

KS2 Unit 4, Lesson 11: The Easter Story

Context: If pupils are already familiar the Easter Story events this lesson is an alternative way to explore its meaning for Christians. In these lessons we are asking pupils to explore how the Christian belief in the 'atonement'/'redemption' is reflected in the ways that Christians celebrate Lent and Easter.

Outcome:

- Understand that 'atonement' in Christianity refers to the forgiving or pardoning of sin through the death and resurrection of Jesus, and 'redemption' to Jesus death paying the price of forgiveness of sins.
- Reflect on why these beliefs are important to Christians.

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Essential core: To understand of the meaning of atonement and redemption and its relevance to Christians today.

Resources: Ashing <http://request.org.uk/festivals/holy-week-and-easter/holy-thursday/>

Washing feet <http://request.org.uk/festivals/holy-week-and-easter/holy-thursday/>

Good Friday <http://request.org.uk/festivals/holy-week-and-easter/a-good-friday-service-in-a-catholic-church/>

Easter <http://request.org.uk/festivals/holy-week-and-easter/easter-vigil/>

<http://request.org.uk/festivals/holy-week-and-easter/why-is-the-resurrection-so-important-to-christians/>

Vocabulary:

Atonement, redemption, Last Supper, Good Friday, Easter, celebration, festival, repentance, confession, forgiveness, reconciliation.

INTRODUCTION:

What are the key events that make up the Easter story?

How are these things remembered in some churches?

Look at videos of how the key events of the Easter story are remembered and re-enacted through Lent and Easter particularly in Catholic and some Anglican Churches. www.request.org.uk. What are they remembering? How are they feeling? What are they thinking about? When have you felt like this? What happened?

VIDEOS:

Ashing on Ash Wednesday (being sorry).

<http://request.org.uk/festivals/holy-week-and-easter/holy-thursday/>

Confession at some point in Lent (saying sorry).

Washing feet (humble servant) Communion (remembering) Holy Thursday.

<http://request.org.uk/festivals/holy-week-and-easter/holy-thursday/>

Good Friday (forgiveness)

<http://request.org.uk/festivals/holy-week-and-easter/a-good-friday-service-in-a-catholic-church/>

Easter (reconciliation)

<http://request.org.uk/festivals/holy-week-and-easter/easter-vigil/>

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DISCUSSION:

Christians believe that they are forgiven by God, and so must forgive others. Discuss the stages of the forgiveness process, relating them to pupils own experiences. Must we always forgive? Discuss the forgiveness diamond nines.

PLENARY:

How are the different parts of The Easter Story reflected in what some Christians do through Lent and Easter? Why is this important to Christians?

How does this affect the way that Christians live today?

FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT:

How can the words atonement and redemption be used to explain the meaning of Jesus death on the cross?