

RE Theme- Salvation (Digging Deeper)



Easter, new life,

beginnings

forgiveness

salvation

crucifixion

resurrection

New Life

Last Supper

Palm Sunday

Crucifixion

Good Friday

Resurrection

Easter Sunday

Holy Week

Life Cycle

Christian Values Focus

Service

Responsibility

Compassion

Hope

Forgiveness

Courage

Humility

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Important information



Most Christians see the Bible as telling a story about the ongoing relationship between God and Creation, with a particular focus on the bond between God and humanity. The good relationship was damaged very early on in the Bible story, with Adam and Eve eating fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and bad. This action illustrates a human tendency to go their own way — or to 'sin'. Called 'the Fall' by many Christians. God, however, still loves his creation and seeks to bring all people back into friendship. This is the link with

the concept of Salvation — of God 'saving' humans (and renewing the whole of creation).

One way of looking at this is that Jesus' death and resurrection heals the damage done by sin — so, if people ask for forgiveness, it is freely given, because Jesus has already paid the punishment. The death and resurrection should not be seen as a complete end to sin, however: sinning still happens and should be taken seriously, but can be forgiven by God through Jesus.

This unit focuses on Jesus building a bridge to God through his teachings and his example. Christians use these stories in different ways. Some will prepare for Easter during Lent, reading passages from the Easter story and meditating on Jesus' experience, perhaps particularly on his suffering.

Some Christians read the whole of the Passion narrative in John's Gospel (Chapters 18-20) in a service; others remember it in the Stations of the Cross, saying prayers recalling different events of Holy Week. This is the most significant Christian festival, remembering and celebrating the salvation offered through Jesus

Contribution to SMSC

Spiritual Development - Developing their own views and ideas on religious beliefs and stories.
Learning about Easter and the Christian Faith.

Moral Development —Thinking about why Forgiveness is important

Social Development- Considering how religious and other beliefs lead to particular actions and concerns



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	Each lesson uses the following skills	Lesson	What will you learn	Learning Review
	What is Hope? (Introduction to Christian Value) Recognise that God, Incarnation, Gospel and Salvation are part of the 'big story' of the Bible I can recall key events from the Easter Story- I can ask questions about those events.	1	Why does Easter matter to Christians? Recap the parts of the Easter story Place pictures from Holy Week onto an Easter story timeline.	Can you recall some key events from the Easter story?
	What is 'sin'? Why do Christians see Jesus as a 'Saviour'? Tell stories of Holy Week and Easter and make a link with the idea of Salvation (Jesus rescuing people)	2	Christians believe the world is spoiled by 'sin'. People keep wandering away from God. Jesus' name means 'he saves', and he came on a rescue mission to bring people back to God.	How did Jesus save- and continue to save- Christians?
	How do Christians remember Jesus' as a Saviour? Give at least three examples of how Christians show their beliefs about Jesus as saviour in church worship.	3	Look at images of footwashing from Maundy Thursday . • What example does Jesus set here? How does this link with the idea of Jesus 'saving' people?	What do we know about the washing of the feet?
	What does the story make me think about? How is forgiveness a key part of the Easter Story? Think, talk and ask questions about whether the text has something to say to them (for example, about whether forgiveness is important), exploring different ideas.	4	Let's Be Friends Again! by Hans Wilhelm	What do Christians believe about forgiveness?
	How was Jesus forgiving? How did he show this? Think, talk and ask questions about whether the text has something to say to them (for example, about whether forgiveness is important), exploring different ideas.	5	Look at Jesus' words on the cross: 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' Discuss who Jesus is forgiving and what is being forgiven	How was Jesus forgiving?
	What do Christians believe about 'Salvation'? Why is prayer important? Make the link back to the Christian idea that Jesus came to build a bridge back to God.	6	You will learn to write your own forgiveness prayer or poem.	What do Christians believe about Salvation?