

R.E. Medium term plan Spring 2 Year B

Reception Why is Easter special to Christians? F3
Week 1 New life. Explore signs of new life in plants outdoors. Look at videos/photos of chicks, baby animals.
Week 2 Link Winter/dead plants and arrival of Spring with Christian Lent and Easter. Palm Sunday story.
Week 3 Palm Sunday traditions in Christian church- palm crosses, processions, hymns.
Week 4 Good Friday- Creation of Easter Garden.
Week 5 Easter. Christian belief that Jesus came back to life.
Week 6 Christian and secular celebrations at Easter time.
Y1/Y2 Why does Easter matter to Christians? 1.5
Week 1 Events of Holy week set up as a time line with key objects. Emotions of followers identified. Palm Sunday- palm leaves, donkey. Joyful.
Week 2 Last supper- cup and bread. Solemn. Puzzled.
Week 3 Jesus' arrest. Fear. Shock.
Week 4 Good Friday events. Fear. Grief.
Week 5 Easter Sunday. Joy. Amazement.
Week 6 Salvation- Jesus showing followers that new life possible after death.
Y3/4 What is the "Trinity" and why is it important to Christians? L2.3
Week 1 Think about the properties of water in daily life and its symbolism in Christianity.
Week 2 Recap on meaning of Gospel. Read story of baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist from Matthew 3 13-17. Use large Bible from library and then children's bible. Discuss the voice and the dove. Explain that this is a picture of the Trinity. Discuss the role of God the father, God the son, and God the holy spirit. Venn diagram, celtic trefoil useful.
Week 3 Look at artwork depicting the baptism- e.g. Verrocchio and David Bonnell https://www.artbible.info/search.php?searchIn=2&sub=3&q=baptism https://pixels.com/featured/the-baptism-of-the-christ-with-dove-daniel-bonnell.html Discuss how differences and similarities in their depiction of the Trinity. Children create their own artwork of baptism.
Week 4 Children draft ideas for a prayer at baptism of a baby. Look at actual baptism service and compare with their ideas. https://chelseaparish.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/baptism-service.pdf Notice references to the Trinity. How is the service different for adults being baptised?
Week 5 Explore different types of baptism within Christian church. Anointing with a small amount of holy water partial or total immersion- as was Jesus' baptism. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gps32sTYnsw Discuss which they think is most meaningful and why. Discuss symbolism of white, water, light.
Week 6 Return to the unit question. Asks children to express their response by designing a work of art entitled The Holy Trinity for a church. Suggest they use a triangle, trefoil, triptych or Venn diagram as a starting point, and to include relevant symbols. Ask them to write a short piece to accompany their work of art as an explanation.
Y5/6 For Christians, what kind of King is Jesus? U2.6
Week 1 Transforming the world. Discuss the problems the world is facing today. Find out about some winners of the Nobel peace prize or Niwano peace prize. List ways in which people could make the world a better place.
Week 2 Introduce idea of Jesus as a different sort of king- one who would make earth more like heaven. Explore idea of kingdom of God being not in a place but in people's hearts and minds. Explore the "kingdom parable" of the Feast- Luke 14 12-24. Explain the meaning in terms of the kingdom of God.
Week 3 Explore the parable of the Tenants in the vineyard. Matthew 21 33-46. https://parables.org.uk/the-tenants/ Discuss who the different characters represent and what Jesus' message was. Why did Jesus speak in parables like this?
Week 4 Explore how Christians try to make the world a better place by following Jesus' example. See trinitycheltenham.com, oasisuk.org, salvation army, church action on poverty, Christian prison fellowship, traidcraft.

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Week 5 Explore how Christians try to make the world a better place by following Jesus' example. Learn about local Christian action, visiting a centre, or inviting a visitor into school.

Week 6 Address the key question- what kind of king is Jesus? What are his ideas on kingship? (Serving others especially the vulnerable and those in need). Would his ideas work in the world today? Think of specific examples in news. What gets in the way of this happening?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pRhjWdr-LAA>