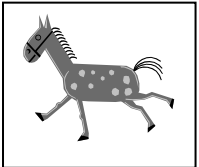


Activities for teaching on Easter for Key Stage 1

A5 booklet for re-telling the story of Palm Sunday

<p>(back)</p> <p>They cut down palm branches and laid them on the road.</p>	<p>(front)</p> <p>The Donkey's Tale</p>  <p>by _____</p>
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<p>(inside L)</p> <p>The disciples found a donkey for Jesus.</p>	<p>(inside R)</p> <p>Jesus rode the donkey to Jerusalem and people cheered.</p>
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These booklets are easier to make in Publisher, especially if you want to add a nice border. Photocopy them using front and back for a proper book layout. Differentiate using varied amounts of text and letting the children choose the salient points to illustrate their story. Use the booklets for the children to retell the story to each other

Use half eggs for this activity. The shells will need to be washed carefully and left upside down to dry on kitchen paper. They can be painted in a variety of ways ~ all of them gentle ~ before being left to dry thoroughly again. The ribbon needs to be taped gently on to the inside using masking tape. It is easier to add the tissue paper and chicks to the eggs before these are hung in the tree. You can always add some tiny chocolate eggs underneath each chick before they are taken home at Easter time. Don't forget to photograph the tree ~ it will be beautiful.

The Easter Tree



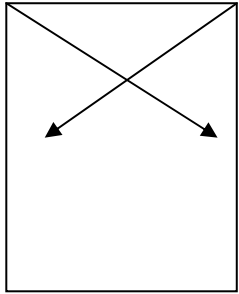
Hazel branches are ideal and are usually just coming into leaf at the right time.

Fill a heavy pot with wet sand and make sure that the branch is pushed well down.

(good assessment activity).

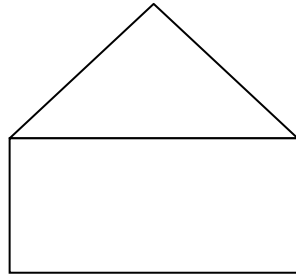
How to tear a Cross to illustrate the Good News

1. Start with a piece of newspaper



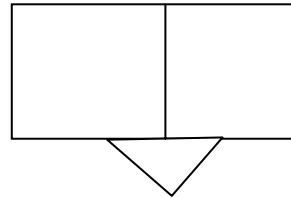
'This sort of paper tells the news.'

2. Fold each top corner down to meet the side.



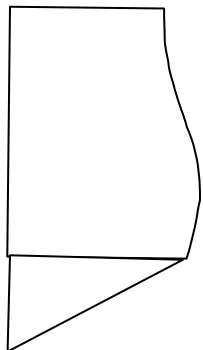
'Christians in the church talk about the Good News.'

3. Fold the triangle back to make a book hiding the triangle with your hand.



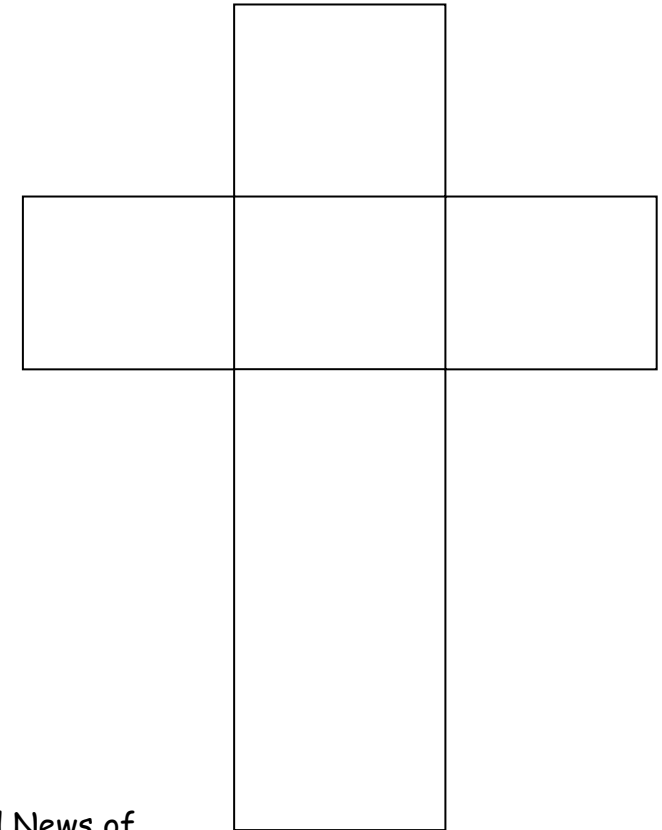
'We can read this Good News in the bible.'

4. Fold the 'book' in half and tear carefully down in line with the edges of the triangle.



'In the Bible, we read that Jesus died on a cross so that people could choose to have new life.'

5. Open up the cross that you have made.



'This is the Good News of Jesus and why the cross is the centre of the Christian faith.'

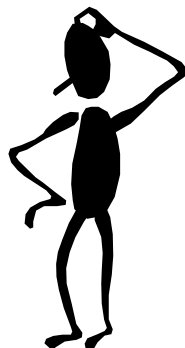
A Magic Square based on the number 5

6	7	2
1	5	9
8	3	4

Each column, row and diagonal adds up to 15.

Leave in the central 5 and then give as many of the other numbers as are necessary.

It is easiest with a grid and laminated numbers that can be moved around.



Recipe card for Hot Cross Buns

450g plain flour
 1 teaspoon castor sugar
 1 tablespoon dried yeast
 pinch salt
 150 ml lukewarm water
 1 teaspoon mixed spice
 50g melted butter
 1 egg
 5 currants/sultanas per bun
 40g cut mixed peel

50g castor sugar } to glaze
 2 tablespoons milk }



1. Sieve a quarter of the flour with 1 teaspoon of sugar and the yeast. Stir in warm milk and water. Leave in a warm place 20-30mins until frothy.
2. Sieve the remaining flour with salt and spice and add sugar.
3. Stir melted butter with egg into risen yeast. Gradually stir into flour, add currants and peel.
4. Knead dough on a floured surface until smooth. Divide into 12 and form into buns.
5. Put buns well apart on greased baking tray and leave to rise until doubled in size.
6. Make 2 slashes in the top of each bun to form a cross.
7. Bake in oven at 190° for 15 to 20 minutes.
8. While still warm, glaze with 1½ tablespoons sugar dissolved in 2 tablespoons milk.
9. Split, spread with butter and serve warm.

