

Caroline Haslett Primary School – RE

**Topic: Unit 4 - Christianity;
Sacrifice; Sin;
Redemption; Atonement;
Salvation; Grace**

Year 5

**Was the death of Jesus
worth the sacrifice?**

Knowledge

Most Christians believe that on the cross Jesus “became sin” or paid the price for the sins of the world.

Jesus is described as the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Christians believe that Christ died for a purpose and that He gave his life for others. There are links between the death of Jesus and the Passover lamb and the sacrifices made on the day of Atonement.

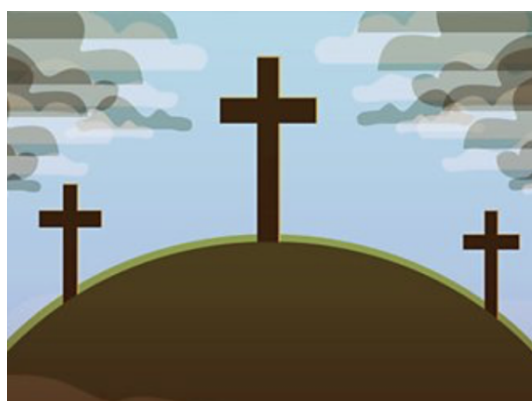
Jesus had the freedom not to die, but chose to and that the words of forgiveness spoken in the cross can be understood to apply to all humans.

Vocabulary

- **Day of Atonement** – also known as Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the year in Judaism
- **Good Friday** – the Friday before Easter Sunday
- **Passover** – the major Jewish spring festival
- **Redemption** – being saved from sin
- **Sacrifice** – giving up something valued for the sake of something else regarded as more important
- **Salvation** – deliverance from sin and its consequences, believed by Christians to be brought about by faith in Christ
- **Sin** – action that breaks a religious law

Activities

- Find out what Christianity teaches about sacrifice – including passages from the Old Testament about the Passover and the Day of Atonement.
- Look at a picture of Christ on the cross; listen to a song about the death of Jesus; read the Easter Story. Look for connections between the pictures, the music and the story.
- Explore the lives of others who have made sacrifices – either biblical, historical or from other faiths.
- Interview a Christian. Do Christians think the death of Jesus was worthwhile?
- Look at a selection of Good Friday services. What do these services tell us about what Christians believe about the death of Jesus?



Skills

- Link Jesus on the cross to Christian beliefs about the death of Jesus
- Describe the difference Christian beliefs about the death of Jesus make to the celebration of Easter
- Link an artefact or a symbol with Easter describing what it might mean for Christians
- Make links between a worship song and the texts about Jesus death at Easter
- Reflect on the sacrifice of Jesus