

Ideas for Holy Week and Easter 2020 for Parents/Carers

Adapted from & based on Chester Diocesan RE Syllabus

EYFS - Why do Christians put 3 crosses in an Easter garden?



Hide the base for an Easter garden under a cloth eg a tray covered in soil.

Collect a set of objects in a bag connected to the Easter story eg stone; 3 crosses made of twigs; tree; Lego man; woman; plants; angel; plastic flowers.

Explain as you take out each item and name it that each of these items in the bag are found in part of a very special story that is told by Christians every year and celebrated in church at this time of the year.

Uncover the base and retell the Easter story bit by bit. Place each item in the garden in order as you tell the Easter story. (For Easter Garden images see Google for examples, also see <https://request.org.uk/restart/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/03/Easter-Home-Learning-Pack.pdf>)

At the end of the story discuss each feature of the garden and the reasons each item has been included.



Show a selection of Easter garden photographs you can find on Google images that have 3 crosses in.

Discuss the images and Ask: What can you find in each garden? Ask for suggestions. Lead the discussion around to the crosses. Can the children suggest why the crosses are there?

Parents/Carers can make their own Easter gardens with the children and as they make them ask if they can remember what happens in the garden in the story.

Reflections and comments made by the children can be noted and displayed in the garden.

3 Crosses are placed in the gardens.

Explain at this point that one cross is for Jesus and the other 2 are for the robbers who died. Explain the cross is a very important symbol to Christians and it reminds them of a sad day when Jesus died and also a happy day when Jesus came to life again.

With support, encourage the children to make crosses out of card. Ask them to colour one side happy/joyful and one side sad.

Remind the children that the cross is a very important symbol to Christians, and it reminds them of a sad day when Jesus died and also a happy day when Jesus came to life again.

Put the happy/sad crosses in the gardens.

Why not send a photo of your garden into school for your teachers to see?

