

## Wednesday 13th January 2021

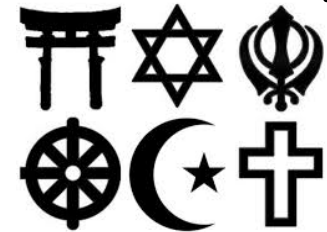


*LO: To know how Easter is celebrated over Easter weekend.*



*To be successful I must be able to:*

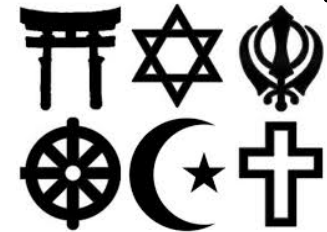
- *Say some of the ways Christians celebrate Easter.*
- *Say how I celebrate Easter at home.*
- *Help to make an Easter garden.*



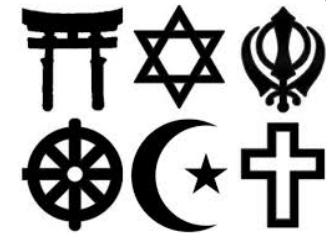
*What is your understanding of Easter?*

*How do you celebrate it at home with your family?*

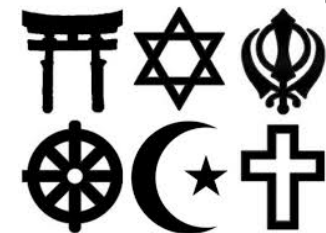
*Discuss with your adult.*



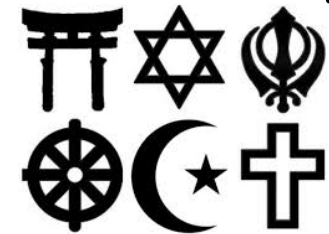
Tom and Tessa have brought hot cross buns for everyone to try. Do you recognise the shape on top of the buns? Hot cross buns are traditionally eaten on Good Friday, the day Jesus died. This is a 'Jesus cross'. What can you remember about Jesus and the cross? The Bible says that after Jesus died on a cross, he was buried in a cave with a big round stone in front of it. Easter is always an exciting time for Tom and Tessa. They are on holiday from school. On Good Friday, they make hot cross buns with Mummy. Whilst they eat their buns, they look at the crosses. They remember that Jesus died on a cross and then he was buried in a cave (tomb) in a garden. Tom says it's like the cave that Jesus was buried in. Tessa thinks the bun is like the stone door of the cave. What do you think?



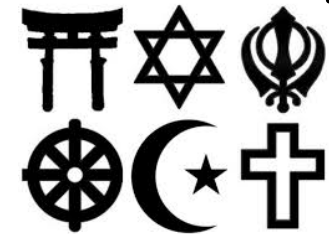
Tom and Tessa are not sure if we know the sad story of Jesus dying, and the big surprise of him coming back to life afterwards. It is the story they hear on Easter Sunday at their church. Christians say Easter is a happy celebration because Jesus did not stay dead. Tom and Tessa have brought some things to help us find out about the story. Share the Easter story together.



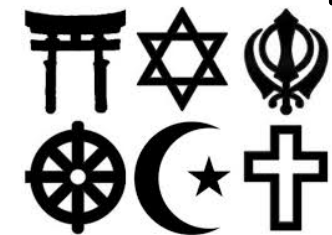
Jesus arrived in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.



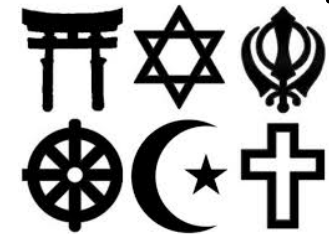
The Priests were jealous of how much the people loved Jesus.





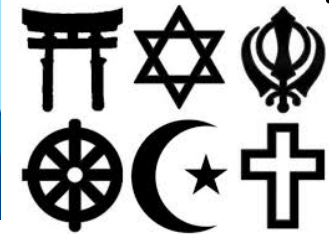


Jesus sat down to a Passover meal with His friends.

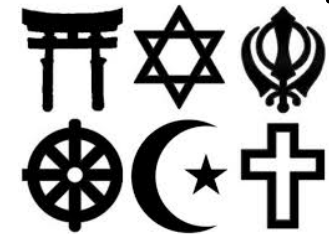




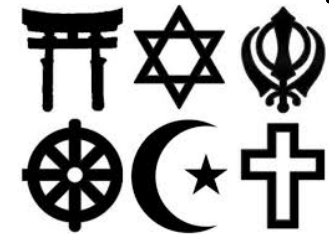
Jesus broke the bread and shared the wine at the Last Supper. He told them He had been betrayed.



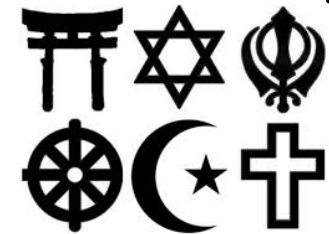
Jesus said that Peter would deny Him before the cock crows.



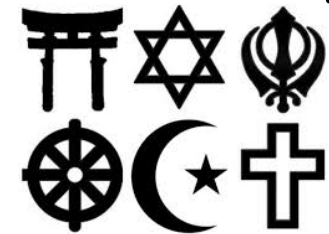
Then Jesus went to pray in the garden of Gethsemane

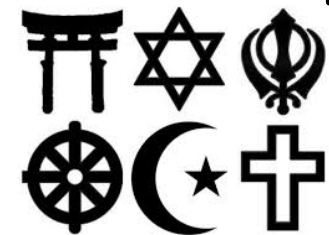


Judas told the high priests where Jesus was and they sent the temple guards.



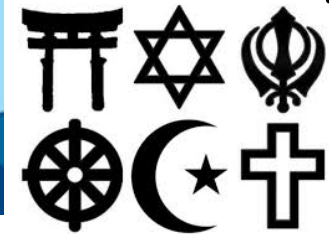
Peter said he didn't know Jesus.

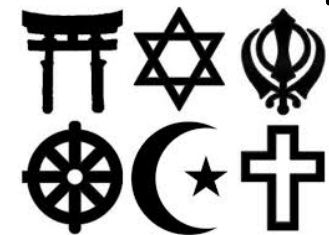
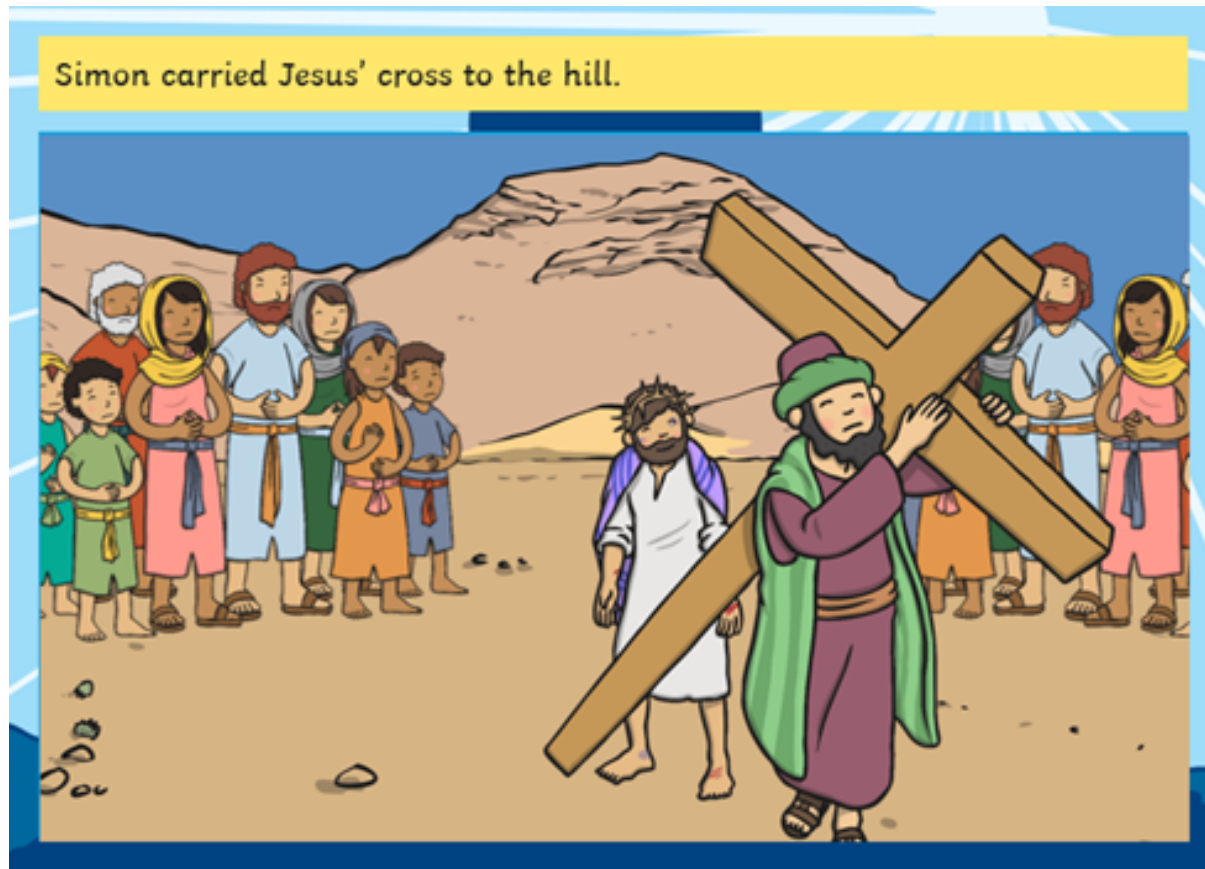


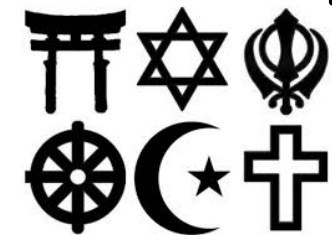
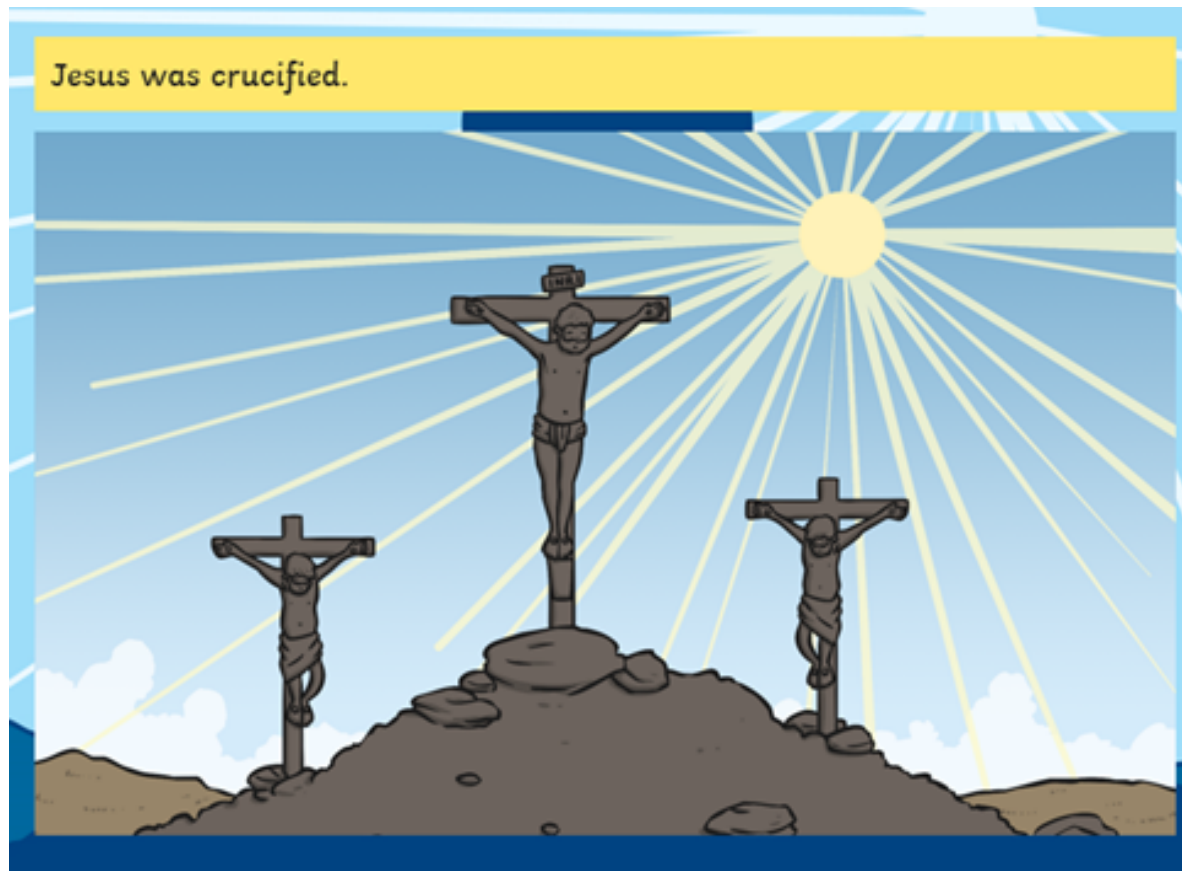


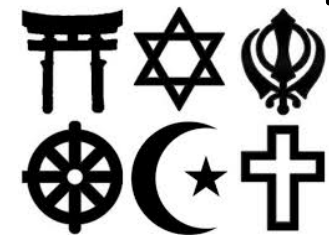
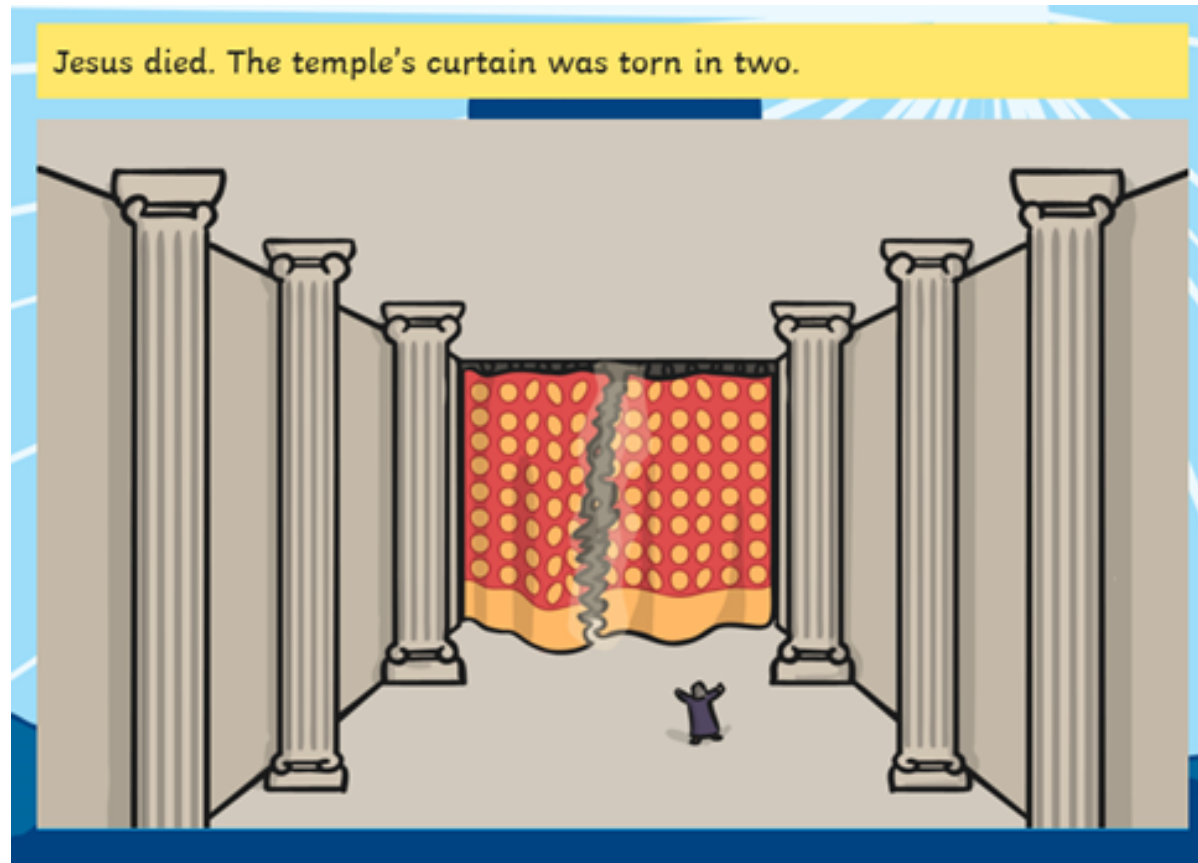


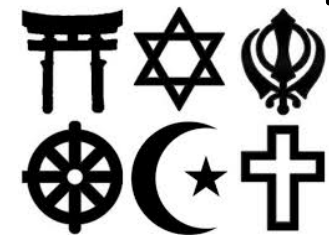
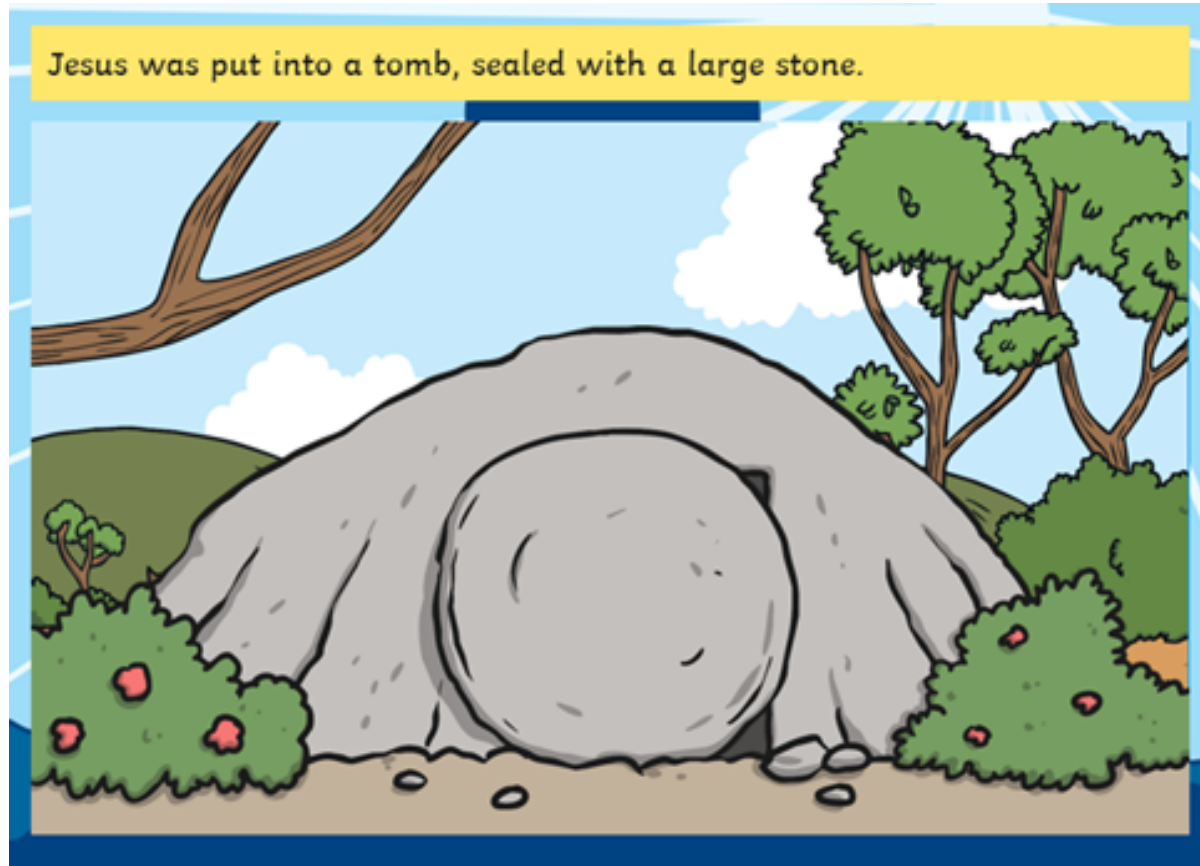
Pontius Pilate set Barabbas free instead of Jesus. The crowd wanted Jesus punished.



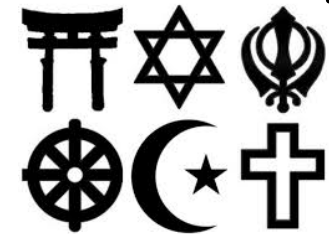






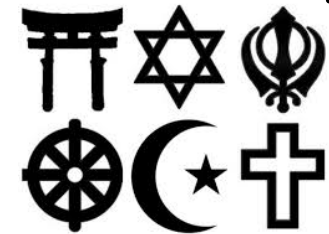


On the third day, the stone was rolled away. An angel told Mary Magdalene that Jesus had risen from the dead.

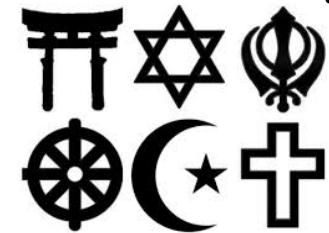




Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene and the disciples before going to heaven.



On Easter Saturday Tom and Tessa are at Granny and Grandad's; they go out into the garden with Grandad. They are making something for Easter Sunday. It is a little garden on a tray. It has a flowerpot on its side for a cave, stones for a path, some grass (moss) and flowers. Grandad said, 'Tom, you make a little cross of twigs, please. Tessa, you make a stone to cover the front of the cave. We want our garden to tell the Easter story.' Why did Tom make a cross? What did Grandad want them to remember? 'Shall we put people in the Easter garden too, Grandad?' asked Tom. 'Good idea,' said Grandad. 'Who do we need?' What do you think? Can you help Tom decide?



Tom and Tessa have brought you a present; what is it? A bag of little Easter eggs. Easter Sunday is an exciting day for Christians. They want to tell everyone Jesus is not dead: he is alive forever. At church they sing loud, joyful songs. Tom and Tessa love it when they do the Easter shout. The vicar says in a very loud voice: 'Jesus is risen'. Everyone has to shout back: 'He is risen indeed! Alleluia!' Sometimes the vicar makes them shout several times until it is loud enough! Then everyone goes to help put flowers on a big cross to show that Jesus is not dead any more: flowers are a symbol of new life. After church, the vicar looks at all the Easter gardens the children have made, and then there is an Easter egg hunt in the churchyard. Mummy says eggs are a symbol of Jesus' new life. The vicar says it is exciting, like the first Christians finding Jesus alive. The twins say it's fun.



### Activity

*Can you create an Easter garden using things you can find outside?  
You will need a flower pot, stones, pebbles, soil or moss, flowers and sticks/twigs.*

