

Easter Traditions and Significance: A Year 4 RE Challenge

Learning objective: To understand the religious significance of Easter for Christians, including Holy Week and the celebration of the Resurrection.

Read each flashcard carefully. Use these to test your knowledge of the events of Easter and how they are observed by the Christian community.

What is the period of 40 days of reflection and preparation before Easter called?

Lent

Which day commemorates the Last Supper shared by Jesus and his disciples?

Maundy Thursday

What is the name of the day that remembers the Crucifixion of Jesus?

Good Friday

What do Christians celebrate on Easter Sunday?

The Resurrection of Jesus, symbolising new life and hope.

Why is the egg often used as a symbol during Easter?

It represents new life and the empty tomb of Jesus.

Explain the significance of the cross in Christian Easter traditions.

It serves as a reminder of the sacrifice made on Good Friday.

What is the 'Paschal Candle' and how is it used in churches?

It is a large candle lit at the Easter Vigil to represent the light of Christ.

How might a Christian show 'reflection' during the period of Lent?

By giving up something, praying more, or performing acts of kindness.

Compare and contrast the mood of Good Friday with the mood of Easter Sunday.

Good Friday is a solemn, quiet day of mourning; Easter Sunday is a joyful, celebratory festival.

Justify why the 'Resurrection' is considered the most important event in the Christian calendar.

It is the foundation of the Christian faith, representing the victory of life over death.

What might happen if the story of Easter was removed from Christian tradition?

Explain the impact this would have on the core messages of hope and renewal in the faith.

Evaluate the importance of symbols (like eggs or lilies) in helping people understand religious stories.

They provide visual representations that help make abstract concepts like 'new life' easier to understand.