

Understanding Easter

Learning objective: To understand the significance of Easter in the Christian faith and identify common traditions.

Read the text carefully and answer the questions that follow in full sentences.

Easter is one of the most important festivals in the Christian calendar. For Christians, it celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who they believe rose from the dead three days after he was crucified. This event represents hope and the victory of life over death, making it a joyful time of year.

Many people celebrate Easter in different ways. Some visit a church for a special service, while others spend time with their families. You will often see symbols of new life during this season. Eggs are a popular symbol because they represent new beginnings, similar to how the resurrection is a new start. This is why many children enjoy hunting for chocolate eggs, which often cost a few pounds each in the shops. Other symbols include lilies, which are white flowers that bloom in spring.

Ellie the elephant loves learning about these traditions. She remembers that while the chocolate and egg hunts are fun, the core meaning of Easter for believers is about faith, love, and the promise of eternal life.

Word bank: Resurrection · Tradition · Sacrifice · Symbolism · Celebration

1. According to the text, what do Christians believe happened three days after Jesus was crucified? (1 mark)

2. Which white flowers are mentioned as a symbol of Easter? (1 mark)

3. Why are eggs used as a symbol during Easter celebrations? (2 marks)

4. How does the author show that Easter is not just about sweets and presents? (2 marks)

5. In your opinion, which Easter tradition is the most meaningful? Explain why using evidence from the text or your own ideas. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of an Easter garden including some lilies and a basket of eggs.



Extension challenge: Research and write a short paragraph explaining the difference between Good Friday and Easter Sunday.