

Festival: Easter ~ New Life	Year Group: Year 1	No. of lessons: 2
Links: Cambs: CPE2, CPL2, CFF1, CFF2, CFF3, P'borough: CPE2, CRC1, CRC2, CRC3, N'folk: CBB, CP, CKF, CLS		
<p>Learning objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ To hear the story of Easter, and to look at accounts in more than one book ◆ To be able to reflect upon the concept of new life in a variety of contexts ◆ To be able to make an Easter tree together and to recall its significance ◆ To explore why Easter is important for Christians as a celebration 		
<p>Questions for reflection:</p> <p>What happened at Easter time, and why do Christians think it is important to remember it?</p> <p>What special days does your family celebrate during the year and why?</p> <p>What has Easter to do with eggs?</p>		
<p>Activities and experiences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Listen to the story of Easter from e.g. 'My very first Bible story book' and to talk about it ◆ Have an opportunity to look at the same story in other books and share your favourite With a friend • Visit the local church, or look at Christian artefacts, to find out what objects Christians use or Look at to remind them of Jesus. ◆ Use a variety of natural items to help thoughts on 'new life'. Chicks hatching in an Incubator are ideal, but there are always opportunities to look at bulbs coming up, The new leaves budding on trees or (pictures of) lambs being born. Link this new life with the resurrection of Jesus. ◆ Make an Easter tree. (<i>Download the appropriate Resource Page for further information or use Lois Rock's book called 'Festivals of the Christian Year' (pub. Lion 0-7459-3456-0)</i>) ◆ Use the tree as an inspiration for a time of meditation, either for the group in the Classroom, or for the school in the hall or church. However, you will need to be very cautious about moving it, as the eggs are so fragile. ◆ Another way to make an Easter tree that is robust, is to make a 2D tree on a display board. To do this, you can use quite large outlines of half shells and decorate them by marbling. They can be made a bit 3D by fastening them to the board and pushing out the centre sufficiently to hold tissue paper and a small chick. This method does allow you to add the story between the branches, and it would be helpful to use an outline as re-told by the children. 		