

Easter Traditions: Sorting the Stories

Learning objective: To distinguish between the religious meanings of Easter and the modern secular traditions associated with the holiday.

Max the monkey has found a big pile of Easter clues, but they are all mixed up! Some clues are about the religious story of Jesus and the meaning of Easter for Christians, and some are about the fun traditions we see today. Look at each clue in the questions below and decide if it belongs in the 'Religious Meaning' category or the 'Modern Tradition' category. Write your choice in the box and explain why you placed it there.

Word bank: Religious Meaning · Modern Tradition

1. Searching for chocolate eggs in the garden. (2 marks)

2. The story of the Resurrection (Jesus coming back to life). (2 marks)

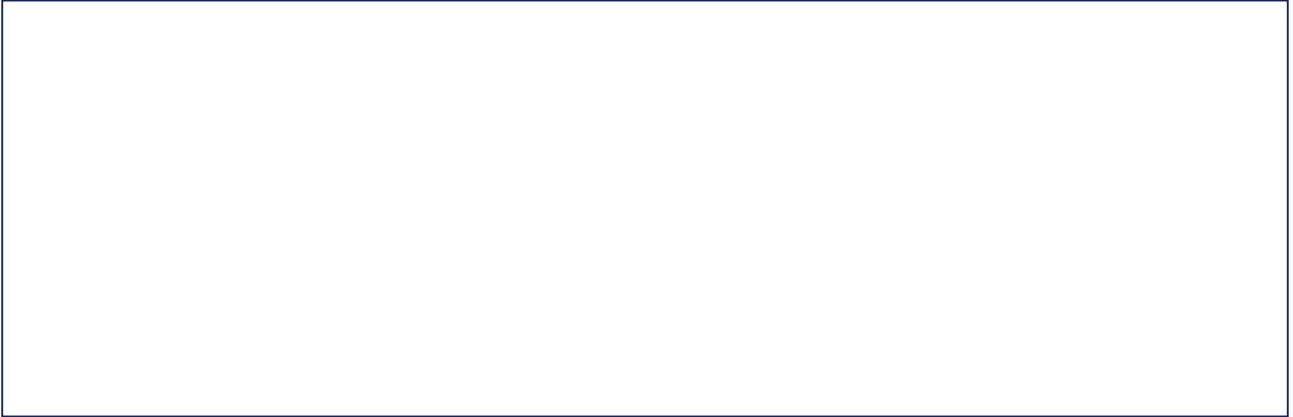
3. Eating a special roast dinner with family. (2 marks)

4. Attending a service at a church on Easter Sunday. (2 marks)

5. The symbol of the empty tomb. (2 marks)

6. Giving an Easter bunny card to a friend. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a symbol that represents Easter for you. It could be something religious, like a cross or a lily, or something traditional, like a decorated egg!



Extension challenge: Can you think of a reason why an egg is used as a symbol for both the religious meaning of Easter and the modern traditions? Write a sentence to explain your idea.