

# Easter

## PRIMARY ASSEMBLY

### Additional Resources

PowerPoint presentation

An Easter egg

Optional - You may wish to hand out an individual egg for each pupil at the end. Check with the school if it is appropriate.

### Easter Hope

#### Aim

To consider the Easter message as a message of hope.

To learn how The Salvation Army tries to give hope to others.

To reflect on how we can give hope to others.

### Introduction

*Introduce yourself and welcome pupils to assembly.*

Today we are going to be talking about hop... No, I mean **hope**. Today we will be talking about hope. *Use slide 2 to support.*

Hope is often the word used when we are wishing for something. Do you hope today will be sunny or rainy? Do you hope for a story or a game at the end of the day? Do you hope for a particular gift? What do you hope for? *Take a variety of suggestions.*

### Main Talk

We hope for many things. We hope for things when it is our birthday, and at Christmas.

Do we ever hope for things at Easter?

*Display your Easter egg.* You may hope to get some Easter eggs. I may hope this is a milk chocolate egg or a white chocolate egg. I hope it tastes as good as it looks!

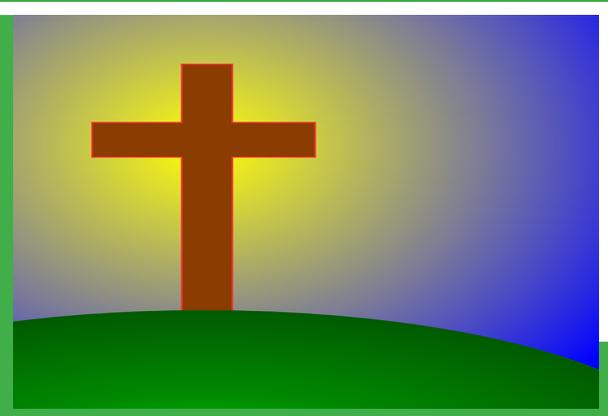
Did you know that the Easter story was a story of hope?

Jesus taught people about God's love and that we can show God's love by helping others. Jesus gave people hope and helped them see that life could be better.

But a big part of the Easter story is that when things got difficult and complicated, people turned away from Jesus. People didn't agree with him and Jesus was killed. When he died, everything looked hopeless. What hope was there for the future?

But the story doesn't end there.

Three days later, Jesus rose from the dead. He spent time with his friends and family. Because he did this, Jesus gave them hope for the future. When things look really awful, there is always hope.



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### Christian Perspective

Christians believe that Jesus gave everything of himself for us. He sacrificed everything. Because he came back from the dead, it is a sign that not even death can defeat Jesus. It is a sign of hope.

### Salvation Army Perspective

The Salvation Army is inspired by the teachings of Jesus. The Salvation Army believes in giving hope to others. *Start showing slide 11.* It supports people - when they are feeling there is no future, when things feel like they are hopeless. The Salvation Army helps people in a practical way. It can give them hope that the future will be better. *Start showing slide 12.*

### Challenge and Reflection

Do we give hope to others? Do we hope for things for our friends and family, or just for ourselves? What can we do to help others? How can we give hope to others?

*Pause for a short reflection time.*

The next time you see an Easter egg, remember, the story is not about giving chocolate. It is about giving hope to others. What hope will you give?

*Thank the pupils and staff for letting you be a part of their assembly. Give an egg to each pupil as they leave, if appropriate.*