

The Easter Story

Learning objective: To retell the Easter story and understand its significance in a Christian context.

Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

It was a sad day in Jerusalem. Jesus, the kind and gentle teacher, had been arrested and put on trial by the Roman soldiers. He was accused of speaking against the Roman Emperor. Many people were unhappy with Jesus because they thought he was saying things that would cause trouble. Meanwhile, a group of Jesus' friends were worried sick. They had been with him all along and felt betrayed by one of their own friends, Judas, who had gone to the Roman soldiers to tell them where Jesus was. On the day before Easter, Jesus went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray. He was very sad and asked God to take the cup of suffering away from him. But God had a plan. Jesus was going to die on a cross to save the world from their sins. This was a very hard thing to do, but Jesus loved the world so much that he was willing to give his life for them. On Good Friday, Jesus was crucified on the cross. He died, but that was not the end. His friends were very sad, but they knew that Jesus had said something important before he died. He said, 'It is finished.' And then he rose from the dead on Easter Sunday. This was a miracle. Jesus had conquered death and had gone to heaven. We still celebrate Easter today because of the story of Jesus' resurrection. It reminds us that love can conquer even death itself.

Word bank: Jesus · cross · resurrection · heaven · betrayal · Garden of Gethsemane

1. Who betrayed Jesus? (1 mark)

2. What was Jesus accused of doing? (1 mark)

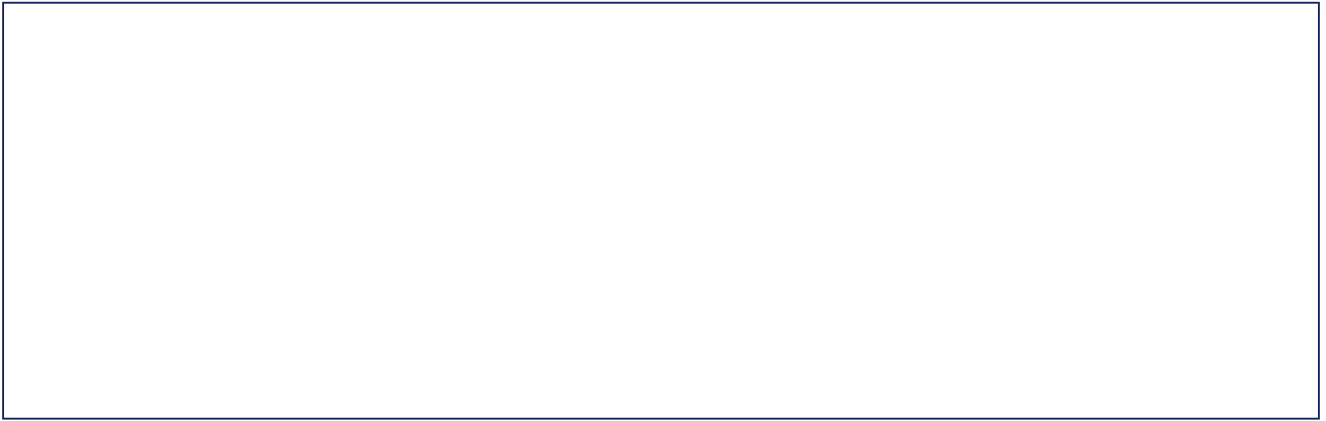
3. What happened to Jesus on Good Friday? (2 marks)

4. Why did Jesus die on the cross? (2 marks)

5. What happened to Jesus on Easter Sunday? (2 marks)

6. Why do we celebrate Easter today? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of the Easter story. Include Jesus, the cross, and the Garden of Gethsemane.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are one of Jesus' friends. Write a diary entry about how you felt on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.