



St John Fisher RC Primary School
Year Reception RE Knowledge Organiser – Spring Term Two - Desert to Garden

Lesson One and Two

What is Lent?
 We are learning about the season of Lent.



Remind the children of the Church seasons they have already experienced, Advent and Christmas.
 What can they remember about Advent? What was the colour?
 What (who) were they waiting for?
 Lent is another time to get ready for.
 What do children know about Easter, that it follows Lent?
 Make a Lent calendar

Lesson Three and Four

Giving things up
We are learning about CAFOD Family Fast Day.



Fasting in the Christian tradition means eating less in a day rather than not eating food at all.
 What could you choose to give up? Discuss why giving up something you don't like isn't really fasting.
 Make links between personal action and helping others. Give examples, such as if you give up a treat in Lent (such as crisps) and donate any money saved to a charity.

Lesson Five and Six

Jesus enters Jerusalem
We are learning about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.



Jesus sends his friends to find a donkey. His friends say the donkey is for the lord, Jesus. Jesus rides the donkey into Jerusalem.
 People in Jerusalem shout and wave. They are excited to see Jesus.
 Think about why people are excited. Have they heard stories of Jesus? Do they think he is special?

Christmas , Advent, Lent, Easter, Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday
We are learning about Ash Wednesday.



Make links between the symbol of the cross and Jesus' message that people should love and care for each other.
 Remind children of some of the stories where they learned about Jesus' teaching.
 Think about things that make them feel sad. Everyone experiences happy times and sad times. Lent reminds Christians that everyone balances happy and sad times. No one is perfect.

Charity , fast, Lent

Lent traditions
We are learning about the story of the pretzel.



Today, pretzels are an everyday snack.
 In the past they were made for Lent because they had simple ingredients of flour, water and salt and could be eaten even when people were fasting.

Jerusalem, Palm Sunday , Last Supper, Mass

Jesus shares supper
We are learning about the Lord's supper.



Around the table, Jesus took a piece of bread, gave thanks to God, broke it and gave it to his friends. He said, 'This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'
Some children may make links between Jesus' actions and the feeding of the five thousand. Some children may recognise the words from Mass. Jesus sends his friends to find a donkey. Many Christians today remember Jesus' words and actions at mass.



Lesson Seven and Eight

The day Jesus died

We are learning about the day Jesus died.



Good Friday is the saddest day for Christians. It is the day when they remember that Jesus died.

Draw children's attention to how Jesus showed his love for everyone as he died. He forgave the people who hurt him.

Lesson Nine and Ten

Celebrating Easter

We are learning about the signs and symbols of Easter.



Early on Sunday morning, women friends of Jesus went to the tomb. They found the stone door had been rolled away. They went inside but Jesus was not there. Two men in bright clothing appeared. The women were afraid. The men in bright clothing said, 'Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.' The women ran back to Jesus' friends to tell them all that had happened.

Good Friday , Risen

Jesus is alive!

We are learning about Jesus' resurrection.



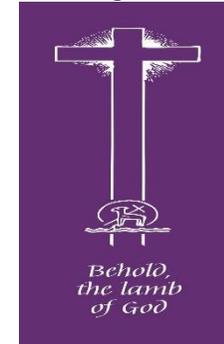
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Talk about what has happened in the story. The angels bring the message that Jesus is alive. Invite the children to think how the women's feelings have changed through the story. Were they sad on their way to the tomb and happy as they leave? How do the children share good news? Are they eager to tell people? Relate these feelings to the emotions of the women.

Holy Week

The Easter story

We are retelling the Easter story.



Holy Week is important because it tells Christians about the last part of Jesus' life. It tells people that Jesus experienced happy times and sad times, that Jesus lived and died. For Christians, it also shows that Jesus is God because he rose from the dead.

