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The Bible tells us the wonderful story of Easter. We hear about Jesus' death on the Cross and being buried in the tomb. After three days he is alive once again!

The Bible also tells us that after Easter, Jesus visits his friends. One of my favourite Easter stories in the Bible is when Jesus visits his friends who are huddled together in an upstairs room. They are worried and scared about the future, but Jesus comes into the room and he says 'Peace be with you.'

These are words that Christians all over the world say to each other. It's important for Christians to be talking about Peace, especially here and now.

In church, we will often say these words to each another during a service. Sometimes we turn to each other and wave. Sometimes we like to shake each other's hands. With our friends and family, we might hug each other too. We say to each other: 'Peace be with you' just like Jesus did.

These words and actions mean something special. They are a prayer for our fellow Christians and the people we love. They are a prayer for peace in the church and in the world. They are a hope that we are 'at peace' with each other. What does the word 'Peace' mean to you?

In the Easter Story, when Jesus says 'Peace be with you' he is saying it to his friends who are afraid. He wants to comfort and help them. We can do the same. Our words and actions can bring peace – comfort and help to those in need.

At the end of a church service, we will sometimes say 'Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.' Peace isn't just something we say, it is something we do! How can you share Peace with someone else today? What words can you say, or what things can you do, that will bring some Peace into someone's life?

There are lots of worrying things happening today, in the world, in the church, and even in our own lives as well. This Easter, I want you to remember those words that Jesus spoke: 'Peace be with you.' Remember that God gives you his gift of peace, and he wants you to share it with others. My prayer is that we can share 'Peace' with our family and friends, and that the world will be a more peaceful place.

Peace be with you, and happy Easter!

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