



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 Easter story and Good Friday. The children will explain why Christians believe Jesus's death to be important. They will reflect on whether they agree or disagree with Christian beliefs about Jesus.

What do I already know

The children have previously learnt about Palm Sunday in Christianity from Year 1 in the Spring Term. They focused on why Palm Sunday was important to Christians.

What? (Knowledge)

What is Good Friday?

Good Friday is a sad story. It is the day in the Holy week on which Jesus died. It is two days before Easter Sunday. In many churches, Christians retell the story of Jesus's crucifixion through the 'Stations of the Cross'.

Events of Good Friday

On Maundy Thursday, (ceremony on the Thursday before Easter) Jesus shared the Last Supper with his friends. He knew he would be betrayed by one of them and be arrested. He shared bread and wine with his friends, telling them, "This is my body. This is my blood. Share this in memory of me." Jesus was later betrayed and was condemned to be crucified by Pontius Pilate. Jesus was mocked and made to wear a crown of thorns. He had to carry his cross to a hill outside of the city. Jesus was nailed to the cross by the Roman soldiers alongside with two thieves. The bible says that the sky grew dark and the temple torn in two at the moment Jesus died. His body was taken down from the cross and placed in a stone tomb.

How was Jesus's death part of God's plan?

Christians believe Jesus's death was part of God's plan to show people that they can be forgiven and start a fresh. Just before his death, Jesus said "Father forgive them." Christians believe that God made a beautiful world, but people started forgetting how to be good to each other and now look at the planet. He sent Jesus to make things better, this meant forgiving them for what they had done wrong.

What is good about Good Friday?

Christians believe that Jesus willingly died to save them and came back to life to prove to them they will have life in Heaven when they die. From something sad came something amazing, Hope.

What? Vocabulary

Spelling	Definition/Sentence
Jesus	Son of God, Christian follow his teachings
Holy Week	The week before Easter beginning with Palm Sunday
Pontius Pilot	Roman ruler who put Jesus to death
Betrayed	To go behind one's back
Crucifixion	Ancient form of death where a person is nailed to a cross
Thorn Crown	Crown made of thorns to mock Jesus
Tomb	Enclosure for a body cut into the earth
Disciples	Early follower of Christ during his life
Hope	A feeling that things can get better

Key Question

Describe the duties a disciple would be responsible to perform during the time of Christ?

How do Christians celebrate Easter now compared to early years after Jesus's death?

Did Jesus die or was there a miracle performed by God to save him from the horrible death on the cross?

Diagrams, Images and Symbols

