**1.5 THE RESURRECTION**

**CONCEPTS:** Salvation, Liturgical Year

**About the unit**

This unit is designed to develop children’s knowledge and understanding of the Resurrection of Jesus and its message. The children will learn that Easter is the most important Christian feast because Jesus rose from the dead on Easter Sunday. They will learn about the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and reflect on times when their own sadness turned to joy. They will be introduced to Thomas the apostle and reflect on the importance of his story. The revised book retells the story of the Ascension of Jesus.

**Where the unit fits in**

This unit builds on previous learning in the Foundation Stage from F5 ‘New Life’.

**Prior learning**

It is helpful if the children have some knowledge of the season of Easter, its signs and symbols and what happened at the Resurrection.

**Key words**

Jesus, friends, disciple, apostle, resurrection, celebrate, happy, sad, alive, empty tomb, Easter Sunday, cross, gold, white candle, flowers, new life, doubting, Thomas, believe, appear, upper room, surprise, joy, Son of God, meal, peace

**Links to ‘God’s Story’ and ‘Church’s Story’**

*God’s Story 1*, pp. 35

*God’s Story 2*, p. 80

*Church’s Story 1*, p. 44-45

*Church’s Story 2*, pp. 74-75

**KEY SCRIPTURE**

John 20: 19-21 (Appearances to the disciples)

Luke 24: 36-43 (Jesus meets the apostles)

John 20: 24-29 (Jesus and doubting Thomas)

**KNOWLEDGE SEQUENCE**

• Christians believe that Jesus rose from the dead

• Christians celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus at Easter

• The Bible tell stories about Jesus appearing to his friends.

• Jesus’ resurrection turns his friends’ sadness to joy and gives people hope of a new life

**WTL LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

• Know that we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus at Easter; *reflect on how we do this and* on what that means for us

• Know that Jesus appeared to the disciples in the Upper Room and think about the times when we have experienced great joy and surprise

• Know that Jesus helped the disciples to understand that he was truly risen and was with them and that this made them very happy

• Know that when Thomas heard that Jesus was alive he did not believe it. Be aware that sometimes, like Thomas, we don’t understand what is happening

• *Know that Jesus returned to heaven after forty days*

*• Reflect on the promises he made*

**BY THE END OF THIS UNIT PUPILS ARE EXPECTED TO BE ABLE TO:**

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| Recognise some stories of Easter, the Ascension and Pentecost, and know they are from the Bible | Talk, wonder and ask questions about whether the story of Easter has anything to say to them about joy, hope, new life | Recognise some symbols of Easter, e.g. Easter cross (rather than crucifix), new life (spring, flowers) Easter eggs, Easter garden |
| Give an answer to a question like, ‘What makes you joyful?’ ‘What do you hope for?’ | Talk and ask questions about the feelings of the disciples on meeting Jesus | Use religious words like, Jesus, disciple, apostle, resurrection, empty tomb, Easter Sunday, doubting, Thomas, believe, appear, upper room, Son of God |