

# The most Eggs-traordinary week in history



Aimed at primary children, this outline could be presented as an assembly or used in a classroom context to explore Lent and Easter.

## Rationale

The purpose of this assembly is to help children consider the Christian experience of fasting through Lent in preparation for Easter, linking Shrove Tuesday and pancakes to the Easter story and the feasting that celebrates the risen Christ. Eggs in various forms are used as a helpful visual aid as they are a well-known, popular symbol at Easter time representing new life and for Christians, the empty tomb.

There is the option of allowing the children to try pancakes, bread and Easter eggs. You need to check with the school for allergies before letting the children try the foods. You could provide small, wrapped chocolate eggs for each child and some alternative sweets for children unable to eat chocolate.

## The Assembly

**You will need:** seven volunteers to help you.

**One of the most important festivals in the Christian Church is Easter. We mark this festival with celebrations and feasting. One treat we feast on is Easter eggs. Who here likes Easter eggs?**

We are going to be thinking about eggs today – not just Easter eggs but ordinary eggs too. Who likes eggs? What can we make with eggs?

Before the feasting at Easter, some Christians choose to fast – give up certain foods for a number of days – to remember

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Just before Lent begins, we have a feast to mark the giving up of certain foods. You might know this as **pancake day** or **Shrove Tuesday**. 'Shrove' is an old-fashioned word meaning



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The day after Shrove Tuesday is **Ash Wednesday**. Some churches have a special service on this day

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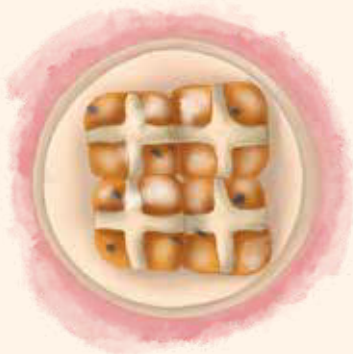


Towards the end of Lent, we come to Holy Week, when we remember Jesus' last days before he died. On **Maundy Thursday**



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The next day is **Good Friday**. It is the day we remember Jesus dying on the cross.



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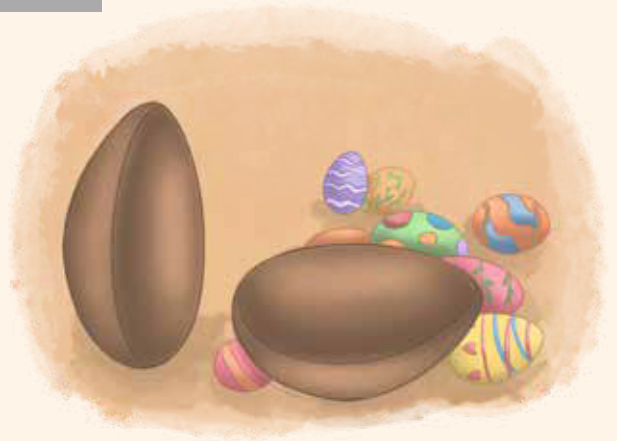
On **Holy Saturday**, we remember that Jesus was buried in the tomb.



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Finally, **Easter Day** arrives. It is a great day of celebration.

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Lord, as we think about this Easter time, we thank you

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### Suggested songs

[Redacted list of suggested songs]

