

# Why is Easter important to Christians? : RE : Year 4

	Learning Objective	Overview	Assessment Questions	Resources
<b>Lesson 1</b>	To learn about the events of Palm Sunday.	Children will recall what they already know about Christianity and who Jesus was before looking at the events surrounding Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem. They will consider why he was greeted by cheering crowds and find out how Christians commemorate Palm Sunday today.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can children talk about the fact that the crowd welcomed Jesus because he was the Messiah?</li> <li>Can children recount the story of Palm Sunday?</li> <li>Can children explore the feelings of Jesus as he faced death?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Slides</li> <li>Worksheet 1A/1B/1C</li> <li>Strips of card or palm leaves (FSD? activity only)</li> </ul>
<b>Lesson 2</b>	To learn about the significance of the Last Supper.	Children will identify the events surrounding the Last Supper and consider what Jesus was trying to teach his disciples through his actions. They will find out how Christians commemorate the Last Supper through communion and think about the meaning behind the bread and wine.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do children understand what Jesus was trying to tell his disciples at the Last Supper?</li> <li>Can children explain why Jesus described himself as a servant?</li> <li>Do children understand what the Eucharist is?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Slides</li> <li>Worksheet 2A/2B</li> <li>Information Sheet</li> <li>Access to internet</li> </ul>
<b>Lesson 3</b>	To learn about the events that led up to Jesus being arrested.	Children will find out what happened after the Last Supper and before Jesus was arrested. They will find out how Jesus was let down by his disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane and consider why some of the disciples acted in the way that they did.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can children retell the main events of the Garden of Gethsemane?</li> <li>Can children begin to understand the emotions involved in the events leading up to Jesus' death?</li> <li>Can children express their ideas in a variety of ways?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Slides</li> <li>Worksheet 3A/3B/3C</li> <li>Worksheet 3D (FSD? activity only)</li> <li>Art materials (FSD? activity only)</li> <li>Large sheets of paper (FSD? activity only)</li> </ul>
<b>Lesson 4</b>	To find out about the events and emotions surrounding the crucifixion of Jesus.	Children will read about the events surrounding the crucifixion, considering the reasons why Jesus was put to death. They will think about how other characters within the story were feeling at various points. They can then study some art portraying the crucifixion as a stimulus for considering how they feel about it.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can children describe the events of the crucifixion?</li> <li>Can children talk about the feelings of the disciples, Jesus, his friends and family?</li> <li>Can children explain some of the reasons why Jesus was put to death?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Slides</li> <li>Worksheet 4A/4B</li> <li>Question Cards</li> <li>Picture Cards</li> <li>Acrostic Poem Template (FSD? activity only)</li> </ul>
<b>Lesson 5</b>	To find out about the events of the resurrection and to explore Christian beliefs in life after death.	Children will find out what happened after Jesus was crucified and read the story of the resurrection. They will consider how different characters might have been feeling before exploring Christian beliefs about life after death.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can children talk about the resurrection and give reasons why Christians believe in life after death?</li> <li>Can children explain the symbolism of the cross and crucifix for some Christians?</li> <li>Can children interpret the different responses of people involved in the resurrection of Jesus?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Slides</li> <li>Worksheet 5A/5B/5C</li> <li>Picture Cards (FSD? activity only)</li> </ul>
<b>Lesson 6</b>	To learn about the meaning of 'Messiah' for Jesus and to summarise the events of Holy Week.	Children will find out the meaning of the word 'Messiah' and Christian beliefs about Jesus as the Messiah, reading the story of Mary Magdalene as an example. They will then be given the chance to consolidate what they have learnt about the events of Holy Week and answer the question, 'Why is Easter important to Christians?'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can children describe the main events of Holy Week?</li> <li>Do children understand what the word 'Messiah' means?</li> <li>Can children interpret different understandings of the role of the Messiah?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Slides</li> <li>Worksheet 6A/6B/6C</li> <li>Activity Cards (FSD? activity only)</li> </ul>