



## R.E Knowledge Organiser Special and Sacred Times

### Vocabulary

**Celebration** - to make something special or honour with gifts, parties or activities

**Festival**- a gathering of people to celebrate something

**Christmas**- a celebration of the birth of Jesus

**Harvest**- a Christian festival thanking God for the food grown

**Pentecost**- the birthday of the Christian faith

**Chanukah**-the Jewish festival of light

**Passover (Pesach)** - a Jewish festival celebrating freedom from slavery

**Moses**- led the Jewish people out of slavery

**Seder**- the meal held at the beginning of the Jewish celebration of Passover

**Matzah**- the special, crunchy bread eaten by followers of the Jewish faith. Matzah is eaten at a Seder

**Easter**- the oldest and most important Christian festival

**Jesus** - the son of God

**Palm Sunday**- marks the start of the Holy week.

Christians remember when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey and was welcomed by people waving palm leaves

**Good Friday**- the day of Jesus' crucifixion and death

**Easter Sunday** - Jesus' resurrection celebrated

**Disciples** - the 12 followers of Jesus

The last supper- during the last supper, Jesus shared bread and wine with his disciples

**Holy week**- the week leading up to Easter

**Resurrection** - to come back to life

**Tomb**- a structure built to hold a body

### Christian festivals

**Christmas** - celebrates the birth of Jesus. Followers of Christianity and many non - religious people celebrate Christmas. Christians celebrate this festival to thank God for the gift of Jesus

**Easter**- the Easter story is very important to Christians as it reminds them of Jesus' death and celebrates his resurrection. There are four important days during Holy Week: Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday

**Pentecost** -a special celebration when Christians remember the incredible gifts Jesus left his disciples when he went to be with his Father in Heaven. The start of Christianity

**Harvest** - a celebration held to thank God for all of the food grown on the land

### Jewish festivals

**Chanukah (Hannukah)**- the Jewish festival of light which lasts for 8 days

**Rosh Hashanah**- the Jewish new year which occurs in September or October. The Tashlich ceremony happens during this time when followers of Judaism cast out their sins and ask for God's forgiveness

**Yom Kippur**- the holiest day of the Jewish calendar. This celebrates Moses being given the Ten Commandments from God. Jewish people celebrate this by thinking about the previous year and asking for God's forgiveness for their sins

**Passover (Pesach)** -

a festival held to celebrate the Jewish escape from slavery in Egypt

