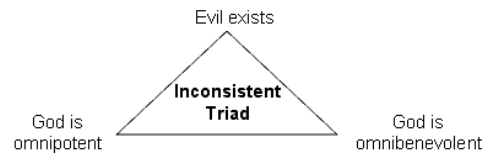




Religious Studies

Y8 Spring 2: Desert to Garden

	Keyword	Meaning
1	Suffering servant	a servant of God, prophesised by Isaiah, who is sent to save humankind and will face hardship and pain behalf of them.
2	Lent	a season in the liturgical year beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending on Holy Thursday; it is a time of repentance, in the 40-day period leading to Easter.
3	Sacrament of Reconciliation	– the sacrament of Healing in which a person confesses and is forgiven of their sins, receiving spiritual healing, also known as the Sacrament of Penance, or Confession.
4	Passion	the suffering Jesus faced during his trial and death on the cross.
5	Fasting, almsgiving and prayer	the three ways many Catholics prepare for Lent- by going without something, by giving to help others and by communicating with God.
6	Problem of evil	a person anointed by God to make thanksgiving offerings on behalf of the people, an ordained minister of the Catholic Church
7	Suffering	negative experiences such as pain or loss that harm human beings and come from the presence of evil or the absence of good in the world
8	Triduum	the three days beginning on the evening of Holy Thursday when the Last Supper was celebrated and including Jesus' suffering and crucifixion on Good Friday and resurrection on Easter Sunday.
9	Theologians	people who study religion.



Jesus' Physical Suffering:

- He was spat at and slapped by guards and priests. (Mark 14:65) - He is scourged- tied to a pillar and whipped (Mark 15:15)



Jesus' Moral Suffering: - His disciples can't stay awake with him as he prays in Gethsemane, even though he is sad and needs company. (Mark 14:34-36) - Many people make false accusations against him. He refuses to answer them even though he is innocent. (Mark 14:62)

Easter Triduum



How to Christians prepare for Lent?

Fasting

Catholics will go without something such as food. This helps them to become more disciplined and to understand the suffering of people who may go without food all of the time.

Almsgiving.

Catholics will give in order to help others. 'Alms' can be anything given freely to meet the needs of another person such as money or resources to a charity to support those in need.

Prayer

Catholics life their hearts and mind to God, focusing on God entirely This is an act of love and 'conversion towards God. Catholics undertake these spiritual acts to remind themselves of the temptation that Jesus faced in the wilderness for forty days.



Is suffering a punishment from God?

The Old Testament suggests that: Suffering is a punishment for sin- St Augustine said that all evil is either sin or punishment for sin.

Suffering is a calling to conversion- The experience of suffering can help people to want to change and live differently.

Suffering is a mysterious.- The story of Job explores the question why do bad things happen to good people? Suffering is redemptive for others- Sometimes when someone suffers, it is for the sake of someone else; to help them.

