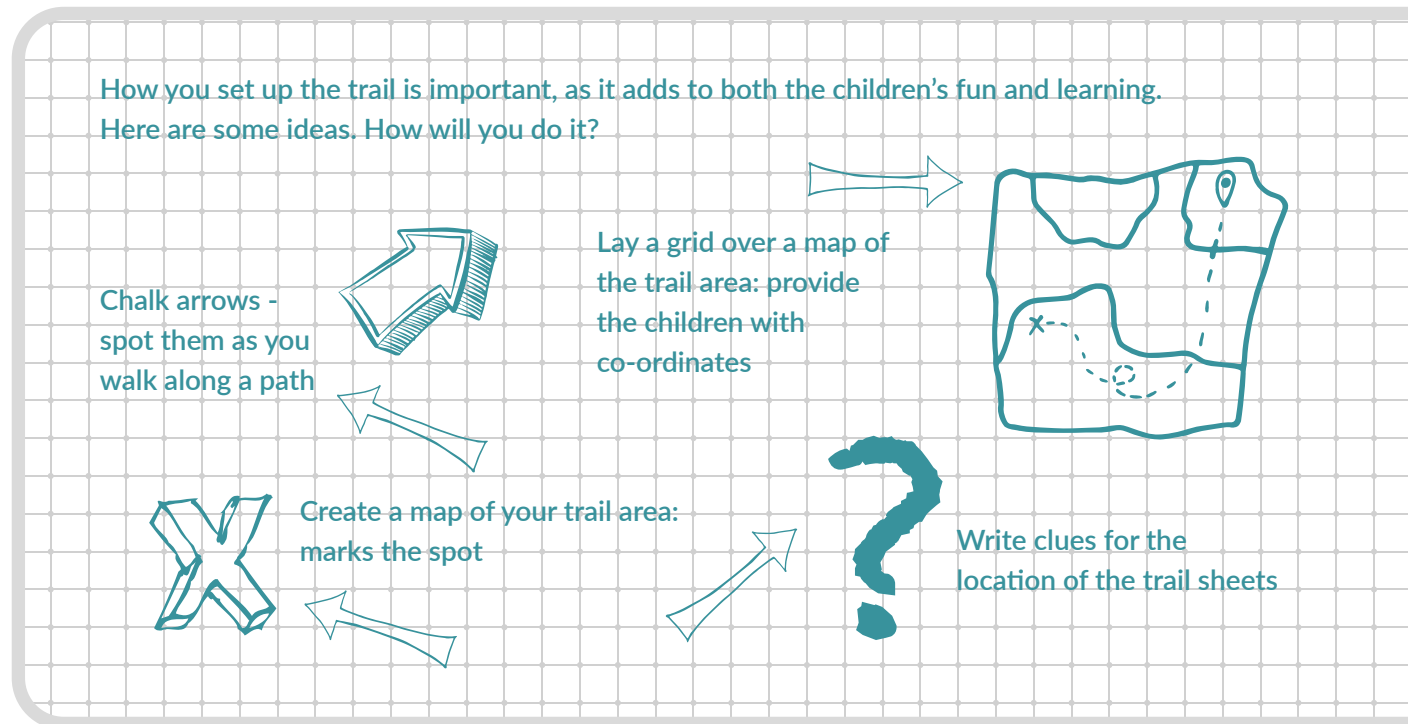


Easter Story Trail

First Level

Here's how you enjoy this trail:

Print the 8 trail sheets and place them around your trail area. Decide how your children will find them.



The trail works best if the children are in small groups or pairs. Depending on the reading ability of the children they may need an adult (or older child) supporting each group. Plan how you'll do this to ensure everyone isn't crowding around one trail sheet at the same time. The children don't need to find the trail sheets in a particular order.

Watch or read the Easter story. You can find it in the Bible in **Matthew 21:1-10** and **Matthew 27:32-28:10**. Make sure the children have heard the following elements: Jesus enters Jerusalem (Palm Sunday), his death (crucifixion) and resurrection. You can find a PowerPoint to help you tell the story here: tenbiblestories.org/resources/easter-death-and-resurrection-of-jesus/

Ensure each child/pair has an answer sheet, a pencil and a clipboard and understands how they find the trail sheets and what they do when they find them.

Visit the trail sheets in any order. There is a true or false question for them to answer on each sheet. Finally, they should 'collect' the letter on the trail sheet ready to solve the puzzle at the end of the trail.

Discuss their answers together, if the answer was false can they tell you the correct answer? Encourage them to solve the puzzle (the answer is JESUS IS ALIVE). You might like to give a small chocolate egg as a prize for completing the trail!

Extend the learning. You'll find some ideas on the next page.

Extend the Learning

There are lots of ideas in our free downloadable resources

tenbiblestories.org/resources/easter-death-and-resurrection-of-jesus/

Here are a few of our favourites:

Choose a selection of the free Bibleworld pictures (available in a PowerPoint here: tenbiblestories.org/resources/easter-death-and-resurrection-of-jesus/) and challenge the children to sequence them in the right order.

If you're outside provide them with pegs and ask them to find somewhere to peg their pictures. Or challenge the children to recreate the story in a series of pictures created with natural objects they've collected.

Provide each child with a hard boiled egg and challenge them to decorate them reflecting the Christian Easter Story. If you've time (and are willing for them to get cracked!) go out and roll them down the hill.

Ask the children if they can explain the link between eggs and the Easter story and egg-rolling and the Easter story.

Go on a 'cross' hunt. How many cross shapes can you find? Or challenge the children to make a cross. Can they make it stand up?

Allocate a small group of children a scene from the story. Invite them to create it. Provide them with a selection of emojis (available to print in our 'additional resources') and to choose which ones match their scene. Can they explain why?



Use the third session in our First Level resources to explore the characters in the story.

Eat hot cross buns, or make empty tomb treats (instructions in our Early Years resources: Contexts to explore).

If you're outside, warm up with a game of Easter Port and Starboard (instructions in our Early years resources: Teacher led activities).

1. True or False?

The story of Jesus being killed on the cross and coming alive again is found in the Bible.



2. True or False?

Christians remember the story of Jesus being killed on the cross and coming alive again at Christmas.



3. True or False?

When Jesus arrived in Jerusalem
people waved pine cones.



4. True or False?

They killed Jesus by cutting off his head.



5. True or False?

They put Jesus' body in
a church.



6. True or False?

Jesus' body was in the cave,
in the tomb, for 3 days.



7. True or False?

When the women got to the tomb
they found his body.



8. True or False?

The angel said, 'Jesus is alive'.



Easter Story Trail

Name: _____

Write down your answers to the True or False questions here. Make sure you spot what number question you're answering. You might not answer them in order.

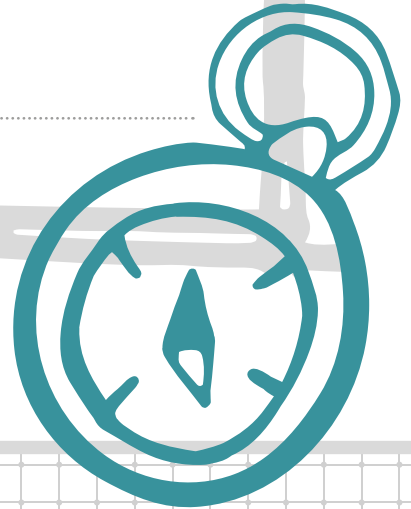
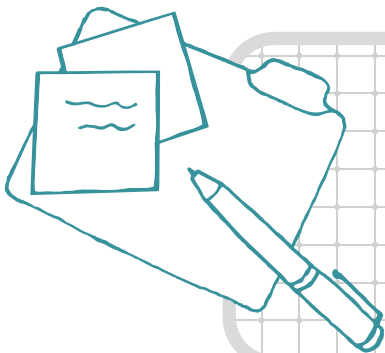
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Can you spot the letters on the trail sheets?
Write them down here.



Can you use the letters you collected to complete this short sentence?
It's about the Easter story.

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