



Easter



Learning Outcomes

- To know that celebrations express thanksgiving, joy, unity and love; of the major feasts and seasons of the Church year.
- To know that God Our Father brought Jesus back to life
- To know that Jesus is alive today.
- To be able to retell and discuss in simple terms the events of Easter Sunday.
- To know that Easter is a special celebration in the Church
- To recognise that the Church is a special place where God's family come together and that Alleluia is the word of joy used in church and school.
- To know that the Easter Candle is a special sign of celebration and reminds us that Jesus is alive.
- To know that Sunday is a special day of celebration for the Church.

Vocabulary

Easter, Easter Candle, Resurrection, Alleluia.

Windows of reflection (things to think about)

- Think about the words of the Alleluia hymn.
- How would you have felt if you had been one of the women or a disciple?
 - Why would you have been glad to have seen Jesus again?
- How is the Easter candle different to others?
- During Mass, how are we reminded that Jesus is with us today?

Unit overview

In this unit the children learn about the story of Easter and the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. They will be introduced to the "Alleluia" as a special Easter song and the symbol of the Easter Candle.

Bible References

Matthew 28: 1-10 – The Story of the Resurrection of Jesus

Prayer tasks linked to unit and tasks to completed

- Alleluia - learn a simple Alleluia hymn.
- Easter - hear the Easter story and talk about how they would have felt if they had been one of the disciples. Retell the story of Easter ordering events. Explain to the children that when Jesus came back to life it was God his Father who did this, the God that was powerful enough to create the world.
- Easter candle - visit church to see the Easter candle. Look closely at the Easter candle noticing how it is different to other candles. Explain how it is a special candle and it reminds us that Jesus died on the cross and is alive again. Draw the Easter candle.
- Mass - attend mass remembering the events of Easter and celebrating that Jesus is with us.