

### Key vocabulary

<b>God</b>	The creator of the universe and all that is in it, including people and animals.
<b>Christian</b>	Follows the teachings of Jesus Christ, the son of God.
<b>Bible</b>	Holy book for Jewish and Christian believers.
<b>Jesus</b>	The name of the man who Christians believe was the son of God.
<b>Palm Sunday</b>	The Sunday before Easter.
<b>Hosanna</b>	Save us!
<b>Good Friday</b>	The Friday before Easter Sunday. The crucifixion of Jesus is remembered. Traditionally it is a day of fasting and penance.
<b>Alleluia</b>	Praise the Lord.
<b>Forgiveness</b>	To stop blaming or being angry with someone for something that person has done, or not punish them for something.

### Sequence of learning

Why is a palm cross a special symbol?  
 How does Grace use a cross to celebrate Easter at home and at church?  
 What is it important to remember at Easter time?  
 What is the cross a symbol of?  
 What do Christians do if someone makes the wrong choice/things go wrong?



### Important facts

Easter is the most important Christian festival of the year. It is a mixture of sorrow, reflection, joy and hope.  
 Palm Sunday is important to Christians because they remember when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey.  
 As Jesus rode his donkey into Jerusalem, people shouted Hosanna which means 'Save us!'  
 Jesus died on a cross on Good Friday. The Bible says that after Jesus died on a cross, he was buried in a cave (tomb) in a garden.  
 On Easter Sunday Christians believe Jesus came back to life. It is an exciting day. Christians believe he was not dead and he is alive forever.

## Why do Christians put a cross in an Easter garden?



### Final outcome

Pupils will make and decorate Easter crosses and talk about how Christians use crosses to celebrate at Easter time. The whole class will create a shared Easter garden and talk about why there is a cross in it.



### The big story of Christianity



Incarnation Salvation

### Biblical links

Palm Sunday (Matthew 21:1-11)  
 Holy week (Matthew 26:47-56, 27:15-66)  
 Jesus' resurrection (Matthew 28:1-15)  
 Easter morning in the garden (John 20:1-18)

### Key skills

Text 	Recognise and retell stories connected with the celebration of Easter. Say why Easter is a special time for Christians.
Impact 	Recognise some symbols Christians use during Holy Week eg. palm leaves, cross, eggs etc. Talk about some ways Christians remember the special stories at Easter.
Connections 	Make connections with signs of new life in nature.