

Sacrifice - Spring Term

Introduction to the topic:

Life, especially family life, or life in school, is full of opportunities for self-giving.

When children are young, parents have to do everything for them and sacrifice their own needs for those of their children. The quality of the parents' loving care lays the foundation for their children to grow into people capable of giving love to others.

When parents are old and infirm, they become dependent on their children to look after them. So, life is a cycle of being cared for and caring for others, of dependence and independence, of receiving and giving. Self-giving is essential if individuals and relationships are to grow and develop.

Key Vocabulary	Definition
Christian	Follower of Christ.
Catholic	A Christian faith with slightly different beliefs to other Christian faiths.
The Bible	The central source of authority and teaching for Christians.
Old Testament	46 books that include the time before Jesus.
New Testament	27 books about Jesus and the time after.
Four Gospels	Books written about Jesus by the apostles Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.
Apostle	Means messenger/one who is sent. Sent to deliver the message of Jesus.
Disciple	Learner. A student who learns from a teacher. Christians are disciples of Jesus.
Lent	The period of time leading up to Easter, from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday when Christians focus on the death of Jesus.
Holy week	The week before Easter, starting on Palm Sunday.
Maundy Thursday	The Thursday before Easter, commemorating the Last Supper.
Altar of repose	An altar where the Communion host consecrated on Maundy Thursday is placed until Good Friday.
Stations of the cross	A series of pictures that retell the story of the events leading up to and including Jesus' death.

Key Knowledge and Learning

Know that Lent is a time for self-sacrifice.

Know the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert.

Know some events of the Holy Week.

Know the Stations of the Cross.

Know the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary.

Explore the story of Gethsemane: the agony in the garden.

Know about Holy Thursday, the Altar of Repose.

Know about Jesus' suffering.

Know the events of the crucifixion.

Retell Good Friday and the Resurrection.



Questions of meaning and purpose:

What causes people to help others?

How are people's decisions informed by their beliefs and values?

What are the costs of giving?

What are the rewards of giving?