

Wellesley Park Primary School – Religions Education

Topic: Unit 4: What do Christians believe about Salvation?

Links with Easter

Year 4 Spring Term

Essential Core (Summary Of Unit)

- I will recall the story of Jesus' death on the cross and explain that Christians believe that because Jesus died, they can be forgiven by God
- I will know the Christian salvation story and that it makes four main claims: 1. God created a perfect world 2. Humanity went wrong 3. To save humanity, God had a **salvation** plan 4. God enters into the world as Jesus Christ who saves **humanity**
- I will recall the key features of the story of Zacchaeus: that Zacchaeus was an outcast because he was seen as a greedy, corrupt traitor. Then he became sorry and wished to make up for his bad deeds and live a better life
- I will understand the message of this and other stories, from the Bible – that Christians believe Jesus came to forgive and rescue everyone.
- I will understand God's belief that: No one is too bad – or too good

What Should I Already Know?

- The Bible is divided into two parts – The Old and The New Testament.
- Understand that Christians believe that Jesus died so that people can be forgiven by God.
- Jesus rose from the dead, giving hope of a new life.
- Shrove Tuesday is the day before Lent begins and is often called Pancake day. Ash Wednesday is the day Lent begins.
- Parables are stories that Jesus told to teach people important moral messages.

Important Facts

- Christians believe that God is completely good and holy. People are not - they may try to be good, but the Bible says that sin separates them from God. So there is a big gap between people and God. The only way to cross it would be for God himself to build a bridge and to forgive - and this is what the cross represents.
- **Lent** lasts for 40 days. Christians give up a variety of things for Lent which helps them focus their thoughts on God.
- Holy Week is made up of: Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday.
- Jesus often got into trouble because he made friends with people who had done bad things. He did this because he believed that God loves them and wants to forgive them and help them to change.
- Jesus dying on the cross to forgive is Christians most important belief

Vocabulary

Salvation	forgiveness	
Crucifixion	Jesus was nailed to a cross	
Humanity	All human people	
Easter	The most important time of the year for Christians	
Lent	40 days (week days) of fasting in preparation for Easter	