

LEARNING IN INSPIRING SPACES

EXPLORING EASTER

Activity	Exploring Easter
Activity type	Cathedral activity
Duration	75-90 minutes
The children will:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• learn about the themes of the Easter story• understand what those themes mean to Christian people• understand what those themes mean to them
They will do this by:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• participating in short, reflective activities based on different parts of the Easter story: Palm Sunday, Jesus washes the disciples feet, The Last Supper, Garden of Gethsemane, The Crucifixion and The Resurrection•
Key vocabulary	Joy, hope, happiness, serve, service, remembrance, Passover, alone, sorrow, suffering, eternal, new life
Practical arrangements	<p>During the trail children will be divided into 5 groups to explore a series of stations around the Cathedral. Please try to ensure you have enough adults so that the groups are supervised by school staff/volunteers at all times. If you are bringing two classes you will need to ensure you have enough adults to support both the trail and workshop (normal ratios apply) as the two activities will run simultaneously.</p> <p>If you are unable to bring enough adults, please inform us as soon as possible so we can make alternative arrangements</p>
Before the visit why not.....	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Familiarise the children with the Easter story – focusing on the parts listed above• Introduce the key vocabulary
During the visit why not.....	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teachers can take pictures of the Cathedral to use in follow up work• Record the words and phrases children use to describe and respond to the activities
After the visit why not.....	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create an Easter display using photos taken and words generated– what you found out about the Easter story• Reflect on the experience of being in the Cathedral – how did it make you feel?• Write to us – tell us about your visit and what you did on your return to school. We'll display your letters and pictures in the Learning Centre!

Preparing children for a visit to a place of worship

During your visit, there will be people in the building to pray. A member of the Schools and Families team will introduce the children to the Cathedral but it would be helpful if you could prepare them. Below are a few ideas:

- The Cathedral is a place of worship. **What is worship?** What does that mean to you?
- **Who worships at the Cathedral?** It is a Christian place of worship, and services (group worship) take place every day. The main service takes place on a Sunday but the Cathedral is open all year (except Boxing Day) for other services or for people to visit to pray on their own or in small groups or for general visitors
- **Will we experience worship on our visit?** If you are participating in a RE-focussed activity then you will learn about Christian worship. During your visit to the Cathedral there won't not be services taking place but there will be people visiting to pray on their own or in small groups
- **What will they be doing?** Lighting candles, talking to the priests about their worries or concerns, reading the bible, sitting quietly on one of the chairs
- **How should we show respect to those people?** By moving round the building sensibly, slowly and quietly, removing a hat if wearing one, keeping to main parts of the church and away from areas roped off (these are the most holy (important) areas of the church to Christian people), by having our phones on silent and taking telephone calls outside, being mindful of people sitting on their own or in small groups or lighting candles – they could be saying prayers.
- **"I'm not a Christian though...."** All are welcome in the Cathedral regardless of whether they are Christian or not.

We hope you enjoy your visit to the Cathedral and look forward to welcoming you

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