

## The Gospel (good news)

So why is the Easter Story so important to Christians? Why does it matter that Jesus died and came alive again.

- Christians believe that God is perfect (Holy). They also believe that every human isn't perfect, they do, think and say wrong things (Sin), they don't live God's way.
- The Bible says that because of that people are separated from God and can't go to be with him after they die. Instead (just like when we do wrong things at home or at school) we need to be punished for those wrong things - the punishment is not being able to be God's friend.
- God wanted to fix that problem.
- So he sent Jesus, his son to earth as a baby. Jesus lived a perfect life, he didn't do anything wrong. He didn't need punished.
- But the Bible says he was punished when he died on the cross. He was doing the punishment we deserve. He was doing our punishment for us.
- Now if we say sorry to God for the wrong things we've done, and start to live his way, believing he is our king, we can be God's friend and live as his friend forever even after we die.
- Jesus came back to life, proving that the plan is complete. The punishment is done. There is life after death.