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Key Questions

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About Aled and Siân

Aled and Siân love exploring the places where they live and the places they go to visit. They enjoy playing 'I Spy' to help them get to know these places better. In the *Exploring Why* series Aled and Siân are curious to find out why some of the things around them are important to their Christian, Jewish and Muslim friends.

The series takes seriously the social significance of religion and is based on extensive research into how children learn about themselves, others and the world in which they live.

To support this storybook series, there is a large range of free downloadable resources for children and teachers available at hwb.wales.gov.uk/Resources and st-marys-centre.org.uk

The storybooks and activities are devised for 5- to 7-year-olds, but the downloadable resources make the series relevant for younger and older children too.

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Titles in the *Exploring Why* series are:

Bread
Cross
Light
Menorah
Veil
Water
Symbols of Faith





Aled and Siân are playing 'I spy'. Today they are looking for crosses. I wonder how many crosses they will see and where they will see them.



How many people can you see? Have you been on a busy street?



What do you see in the shop window? How many different kinds of crosses do you see?



Can you find the cross? What does this cross look like?



Can you follow the pattern on the cross with your finger?



What are the people doing at the café? Have you been to a café?



Can you find the cross? What does this cross look like?



What have Aled and Siân found?



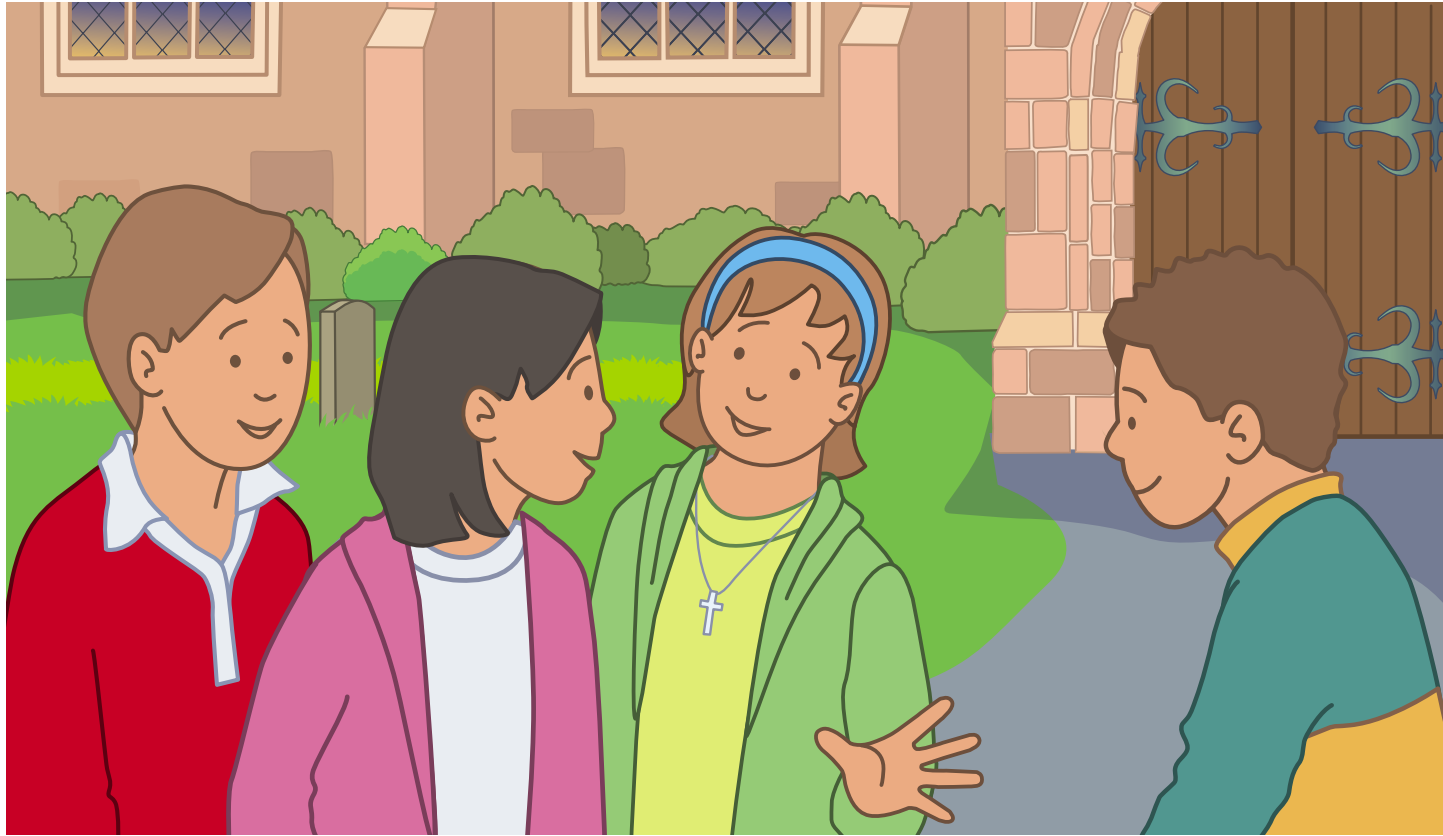
What do you see in the cemetery? Why does the cemetery look like this?



Can you find the cross? Why is there a cross here?



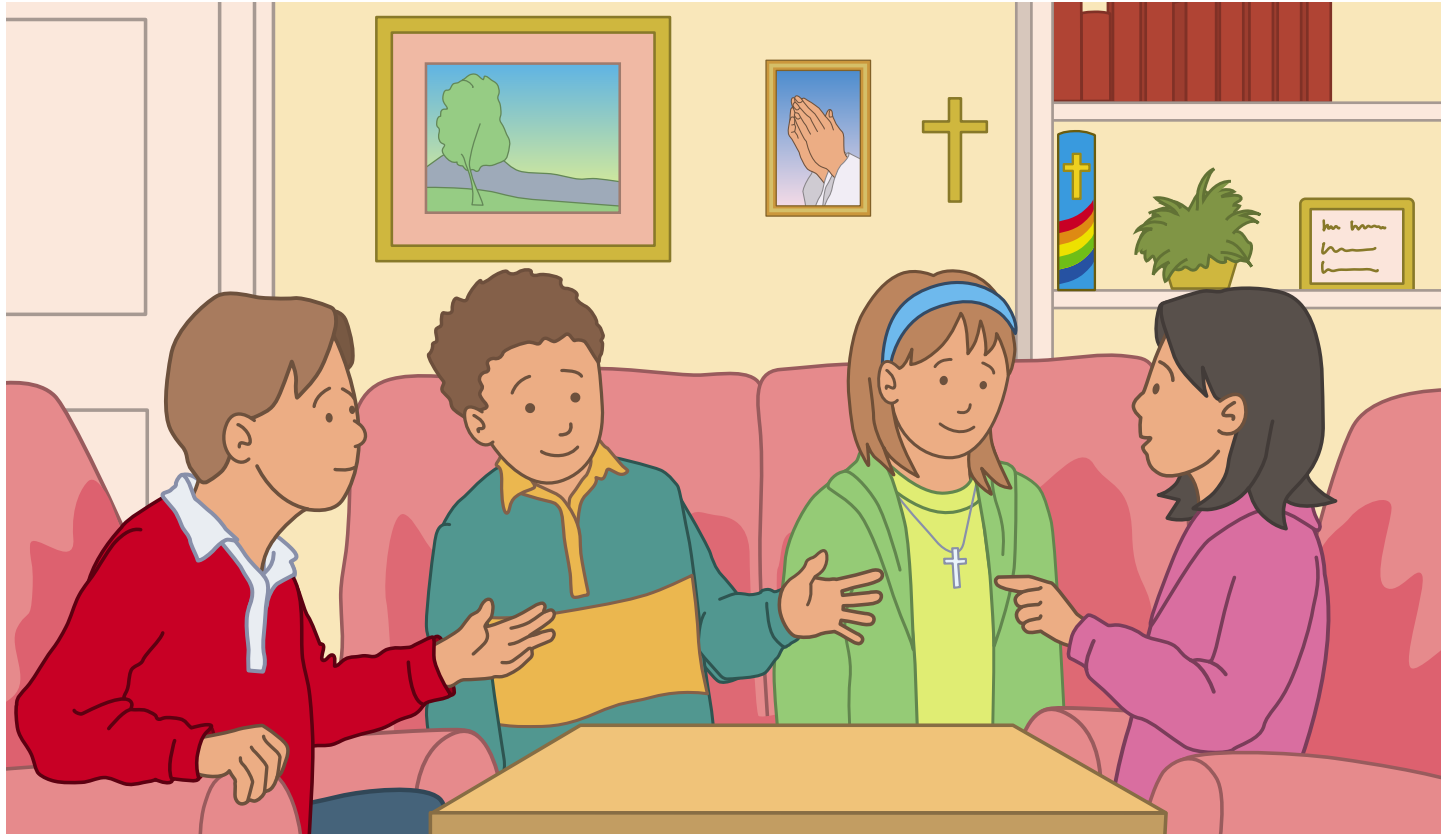
How do you know Peter and Mary's mother is a vicar?



How do you know Aled and Siân are outside a church? Have you been to a church?



Where do you see crosses inside this church?



What do you see in the room?



Why does Peter and Mary's mother give them hot cross buns?
Have you had a hot cross bun?



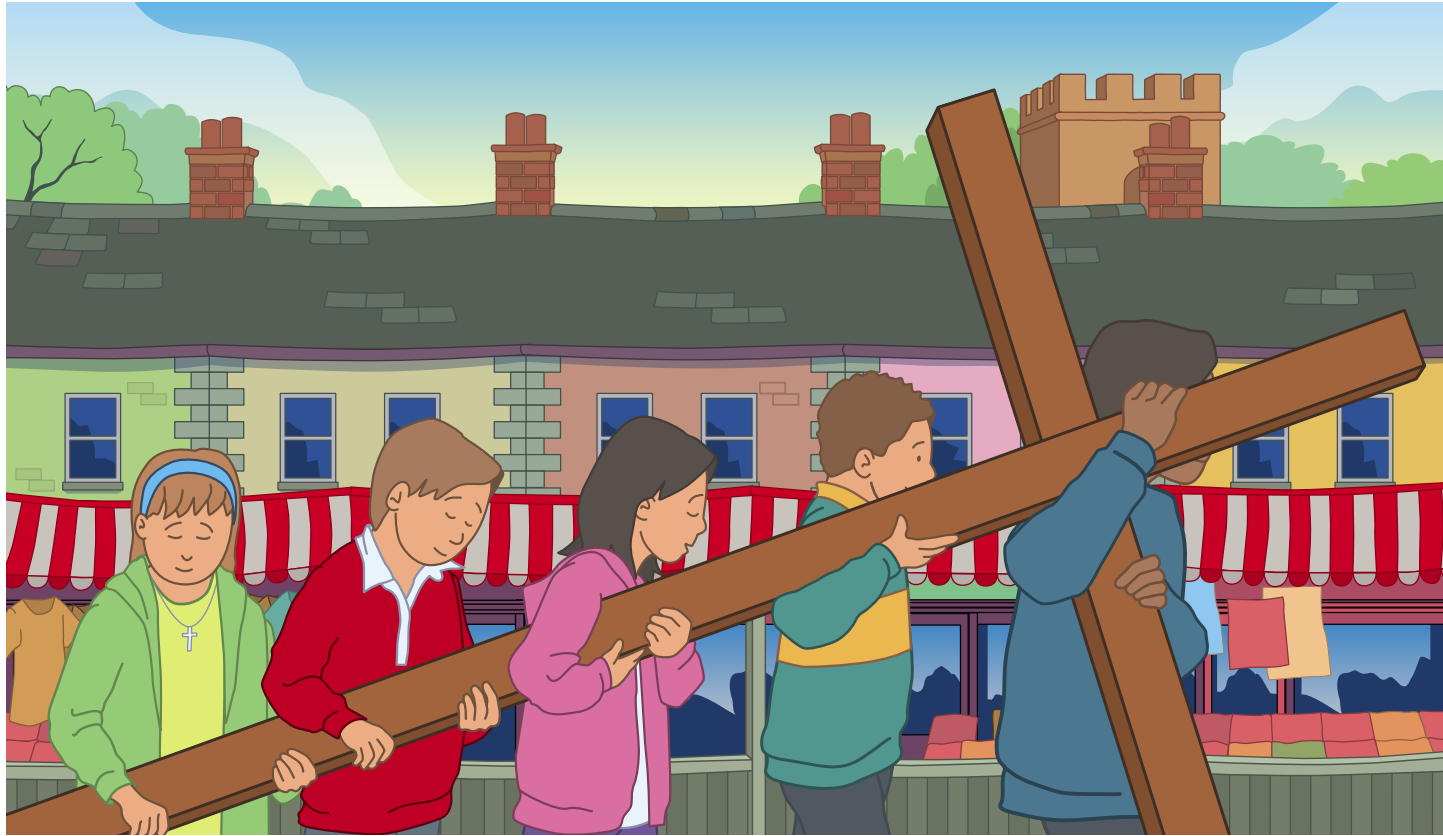
What are they trying to find in the Bible?



What is going on in this picture? How does it make you feel?



What are the people doing in the street? How do they feel?



Have you walked like this with other people?



What story does the Easter garden tell?



Why is everyone looking happy?



What have Aled and Siân learned about the cross?

Aled and Siân are playing 'I Spy' and today they are looking for 'Crosses'. They find crosses in all kinds of places around where they live. When Aled and Siân visit their friends, Peter and Mary, they start asking an important question – "I wonder why the cross is so important?" With the help of Peter and Mary, Aled and Siân begin to find some answers.

