

Unit 7.5 The Events of Holy Week

Key Questions

When is Holy Week?
 What is Holy Week?
 Why is Holy Week important?
 What happens in Holy Week?
 What are the effects of Holy Week then and now?

Key Vocabulary

Holy Week, Palm Sunday, Gethsemane, Jerusalem, Last Supper, arrest, trial, Pilate, crucifixion, resurrection, Pharisee, Disciple and Gospel

Key Experiences

Time line of Holy Week
 Considering the importance of the events of Holy Week and Easter and how these events make Christianity distinctive

Programme of Study to Include

The order of the events in Holy Week
 The significance of the events of Holy Week
 The effects then and now of the events of Holy Week
 How the Church celebrates Holy Week
 Artwork and music

The aim of this unit is to present clearly the events of Holy Week emphasizing that the death and resurrection of Jesus is the foundation of Christian belief.

	Suggested Activities	Possible Level of Achievement
AT1	Begin by finding out what the children already know and use an interactive white board to start putting together a time line of Holy Week.	
AT1	Challenge the children to be Bible detectives and complete the time line.	Level 3
Story	What are the similarities and differences in these accounts? (Matthew 21-28, Mark 11-16, Luke 19-24, John 12-20). Using the film <i>The Miracle Maker</i> watch the events of Holy Week. How closely have the film makers stayed to the Bible stories?	
Impact	Ask the children to choose an event and then imagine they are an eye witness writing a newspaper report, letter, diary or poem recording the event. What is the significance of this event? Share their work and ideas with the whole class.	Level 1-3 Level 4-5
Impact	What is the most important event of Holy Week? Why? What are the effects of the events of Holy Week then and now? Discussion of and recording of ideas that answer this question needs a good length of time.	Level 1-5
AT1	How does the Church celebrate Holy Week, in your Parish and in the world?	Level 3-5

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AT1 Belief	Easter is the most important festival in the Church calendar, why? Why do the events of Easter make Christianity distinctive from all other religions?	Level 4-5 Level 5
AT1	<p>Look at and discuss art work portraying the events of Holy Week and Easter. Which do they like/not like? How would they have interpreted these events?</p> <p>Listen to and create Holy Week and Easter music.</p> <p>Create a multi-sensory display for the hall and/or Church of the events of Holy Week and Easter.</p> <p>Use De Bono's <i>Six Thinking Hats</i> technique to interpret the different events. For example Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem could be viewed and discussed while wearing red, yellow, white or black hats. The children could wear the hats and be themselves or wear the hats and imagine they are one of the Biblical characters. (Not Jesus).</p>	
AT1/2		
AT1	Conclude by asking the Key Questions.	Level 1-5