

1. EASTER STORY

Watch the Lego Easter Story: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-M8Yesnt1V8>

Questions to think about:

KS1 & KS2

- ◆ People said unkind things to Jesus. Do we ever hear or say unkind words? How does this make you feel?
- ◆ How many different emotions or feelings can you think of? Which of these do you think the women might have felt—beginning with their journey to the tomb (setting out just before dawn) to hearing the angel's message and then afterwards?
- ◆ How does the Easter story make you feel?

KS2 only

- ◆ Have you ever felt let down, betrayed or abandoned? Why is it important to know Jesus experienced these things?
- ◆ Why did Pilate do what the crowd wanted even though he knew it was wrong? What about us—are we ever guilty of this?
- ◆ The Centurion would have seen many crucifixions. What was different about this one? What do you think it was about Jesus that impressed him so much?

Activity: Model one of the scenes from the story—in Lego or Junk—and take a picture of it to share.

Prayer: Eternal God, in the cross of Jesus we see the cost of our sin and the depth of your love: in humble hope and fear may we place at his feet all that we have and all that we are, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



When we sin we do not live up to our values and this can lead to other people suffering. The way that Jesus suffered when he was betrayed by his friends shows just how much harm our sin can do. We need God's love, healing and forgiveness in order for us to start again and try to live up to our Christian values.

2. EASTER SONG

Watch the animated song 'Remember Me': <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nhFBX5ZSySo>

Questions to think about:

KS1 & KS2

- ◆ Are you good at remembering? What helps you to remember? What are the most important things to remember?
- ◆ We see glimpses of different Bible stories—how many can you count? Can you remember what happens in some of them?
- ◆ Is this song happy or sad? What signs of hope are in this song?

KS2 only

- ◆ Do you have any particular special memories?
- ◆ What is the most important truth we are asked to remember?
- ◆ What does the song ask us to go and do? What does this mean?

Activity: Try a simple memory game. Someone puts 20 random items on a tray covered with a tea towel and places it on a table—the tea towel is then removed for 1 minute before the tray is covered again. See how many items you can remember (writing them down).

Prayer: God is love and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them. *1 John 4.16*

Dear God, help us to spend our lives as Jesus did in service of others especially those in greatest need of God's love. **Amen.**

A simple, inclusive prayer which shows how important it is for people to live God's way. Making sacrifices to help others is one way of showing love and knowing God's love within us.



3. TRADITIONAL HYMN FOR EASTER DAY

Watch 'Jesus Christ is Risen Today': <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nrI2sBiIDxE>

Questions to think about:

KS1 & KS2

- ◆ How many different instruments can you count?
- ◆ Did you spot the Easter Lilies (white flowers)? Why do you think these are associated with Easter Day?
- ◆ The word 'Alleluia!' is used a lot—what do you think it mean? Can you think of any other describing words which are similar?

KS2 only

- ◆ How does this hymn make you feel? Do you think those taking part felt the same way?
- ◆ Think how much practising this must have taken! Do you think it was worth it—why / why not?
- ◆ There are lots of people of all ages participating—why is that important—what does it show?

Activity: Make a decorative cross as a symbol of new life and hope (using whatever materials you would like).

Prayer: Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

This prayer does two important things. Firstly it tells us that Jesus is risen from the dead. It does this very simply by using the word 'risen' twice. Secondly it asks for us to become like the disciples and to tell the story of what Jesus said and did - before and after Easter. That is what 'proclaim your risen life' means.

