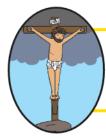


Easter



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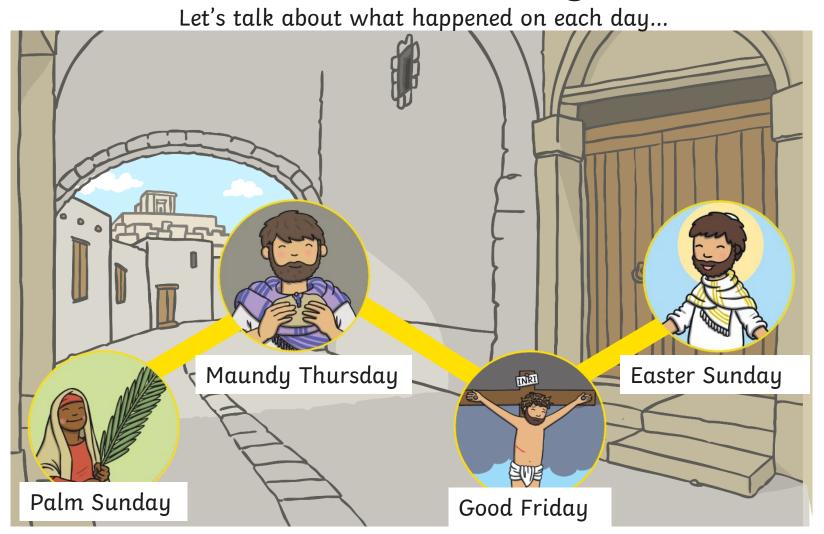


It celebrates the resurrection of Jesus, a time when Jesus came back to life after dying on the cross on Good Friday.



The Easter Story tells us about the events over the week leading up to the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday.

The Easter Story



What Is Maundy Thursday?

Maundy Thursday is the Thursday before Easter.

As Christians, we believe that on this day, Jesus shared a Passover Meal with his friends.

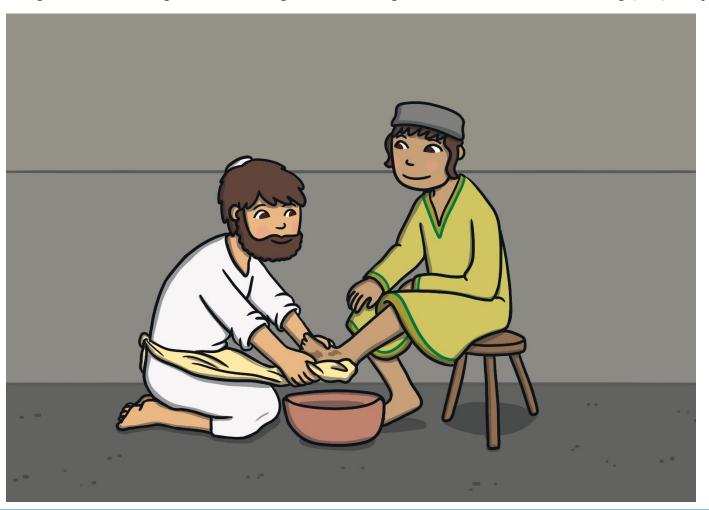
This meal is known as the Last Supper.





Before the meal, Jesus then filled a bowl with water and began to go round washing and drying His disciples' feet.

This was an incredibly shocking thing for His disciples to see as they saw Him as the King of Kings. They wondered why He was doing such a lowly servant's task like washing people's feet.

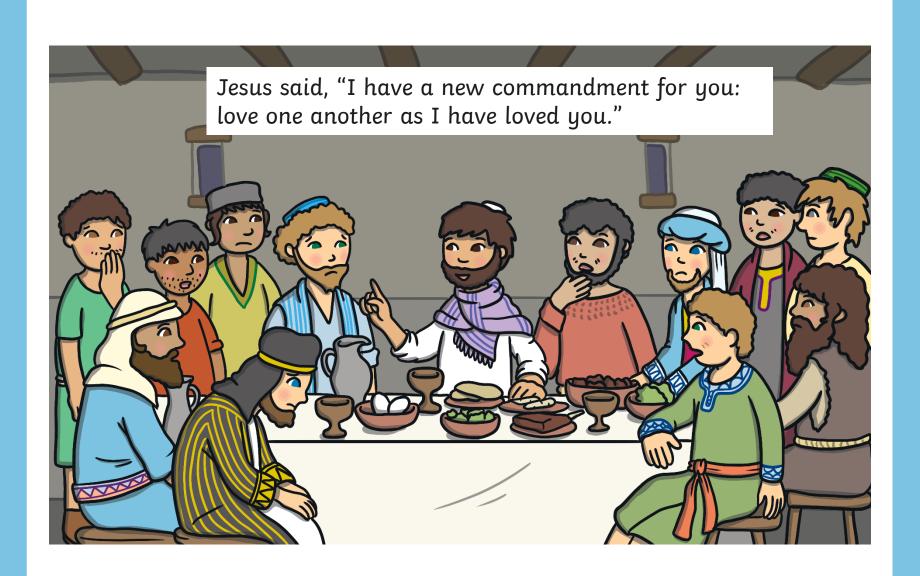


When Jesus came round to Peter, he refused to let Him wash his feet.

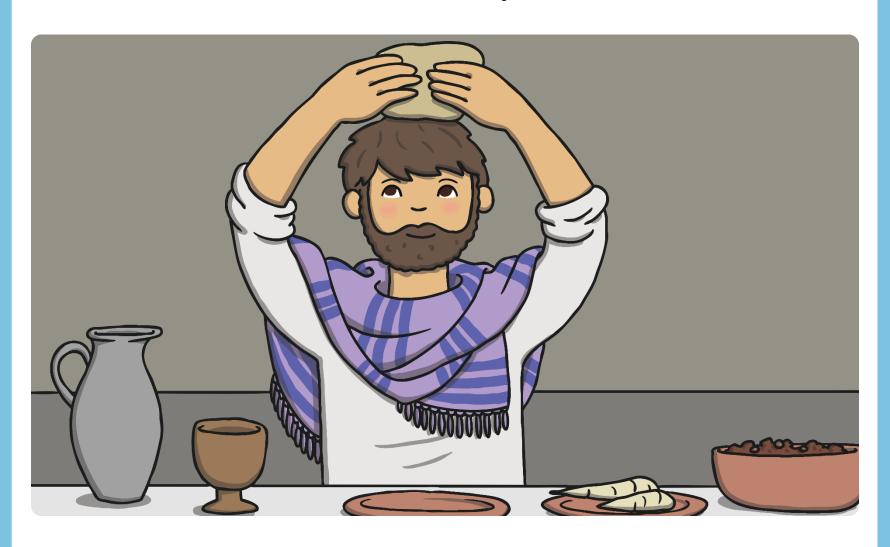
"If you don't let me wash your feet, then you can no longer be with me," Jesus replied.

So Peter let Jesus wash his feet and Jesus said, "Do you understand what I have done for you? You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and that is who I am. Now that I have washed your feet, you can also wash one another's feet."

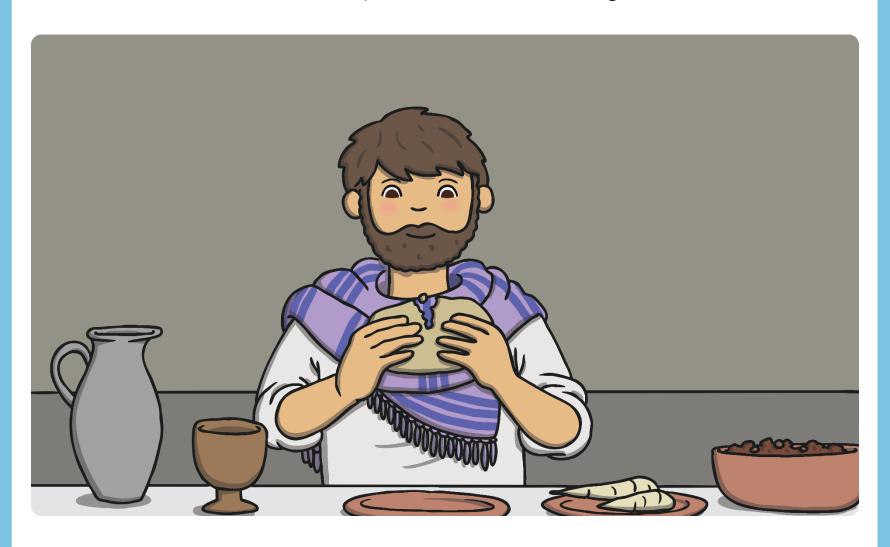




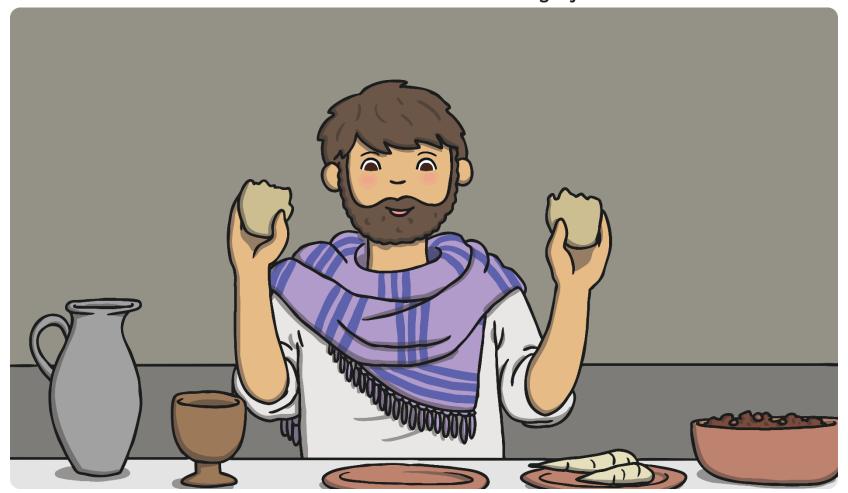
Jesus then thanked God for the bread.



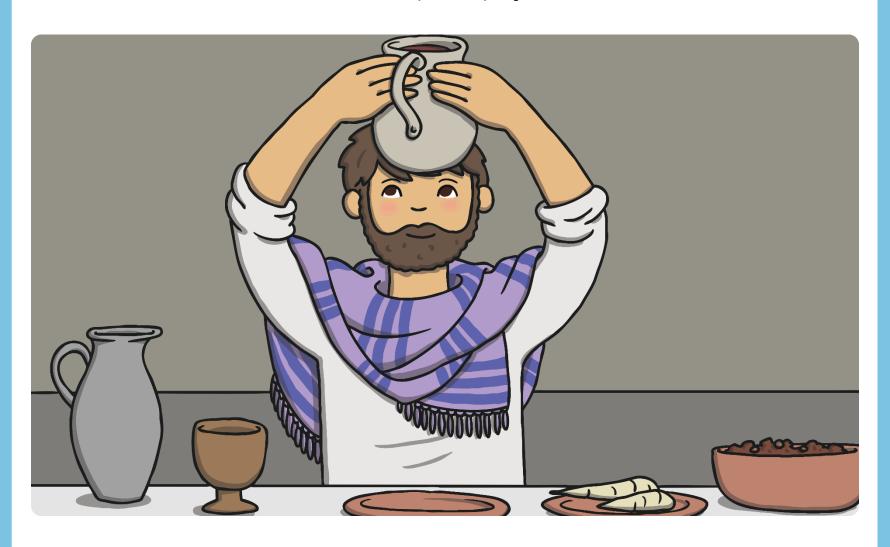
He broke it apart to share with everyone.



"Take this and eat it. This is my body which is given for you," he announced. "Do this in memory of me."



He then held up a cup of red wine.

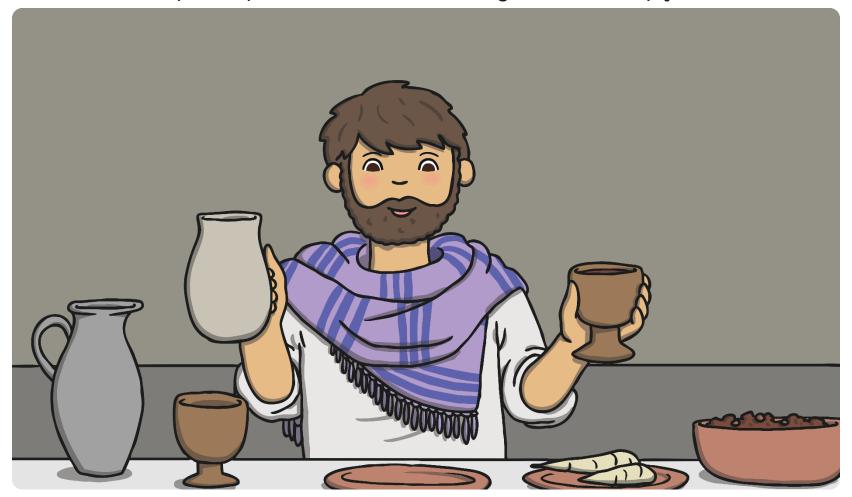


"This is my blood, which will be poured out for many people so their sins may be forgiven," Jesus said.



"Take it and drink it," Jesus said. "Do this in memory of me."

The cup was passed around and everyone took a sip from it.





Later that evening, Jesus and his friends went to the Mount of Olives to pray.

Jesus went into the Garden of Gethsemane to pray. It was there that his friend Judas betrayed him. Judas showed the Roman soldiers who Jesus was by giving him a kiss on the cheek.

The soldiers arrested Jesus and he was taken away.

