



**EASTER
ASSEMBLY**

**CROSS
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OF
KINGS

A Story Told by Charles Dickens

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5 MIN: WELCOME/INTRODUCTION— What holiday is this week? This is the most important holiday for Christians... you might think it's Christmas, but actually for Christians the world over, Easter is even more important. But its not bunnies or eggs or chocolate we are excited about—though these are great fun, today I want us to explore why Easter is the biggest date in the Christian calendar!

5 MIN: GAME/ACTIVITY— But first, a game! Kids get to put on a series of funny glasses: sunglasses, coloured glasses, clown glasses, 3D glasses, protective lab goggles, scuba gear, glasses. When would you wear each of these and why would you wear them?

Putting on a pair of glasses can be important for lots of reasons—it changes the way we see things and often helps us see clearer. And that's what Christians would say about Easter—because of what we believe happened on the first original Easter, Christians see the world differently.

Many of you have probably heard before that Jesus died on a... (*see if anyone can say 'cross'*). The clip we are about to watch shows some scenes from Jesus' life, including the cross he died on. Jesus death on the cross is something Christians actually celebrate at Easter! And maybe this clip will give you some clues as to why.

3 MIN: CLIP (CROSS MONTAGE)

5 MIN: RECAP— Christians believe that on Easter Jesus really did die for all the world, including me, and then came back to life, showing he even defeated death! For us it's not a fairytale or a myth, not even like history in a history book... it's something that changes the way we see the world and the way we see ourselves. Christians don't think this was just a cool trick, but something God did because he loved the world. He sacrificed himself for all of us.

One of the most famous verses in the Bible talks about this, which is John 3:16—many Christians have it memorised! (*Read/show the verse—if you have any willing participants, you could ask any who have it memorized to come say it with you.*)

Maybe something happened to you that made you see the world, or people, or even yourself just a little differently. Maybe that was a good experience—you saw things more hopefully or positively, but sometimes we can have very bad experiences too... events that cause us to lose hope in the world, in people, or even stop believing in ourselves.

Well this Easter, I hope you will try on a different pair of glasses. I believe Jesus came to give us all hope, that's why I believe in him and what happened on that first Holy Week—and maybe hope is something you can carry with you into the rest of your day and your year: hope that the world can always become a better place, hope that people can always change for the good, and hope that you are going to be okay as well.

PRAYER IF APPROPRIATE: 2 MIN

SONG IF APPROPRIATE: 'SHINE JESUS SHINE'