

RE - Easter: Why do Christians call Jesus 'Saviour'? - Year Two - Spring 1

Key Vocabulary

- Rescue – the act of being saved from something that might cause harm.
- Forgiveness – the decision to no longer feel angry at someone who has hurt you
- Disciple – one of the 12 special friends of Jesus, who followed Jesus, listened to his teachings and tried to be like him
- Saviour – one of the names that Christians have for Jesus (Jesus in Hebrew is 'Yeshua', lit. 'he saves')
- Crucifixion – the death of Jesus on a cross
- Resurrection – God bringing Jesus back from death to life.
- Salvation – the Christian belief that Jesus' death and resurrection have rescued Christians (from the effects of sin)

By the end of the topic we will be able to:

- That Christians often call Jesus 'Saviour'
- That the Bible contains stories about people Jesus met and 'rescued/saved'
- That these people were often the poor, the sick and the friendless
- That 'salvation' is an important idea for most Christians
- That the elements in an Easter garden are symbols of Jesus' death and resurrection

Key Questions

1. What do we mean by the word 'rescue'?
2. & 3. How did Jesus save people? I wonder if these stories might make a difference in the way Christians treat other people / live as part of a community?
4. How did Jesus rescue Zacchaeus? I wonder if meeting Jesus changed Zacchaeus' community? How might they have shown this?
5. Is there a rescue at Easter?
Who did Jesus forgive? I wonder if the Easter story might help Christians to be more forgiving?
6. What do we need in our Easter Garden as symbols of 'Salvation'?



An Easter garden is a visual representation of the Christian story of Jesus' resurrection, symbolizing the transformation from death to new life.

The Easter story centres around the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ, as described in the New Testament. Jesus was crucified on a Friday, and three days later, his tomb was found empty, signifying his resurrection. This event is celebrated by Christians as Easter Sunday, marking the beginning of a new life in Christ and the hope of eternal life for believers.