

A Journey through Christian Traditions

Learning objective: To understand the significance of key Christian festivals and the importance of community and generosity within the faith.

Read the passage carefully, then answer the questions that follow. Ensure your answers are written in full sentences.

Ellie the elephant loves learning about how people celebrate their beliefs. She recently visited a local church to discover more about Christianity. Christians believe that Jesus taught them to love their neighbours and show kindness to everyone. This is why many Christians participate in Harvest Festival, where they donate food and money to help those in need. Ellie was moved to see a collection box filled with £10 and £20 notes, all destined for a local food bank. Another vital time is Christmas, which celebrates the birth of Jesus. It is not just about presents; it is a time for families to gather, sing carols, and reflect on the message of peace. During Easter, Christians remember the resurrection, a time symbolised by new life and hope. Across these festivals, the focus remains on community spirit and supporting the vulnerable. Whether it is donating £5 to a charity or simply offering a helping hand, Christians strive to put these teachings into practice every single day. Ellie felt inspired by how these ancient traditions continue to encourage people to be generous and thoughtful members of society.

Word bank: tradition · generosity · significance · community · festival · charity

1. According to the text, what do Christians donate during the Harvest Festival to help those in need? (1 mark)

2. What are the two specific religious festivals mentioned in the text besides the Harvest Festival? (2 marks)

3. Why do you think the author mentions specific amounts of money, such as £10 and £20, in the passage? (2 marks)

4. How does the author suggest that the Christian faith influences a person's daily behaviour? (2 marks)

5. Do you agree that festivals are the best way to encourage generosity in a community? Justify your answer. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture showing a community gathering at a Harvest Festival, including items that might be donated to a food bank.



Extension challenge: Compare and contrast the meaning of Christmas and Easter as described in the text. Then, explain why you think Ellie the elephant finds learning about these traditions valuable for her own understanding of the world. What might happen to a community if people stopped celebrating these shared festivals?