



Exploring Easter as a story of betrayal and trust

RE
Year 4
Spring Term

Overview

Easter is the most important festival in the Christian calendar. This unit focuses on the significance of the incidents of betrayal and trust in the Easter story by Jesus' disciples, Peter and Judas. It gives pupils the opportunity to reflect upon the importance of power and the effects of betrayal, trust and forgiveness. They will explore examples of forgiveness after World War 2 by people such as Corrie Ten Boom and Eric Lomax. Pupils will also be given opportunities to deepen their understanding of the concept of salvation.



Questions I wonder about forgiveness:

Enquiry skills and concepts:

In this unit, the pupils will:

- **Investigate** - ask relevant questions; know how to use different types of sources as a way of gathering information; know what may constitute evidence for understanding religions.
- **Analyse** - distinguish between opinion, belief and fact; distinguish between the features of different religions.
- **Empathise** - consider the thoughts, feelings, experiences, attitudes, beliefs and values of others; develop the power of imagination to identify feelings such as love, wonder, forgiveness and sorrow; see the world through the eyes of others

Topic Vocabulary

betrayal: *the act of delivering or exposing to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; disappointing someone's hopes or expectations*

Easter: *the most important and oldest festival of the Christian Church, celebrating the resurrection of Christ*

Gethsemane: *a garden on the Mount of Olives along the eastern part of Jerusalem, where Jesus is said to have prayed on the night of his arrest before his Crucifixion*

Judas: *one of Jesus' disciples, who betrayed Him to the Jewish authorities*

loyalty: *a strong feeling of support or allegiance*

resurrection: *rising from the dead*

sacrifice: *an act of giving up something valued for the sake of something else regarded as more important or worthy*

Religious vocabulary

forgiveness: *a conscious, deliberate decision to release feelings of resentment or vengeance toward a person or group who has harmed you*

salvation: *preservation or deliverance from harm, ruin, or loss*

trust: *firm belief in the reliability, truth, or ability of someone or something*