

Yr. 6 Spring Term (B) Founders of Faith

Why do Christians remember Jesus at Easter? Workshop

Aim: to explain the significance of the cross to Christians

AT1 2:12 how religious festivals are related to key figures, events and stories and how these are celebrated within religious communities.

AT2 2:21 how faith may give followers the answers to some of the mysteries of life

Today we're going to think about why the Cross is central to the Christian faith. We'll also look at how some Christians celebrate Easter.

Act. 1 Show PowerPoint.

Ask who these people are and how and why they will be remembered? (In talking partners)

Act. 2 Re-cap the Easter story

Use small bags of Easter Eggs as prompts to encourage discussion of what happened to Jesus. (Props: - eggs containing a palm leaf; a small piece of bread/cracker; 30p in silver coins; a nail and a toy soldier; a stone and an empty egg.)

Act. 3 Continue the ppt of the Easter story and Christians celebrating Easter.

Watch video from RE:quest website

<http://request.org.uk/jesus/jesus-importance-today/2013/10/11/why-did-jesus-die/>

Act. 4 Discuss why Jesus died on the cross. Opportunity for children to ask questions and to give meaning to the Easter story themselves.

Explore the idea of sin (wrong things people think, say & do) and forgiveness

Explain that Christians believe that if they say sorry to God for their sins that God will forgive them.

Hand out post-it notes. Each child writes an example of a sin on a post-it note. Allow children to stick their post-its on to a classroom board or flip chart in the shape of a Cross.

Act. 5 To do:

- Design a T-shirt with words and/or symbols around the theme of forgiveness.
- Ext: write an acrostic poem using the word 'Easter' or 'Forgiveness' or a poem in the shape of a cross.

Think about:

How hard it can be to forgive someone. Does God forgive everyone, even bad people?