

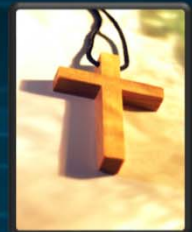


Christianity

CHRISTIAN FESTIVALS: EASTER

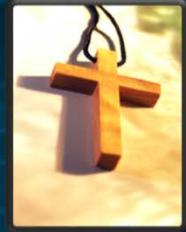
Learning Objectives

- All: will know what happens at Easter
- Most: will be able to give an explanation of the stories associated with Easter
- Some: will be able to consider the relevance of Easter in today's society



Key Words

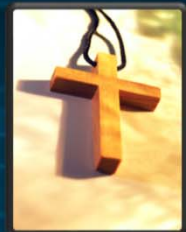
- Easter
- Holy (Maundy) Thursday
- Good Friday
- Holy Saturday
- Easter Day
- Crucifixion
- Resurrection
- Sacrifice



Starter

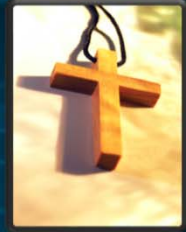
- Write down four words which you associate with Easter

Be prepared to share these with the class



Task One – Visual Stimulus

- Look at the pictures on the next two slides.
- Write down what you think each one has to do with Easter.



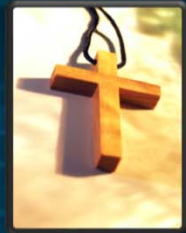
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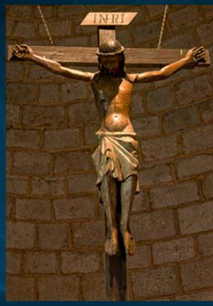
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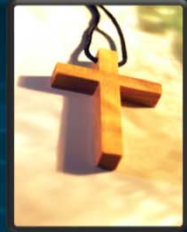
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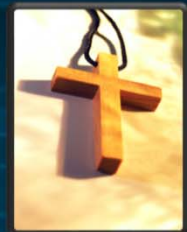


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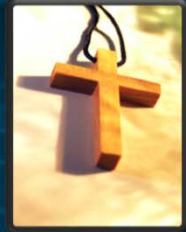
When is Easter?

- Easter Day is always on a Sunday, but the date varies from year to year (unlike Christmas which is always on December 25th).
- Easter Day is always on the Sunday following the first full moon after the first day of Spring (March 21st).
- This means that Easter can be as early as 22nd March or as late as 25th April.

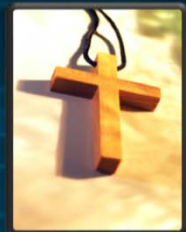


Easter

- Easter is the most important Christian festival.
- At Easter time Christians remember the last week of Jesus' life on earth.
- The week before Easter is called Holy Week:
 - Palm Sunday
 - Holy (Maundy) Thursday
 - Good Friday
 - Holy Saturday
 - Easter Day – the Day of the Resurrection.

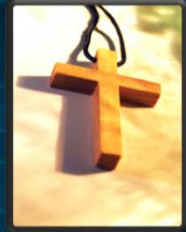


Sacrifice



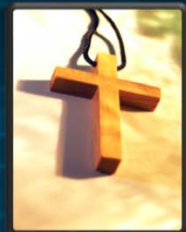
Task Two - Sacrifice

- In pairs discuss the video clip.
- Write down in your books what is the most precious thing to you and why.



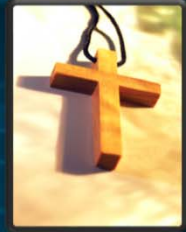
Holy (Maundy) Thursday

- The Church remembers how Jesus gave himself to his enemies to die on the cross and also how he gave himself in bread and wine to his disciples and to the Church forever.
- After supper that night (the Last Supper) Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane and was arrested.



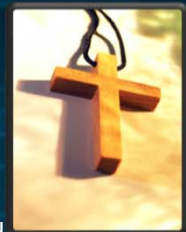
Good Friday

- On Good Friday Christians remember the day that Jesus was killed on a cross by Roman soldiers.
- This is the reason why the cross is an important sign for Christians today.
- There are crosses in churches and many Christians wear a cross on a chain.
- Jesus' body was placed in a tomb and the entrance was covered with a stone.



Easter Day

- Easter Sunday is a day for Christians to celebrate because they believe that Jesus rose from the dead and came back to earth on this day.
- They believe that Jesus' resurrection or coming back to earth shows that death is not the end.



Plenary

- Write a letter to your local Member of Parliament (MP) explaining why it is important that all school students are taught about Easter.

