



FESTIVAL MATTERS:

**Teaching to promote progression
in understanding key Christian Festivals**

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This pack, written by Education Advisers for the Dioceses of Bath and Wells, Bristol, Exeter, Gloucester and Salisbury, aims to:

- Complement Locally Agreed Syllabus requirements
- Help meet requirements of QCA non-statutory framework for RE
- Help church schools reflect their distinctive character
- Provide material that could be used within a school based study in both church and community schools
- Provide opportunities for the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils
- Provide opportunities to develop and enhance the pupils' multi-cultural understanding.



FESTIVALS PACK - SUMMARY

The schemes comprise a unit of work for each year group from Reception to Year 6. There is a different theme and emphasis for each year. Although each unit may be taught in its entirety, teachers may wish to select from the activities.

No time allocation has been set – schools may adjust the timing to fit their own circumstances.

The schemes include:

- **Opportunities for links with other curriculum areas** - links with Literacy, PSHE and opportunities for Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development
- **Assessment questions and criteria/suggested assessment tasks** – linked to QCA levels
- **Suggested activities** – with learning objectives, learning outcomes and resource ideas
- **Story focus/Festival focus** – each unit covers a part or theme of the story [Christmas, Easter, Pentecost] or considers an aspect of modern celebrations.
- **Significance for Christians** – what a particular aspect of the festival or theme means for Christians and how Christians today live out that message
- **Bible references** – relevant references which can be read in a variety of versions and re-tellings
- **Suggestions for Songs/Hymns/Carols/Music** – which reflect the theme or aspect of story being studied.
- **Theme for reflection** – for use in Circle Time or Class worship.
- **Assessment task recording sheets [Christmas and Easter only]**
- **Resource sheets as appropriate**
- **Planning for Acts of Collective Worship linked to festival theme**



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