

# Easter



## 1. As the pupils enter

Have the webpage open:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/assemblies-ks1-christianity-the-easter-story/zhnrvwx>

Play your **music file** and distribute the **activity slips** (see 'Key links').

## 2. Introduction

Ask the adults to share their sentences about things that make them happy / sad. This will help children to also join in the discussion, if time allows. Then:

*The music we've just been hearing is part of a longer piece which tells the entire story of the life of Jesus. Christians all over the world will soon be celebrating one of their most important Christian festivals - Easter - which marks events at the end of Jesus' life on earth. We think of celebrating as a really happy thing, but the story of the first Easter has some sad parts too. We're going to watch some of that story now in a short video and, as you watch, think about which parts of the story are 'happy' and which parts are 'sad'.*

## 3. Play the video

Play the video. The duration is 3' 50" and the final words are: '...and then rose from the dead to take his place in heaven with God.'

## 4 & 5. Time to talk

Use the Story questions if you wish to consolidate recall of the video. Then, lead a discussion using some or all of these questions. (More time may need to be given outside of the assembly to deal with any questions the children have).

- 1: Why do you think the things Jesus said made some people angry?
- 2: What does it mean to 'forgive' someone?
- 3: How do you think Mary felt as she watched the stone being rolled across Jesus' tomb?
- 4: Why do you think Mary was so sad when she saw that Jesus' body had gone? Do you think she understood what the angel had told them?
- 5: Imagine that you are Mary telling all Jesus' friends what you have seen. What would you say to them?
- 6: What was the 'good news' that Jesus wanted his friends to tell others about?
- 7: What do you think Jesus' friends thought when they saw him go up to heaven?
- 8: These stories often make people ask puzzling questions. What questions of your own do you have?

# Play video



## 6. Time to sing

An opportunity to sing your chosen song.

## 7. Opportunity to reflect

*We've heard today about the events that Christians remember at Easter... the sad parts...and the happy parts... In our lives we experience lots of different emotions, just as Jesus' friends did...and just as Jesus himself did... When Jesus left his friends to be with God in heaven he said these words to them: 'I will be with you, always and forever...'*  
*Christians believe that Jesus says these words to them too, whether they are having happy or sad times... I wonder what you think about these words..?*

## 8. Opportunity for prayer

*Dear God  
 Thank you for the story we have heard today - the sad parts and the happy parts. We know that sad times are not always easy to bear. Whatever we are facing, we are glad to know that Jesus promised that he would be with us, always and forever. Amen.*