RE Knowledge Organiser

Key Question

Why does Easter matter to Christians?

Topic Overview

Be introduced to the story of Holy Week and become familiar with the Easter story. Discuss the emotions felt by Jesus' followers over the course of Holy Week and note the change from Good Friday to Easter Sunday. Connect the idea of eggs, new life and the belief in Jesus' resurrection. Talk about the Christian belief that Jesus rises from death (resurrection) on the Sunday after his death, and how this shows Christians that Jesus has opened up a way for them to have a new life after they die with God in heaven. Find out ways churches celebrate different parts of Holy Week and connect with events in the story. Discuss why people find it helpful to believe there is life after death.

Key Vocabulary	
Disciples	Jesus' twelve followers
Holy Week	The week before Easter, starting on Palm Sunday
Palm Sunday	The Sunday before Easter Sunday, celebrating Jesus' arrival in
	Jerusalem.
Good Friday	The Friday before Easter Sunday, commemorating Jesus'
	crucifixion.
Easter Sunday	The day on which the resurrection of Jesus is commemorated.
Crucifixion	An ancient form of execution in which a person was nailed to a
	Cross.
Resurrection	The rising of Christ from the dead.
Salvation	Being saved from sin.





Learning Outcomes

Recognise that Incarnation and Salvation are part of a 'big story' of the Bible. Tell stories of Holy Week and Easter from the Bible and recognise a link with the idea of Salvation (Jesus rescuing people).

Give at least three examples of how Christians show their beliefs about Jesus' death and resurrection in church worship at Easter.

Think, talk and ask questions about whether the story of Easter only has something to say to Christians, or if it has anything to say to pupils about sadness, hope or heaven.