


# Why do Christians have a Cross?

<p><b>Key Religion:</b></p>  <p><b>Christianity</b></p>	<p><b>Key Vocabulary:</b></p> <p>Salvation Jesus Easter Symbol Christianity</p>	<p><b>Key Concepts: Salvation</b></p> <p>Jesus' name means 'he saves', savior means rescuer. Christians remember Holy Week and how Jesus died and rose again.</p> <p>Christians believe that Jesus come to teach them about God's love and how to love one another.</p>
<p><b>Enhanced Classroom Provision:</b></p> <p>Book area Story books of Palm Sunday/ Children's Story Bible/Easter/Good Friday Writing/mark-making Writing 'Hosanna' on palm leaves or writing sorry, I forgive you notes, Easter cards Outdoor area/ Construction - build gateway into Jerusalem, bridge building/bridges to rescue people Music/Role play Creating music for Palm Sunday procession/painting stripes on biblical costumes and using for acting out story Small world Palm Sunday procession in builder's tray Creative area - make a peg-leg donkey/flags to wave/palm leaves, making crosses: twigs, building blocks, lolly sticks, elastic bands on nail boards, art straws, pipe cleaners, etc. Making an Easter garden/flower crosses Listening corner Palm Sunday songs/Easter songs Cookery - Easter-egg or cross-shaped Easter biscuits to ice, hot cross buns ICT/technology cameras for Easter story photo-shoot Sand/water/malleable figures - for an Easter garden Playdough with currants and spice for model hot cross buns</p>		<p><b>Key connections:</b></p> <p>Who is Jesus? Why was Jesus special? Where does the cross fit into the Easter story? What other Christian celebrations are there? How is Easter celebrated? Where do you see a cross? What would you see in a church?</p>

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## Key Knowledge

<b>What symbol is associated with Christianity?</b> A cross	<b>How might people celebrate Easter?</b> Answers can include: Going to church Giving Easter eggs Eating hot cross buns
<b>Who was Jesus?</b> God's son	
<b>Can you name another Christian celebration/festival?</b> Answers can include any Christian celebration/festival e.g. Christmas, Christingle, lent, shrove Tuesday etc	<b>What special book tells the Easter story?</b> The Bible

## Learning Journey

Future Learning	Reception	KS1
<b>Christianity</b>	Why do Christians have a cross? How do people celebrate?	Why does Easter Matter to Christians? How do festivals bring people together? Why does Christmas matter to Christians? By the end of Year 2, children will be able to: Retell the Easter story and recognise that Christians believe Jesus was sent by God to be him in the flesh (incarnation) and that he was crucified on a cross (crucifixion) to save people (salvation). Children will recognise the connection between Christmas and Easter. (Incarnation - The Christian belief that God became human in Jesus). Give at least three examples of how Christians show their beliefs about Jesus' death and Resurrection in church worship at Easter. Jesus is an important and historical figure to Christians.