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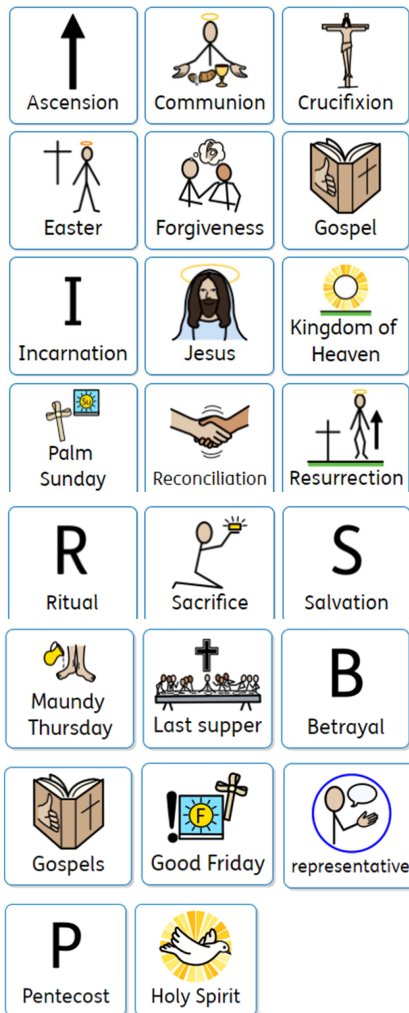
How do Jews remember kings and Prophets?

What do Christians believe about Jesus' death and resurrection?

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How does growing up bring responsibility and commitments?

Vocabulary



Key facts

- The Easter story is at the very heart of Christian belief.
- Christians believe Jesus was/is the Messiah
- Christians believe **Palm Sunday**- Palm Sunday is the story of when Jesus travelled into Jerusalem on a donkey. Jesus chose a donkey because they are gentle and peaceful. Crowds started to come out to greet Jesus. People waved and screamed and treated him like a king. They shouted 'Hosanna' and laid palm leaves down for him to travel over. The palms were a sign that Jesus was a king. Jesus entered the temple at Jerusalem and healed the blind and the lame. The Jewish leaders were jealous that Jesus was so popular.
- **The Last Supper** - This was Jesus' last meal with his disciples before he died.
- On **Maundy Thursday** the Eucharist is celebrated by Christians and it is a re-enactment of the Last Supper where Christians take Holy Communion.
- Many priests were jealous of Jesus and wanted to see him arrested. One of Jesus' disciples (Judas Iscariot) betrayed Jesus for 30 silver pieces. Jesus knew this at the Last Supper.
- **Good Friday** — this is the day that Jesus was crucified on the cross. Good Friday is seen as a very important day in the Christian calendar because Christians believe that Jesus sacrificed himself for others.
- Christians believe Jesus' death was important because it shows how forgiveness, love and hope can turn sadness and shame into joy. Emphasize that this is not the end of the story as Christians believe his death was the beginning of joy, hope and new life.
- Christians remember Jesus' sacrifice through Holy Communion.
- **Easter Sunday**— On the third day after Jesus' crucifixion, the stone of the tomb he had been placed in had been rolled away. His body was gone from the tomb and an angel told Mary Magdalene that Jesus had risen from the dead.
- Christians believe that Jesus was resurrected and rose from the dead and that Christ's resurrection is a victory over death.
- **Pentecost**—This is the Christian festival celebrating the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples of Jesus after his Ascension, held on the seventh Sunday after Easter.