

HOLY WEEK – HEARING

ABOUT THE UNIT

In this unit the children hear that something sad happened to Jesus and that the cross reminds us of this.

WHERE THE UNIT FITS IN

Follows on from NG to show what happened next to Jesus.

PRIOR LEARNING

That Jesus is God's Son who grew up.

SKILLS

Speaking, listening, observation, recognising symbols, respect, reverence.

VOCABULARY

Jesus, cross, Sign of the Cross, sad.

ASSESSMENT

At the end of this unit:

Most children will know that sometimes people go away and that people die. Know that Jesus dies.

Less able children will be able to talk about things that make them happy and unhappy.

More able children will know that the cross reminds us of how Jesus died.

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PROGRAMME OF STUDY

TEACHING STRATEGIES

R4 Recognise and become familiar with the Sign of the Cross.

- Children to think about and discuss times of happiness and unhappiness. Do the children remember a time when they were not happy? Discuss their experiences.
 - Explain to the children that sometimes people have to go away and leave people they love. Children to recall their own experiences if this is appropriate.
 - Sometimes people die. Explain to the children that Jesus died on the cross and that we are remembering that time.
 - Focus on a cross rather than a crucifix. Explain to the children that when we see a cross we are reminded that Jesus died. Children to make a cross to take home to remind families that this is an important week.
 - Make the Sign of the Cross with great reverence this week. Remind the children that this special sign helps us think about when Jesus died.
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- Cut out two long strips of card and lay them on the floor in the shape of a cross. Use four tea lights – one at each of the ends of the cross. Light the tea lights as words of the Sign of the Cross are said very slowly.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

R4 The Sign of the Cross, names the Father Son and Holy Spirit and is a sign of love and blessing

- Know that the Sign of the Cross is a special sign used by God's Family.
- Know that the Sign of the Cross reminds us of how Jesus died.

FURTHER DEVELOPMENT

Home/School links.

Bring the cross down from the wall during Holy Week so that it can be looked at closely and touched by the children.

RELATED SCRIPTURE

Various New Testament accounts – The Story of the Death of Jesus

OTHER LINKS

- Making a cross to take home.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

- Focus upon the Sign of the Cross.

EVALUATION

What went well?

Which areas of planning need to be developed/adapted next time?

What needs to be revisited/developed in a later unit?