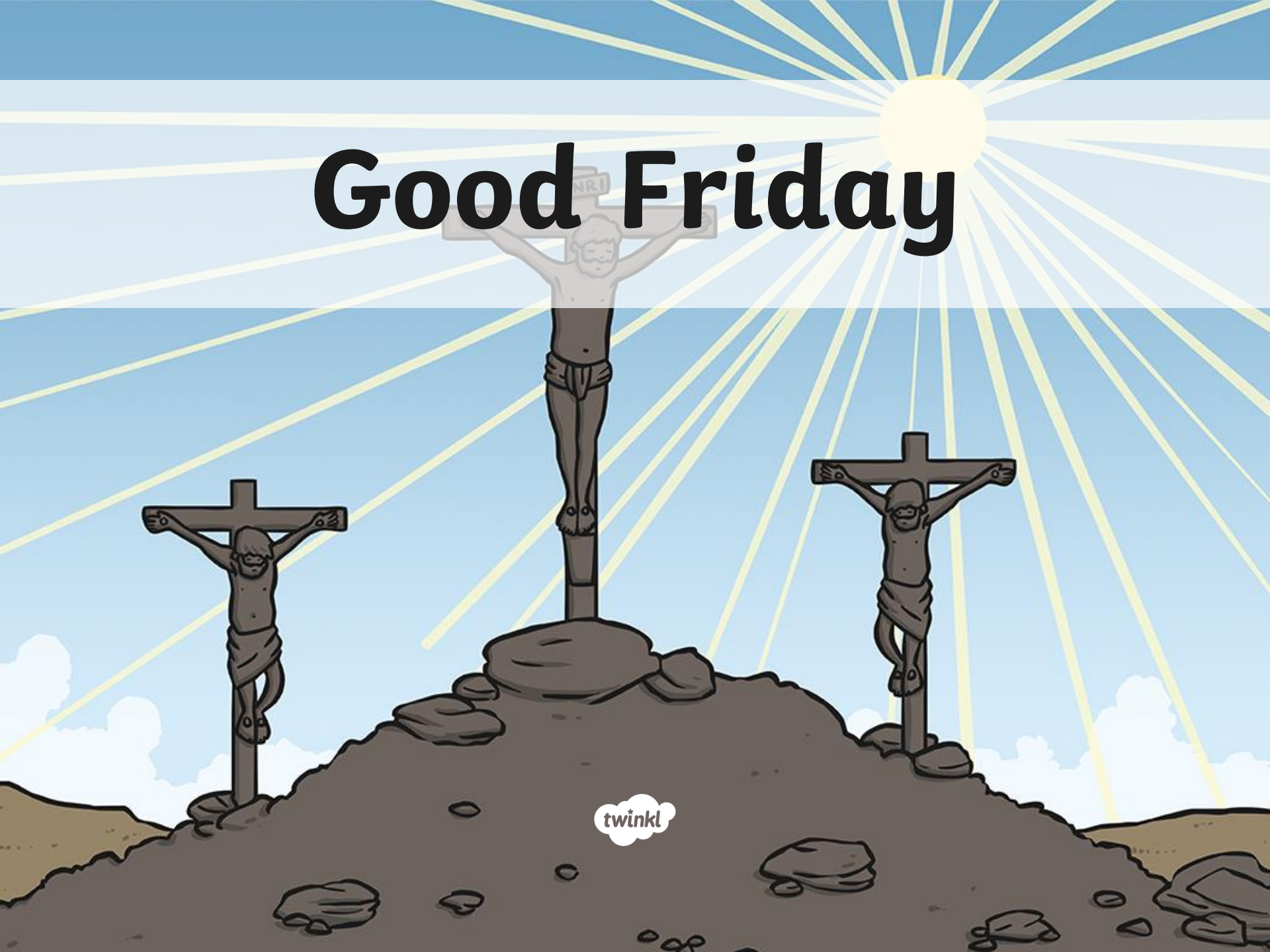


# KQ: Why is the cross such an important symbol for Christians?

## Success Criteria

- I can tell you what the cross represents to Christians.
- I can retell the events of Good Friday.
- I can describe why Jesus died on the cross.

# Good Friday



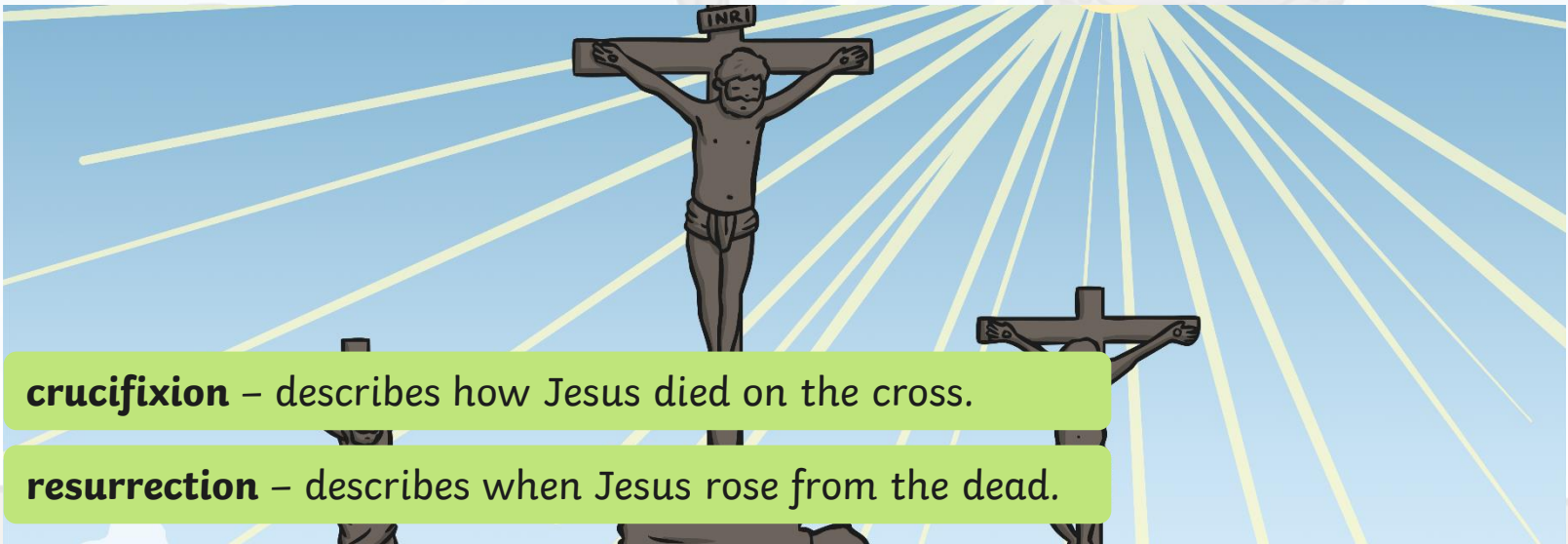
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# Good Friday



Good Friday is the day when Christians remember the day Jesus died on the cross. It is a holy day.

Christians believe that it is 'good' because Jesus showed great love. He willingly suffered and died for the sins of the world. It led to the resurrection of Jesus and his victory over death.



**crucifixion** – describes how Jesus died on the cross.

**resurrection** – describes when Jesus rose from the dead.



# Events of Good Friday



Jesus was taken to the Roman Governor, Pontius Pilate. Pilate wanted nothing to do with this decision as he knew Jesus had not done anything wrong. He got a bowl of water and washed his hands in front of everyone. "This is nothing to do with me. I wash my hands of all responsibility!"



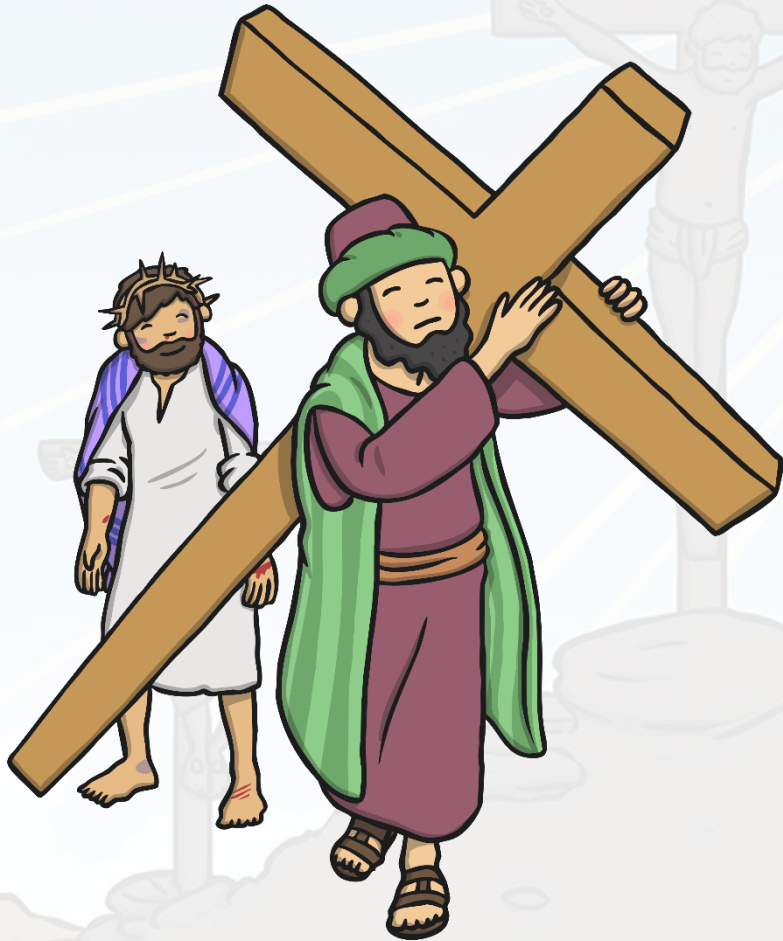
# Events of Good Friday



Jesus was taken away, where the soldiers laughed at him, beat him, took his clothes and put a scarlet cloak around him. They put a crown of thorns on his head and laughed, saying, "Look at the King of the Jews! Ha! Ha!"



# Events of Good Friday



As Jesus was being led away to be crucified, the soldiers saw a man called Simon walking along the path. They made Simon carry the huge wooden cross for Jesus. Jesus was crucified on the hill between two other prisoners.

# Events of Good Friday



The chief priests laughed at Jesus, saying "Come down from the cross then, if you're the King of the Jews! Prove to us you can save yourself!"

Jesus was offered a wine mixture to help with the pain but he didn't drink it. He cried out to God. The earth shook and the sky turned black. Watching, the soldiers said, "Truly this was the Son of God!" Soon after, Jesus died.





# Events of Good Friday



Jesus's body was placed in a tomb and a large stone was rolled across the entrance.

Jesus's friends and disciples were very sad.





# Story Discussion



Why did Pontius Pilate wash his hands?

What happened to Jesus when the guards took him away?

Where was Jesus's body placed after he had died?

How did his disciples feel?



# Symbol

The cross is probably the most important symbol of Christianity.

It reminds Christians that Jesus willingly suffered and died for them, to give them a new life as promised in the scriptures.




Inside churches, there are many crosses. Some churches are even built in the shape of a cross.

# The Cross



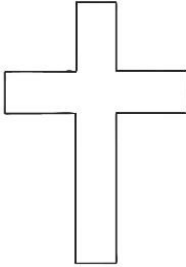
Can you explain why the cross is important to Christians?

Can you think of some words that describe why Jesus died?





### The Cross

Choose words from the bottom of the page that explain why Jesus died on the cross for the world.  
Decorate the cross with your chosen words.



love	mean	victory	strong	selfish	willing	hate	love
angry	nasty	kindness	giving	friendship	weak	special	hope

Can you think of two more words to describe the symbol of the cross?

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