



## R.E. LESSON PLAN - WATFORD SCHOOLS TRUST

LESSON TITLE	LEARNING STAGE	WST TEACHER/DATE
Easter	KS1	Mrs Tricia Bastable/ Mrs Johanna Jordan
<b>AIM:</b> To know and consider why Easter is important to Christians.  <b>LEARNING OBJECTIVE:</b> To explore the Easter story and consider its significance to Christians.	<b>MAIN AREAS OF LEARNING</b> (Herts R.E. Agreed Syllabus 2017-22)  Beliefs and practices Sources of wisdom  <b>Other AOL covered:</b> Justice and fairness	<b>LESSON RESOURCES</b> <b>WST will bring:</b> Props (cross, Easter egg, palm leaves, few clothes, communion cup and plate) PPT Worksheet to photocopy Bible  <b>School to provide:</b> Photocopies of worksheet Pencils, colouring pencils

**Introduction:** Today we are going to think about a story that is really important to Christians. It comes from their special book: the Bible (show Bible). Show a Cross and an Easter egg. Can anyone tell me what these are and which story we are going to think about? Easter!

Christians believe that God made the world and the people. They believe that God wanted people to be friends with him, but that people made choices that made it impossible for them to be friends with God. The Bible teaches that Jesus came into the world to help people be friends with God again by telling them all about God, by teaching them how to live and by bringing forgiveness into the world. Christians believe that Jesus was God's son. He spent the last three years of his life travelling round and telling people that God loved everyone. This annoyed some of the religious leaders who thought **they were the ones** who knew everything about God.

### **Main content:**

Tell the story of Easter, including Palm Sunday (interactive story), Good Friday (briefly) and Easter Sunday (Lion's Storyteller Bible). Ask children to imagine how Jesus' friends might have felt and discuss why.

Use PPT to show some pictures to illustrate the story.

Christians celebrate Easter with special services in their Churches. They believe that although Jesus was God's son He gave up his life so they could be friends with God. 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 (called sins). 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.

**Activity:** Worksheet: draw a sad and a happy part of the story. Write a sentence under each drawing to explain why it was a sad/happy moment. Use speech bubbles to show how people are responding to the events.

**Extension activity:** Decorate an outline of an Easter egg with illustrations of the Easter story (i.e. a Cross and love hearts).

**Plenary:** What have we learned today?

Why is Easter an important time for Christians? Although Easter could be a sad time Christians are thankful to God for Jesus dying on the cross for them as they believe it shows them just how much God loves them. They celebrate Easter with lots of joyful songs, special services and of course chocolate!

**Deeper Questions - Possible follow up/class discussion suggestions**

What is the 'good news' that Jesus brings?

Why is the day Jesus died called 'Good'?

**Class teacher's notes**

