



Background Information for Teachers

Religion has played an important role in the world. The type of religion has changed from place to place and over different times; however, we still draw many messages from it today. The children will be focussing on Christianity. Here they will explore the Crucifixion. The children will consider whether God intended Jesus to be crucified or whether Jesus's crucifixion was the consequence of events during Holy Week, finding supporting evidence. They will share their opinion about the importance for Christians of Jesus's death being part of God's plan.

What? (Knowledge)

Christians' meaning of Jesus's life

Christians believe that Jesus was the incarnation of God sent to the Earth to show people how to lead good lives, to die as a sacrifice to save the Earth (so they could be forgiven) and come back to life again to prove to Christians that they could also have life after death.

Events of Holy Week to explore

- Palm Sunday,
- The Last Supper, bread and wine,
- Judas' betrayal,
- Peter's denial,
- Praying on the Mount of Olives,
- Arrest,
- Four trials (Jewish council, Pilate, Herod, Pilate again),
- Crucifixion,
- Burial in tomb.

Evidence in Scripture

Using Luke's Gospel Chs. 20-23.

Do they think the evidence suggests this was either part of God's plan or a consequence of events that happened during the week.

Did Judas betray Jesus as part of God's plan or because he was jealous and wanted the bribe?

Did Jesus spend time in the temple teaching because it was part of God's plan or because the people asked him to?

Did Jesus get angry in the temple because he was afraid of what was about to happen or angry with the traders for conning people?

Key Question

Did God intend Jesus to be crucified and if so, was Jesus aware of this? How is Jesus's death remembered for the sacrifice he made? What was the contributing factors in Jesus's death? What was he accused of?

What? Vocabulary

Spelling	Definition/Sentence
Jesus	Son of God, Key figure in Christianity
Judas	One of Jesus's followers, who betrayed him for silver
Crucifixion	Death by being nailed to a cross
Consequence	Action that is the result of something that has happened
Evidence	Supporting material that adds merit to an opinion
Plan	Design for how something will happen
Gospel	The teaching of Jesus Christ
Luke	One of Jesus's disciples

Did Jesus know he was destined to die?

Christians believe God intended Jesus to be crucified and everything that happened was all part of his destiny. Jesus knew He was going to be crucified because at the Last Supper he said that the bread represented His body and the wine represented his blood, and they should remember him because he would not always be with them. He also knew that Peter would deny knowing Him three times and that Judas would betray him. Christians believe this was God's plan because somebody needed to take the punishment for everybody's sins or bad deeds.

Diagrams, Images and Symbols

