

RE: Year 1 – How and why do we celebrate special and sacred times?

Key Vocabulary

Christian	Someone who believes in the Christian Faith.
Good Friday	When Christians reflect on the day Jesus died on the cross.
Easter Sunday	When Christians celebrate Jesus rising again and going to heaven.
Muslim	Someone who believes in the Islamic Faith.
Ramadan	The ninth month of the Islamic calendar during which Muslims do not drink or eat in daylight hours.
Eid	An Islamic celebration at the end of Ramadan, end of fasting.
fasting	A time when you don't eat or drink.
Allah	The special name for God used by Muslims.

Significant People

Jesus

Christians believe that Jesus died on the cross on Good Friday and rose from the dead on Easter Sunday.

Objectives

- To identify a special time you celebrate and describe its importance.
- To describe how a festival is celebrated.
- To know why Christians celebrate Easter.
- To tell stories connected with Easter and say why these are important to Christians.
- To suggest meanings for some symbols used in the Christian celebration of Easter.
- To describe what happens and what is being celebrated at Eid-ul Fitr and Ramadan.

Special Events

Good Friday is day of reflection and **Easter Sunday** is the day when Christians celebrate the rise of Jesus from the dead. It is a very holy time of the year. Some people who are not Christians celebrate it too.

Ramadan is a time when Muslims fast during the daylight hours. They won't eat or drink again until it is dark. During Ramadan Muslims read the sacred book, the Qur'an, and thinking about Allah. Ramadan is a time to think about people who don't have enough food.

Eid-ul-Fitr is a festival that happens at the end of Ramadan. It is a joyful festival and there is a service with prayers. Family and friends meet and exchange gifts.

Symbols



The Cross
The special Christian symbol. It reminds Christians of the place that Jesus died.



Hot cross buns
Eaten on Good Friday. Remembers Jesus dying on the cross.



Palm leaf crosses
To remind Christian people how people waved palm leaves at Jesus to welcome him to Jerusalem.



Bread and wine
To remind Christian people of the Last Supper during Holy Week.

Key Questions

- Which times are special and why?
- Why are festivals important to religious communities?
- How do Christians celebrate Easter?
- What happened at Easter and how does it make people feel?
- What happens at Eid-ul-Fitr and Ramadan? Why?