



Subject: RE

Year group: Reception

Term: Spring 2

Unit name: Unit 3 – Salvation: Why do Christians  
put a cross in the Easter Garden?

### Big Ideas

Know palm is a special symbol.

Easter is one of the most important festivals of the year for some Christians.

Pupils make connections and understand the Easter story through play.

### Prior learning

What Christians believe about Jesus.

That Jesus had followers called disciples

Easter is a celebration of Jesus.

### Key Aspects covered

In this unit of RE work children will know:

- Hot cross buns are traditionally eaten on Good Friday.
- Easter is a happy celebration as Jesus didn't stay dead.
- The Easter story and why it is important event in the Christian calendar.
- The palm cross reminds Christians that although crowds were happy to see Jesus some people were jealous of him.

### Knowledge expectations

- To know what a palm cross is and why it is special.
- To know that one of Jesus' followers betrayed him.
- To know that Jesus died on a cross and that he was buried in a cave (tomb) in a garden.
- To know that he came back to life, and this called Easter Sunday.

### Key vocabulary

Christians

God

Jesus

followers

Palm Sunday

Good Friday

Easter

tomb