifixion and burial . Video clip from www.request.org.uk. Jesus is sentenced to death and crucified. Jesus dies on the cross and is buried in a tomb.

Saturday - Day of rest. Johanna explains that Saturday was the Sabbath, the Jewish day of rest. Jesus' followers mourned his death. All their hopes and dreams seemed shattered. But something amazing was about to happen!

Sunday - Resurrection. Video clip from www.request.org.uk telling the story of Jesus' resurrection.

Johanna finishes the lesson by explaining that Christians celebrate Easter to remember that Jesus gave his life on the cross and came back to life again. They believe that Jesus was the Son of God who died to forgive them for all the wrong things they think, the wrong things they say and the wrong things they do, and because Jesus came back to life again they believe that they too will have life in heaven with God forever. Easter is a celebration of new life!

Activity:

As an activity to reflect on the lesson, we suggest that children make a simple storyboard by drawing pictures or symbols reflecting the events of Holy Week. A worksheet is available on our website www.watfordschooltrust.org

Class teacher's notes

For further lesson plans, resources and support material visit
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