

Easter Assembly

Focussing on the sin of the characters in the story leading to Jesus' death and the new way to live that he taught

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What is Easter about?

Ask the children. Possible answers: the Easter bunny, chocolate, having a rest, fun, new life, spring

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It's also a celebration ... to find out what we are celebrating we're going to read the Easter story.

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But first: What's the worst thing that one person can do to another person?

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Read your chosen version of the Easter story up to the end of Good Friday.

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What's the worst thing that one person can do to another person? What happened to Jesus?

Kill them

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Look at the words and phrases written on the slide

All of these things are what led to Jesus' death.

The pride and jealousy of the priests and they were power hungry too. The greed of Judas. The fear and anger of the crowds.

The Bible has a special word for all of this.

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It's called sin.

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All the bad stuff, sin, leads to people getting hurt.

What often happens when people are upset or get hurt? It becomes a cycle. 'Hurt people, hurt people'.

When all this sin gets out of control it can lead to >>>> death

You might be thinking: are you sure this is a celebration? It doesn't seem very happy!

Let's carry on the story...

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Continue the Easter story to the end

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A question you may have been thinking: 'Why did Jesus agree to die?'

The Bible said that he trusted God and knew this was the only way.

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He wanted to show us a new way to live and a way back to God.

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He took all of the bad stuff and hurt but didn't give any bad stuff back. He broke the cycle and then he defeated it all, defeated death and sin and showed us this by coming back to life.

So what is this new way to live and the way back to God?

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loving others (by listening to them and seeing things from their point of view) and saying no to sin

Say sorry if we mess up

forgive and be forgiven

move forwards and be happy

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Prayer:

(Remind the children that if they agree with the prayer they can say amen)

Dear Jesus,

Thank you that you came to Earth as a human to show us a new way to live and a way back to God.

Thank you for being brave and trusting in God on Good Friday.

We're sorry for the part we play in making the world a less good place. Help us to say no to sin and to love others as much as possible.

Thank you that we can be forgiven, move forwards and be happy.

Amen