Religious Education Assessment: The Significance of Easter

Learning objective: To demonstrate an understanding of the Christian celebration of Easter, its narrative, and its significance for believers.

Read each question carefully. Use your knowledge of Christian beliefs and the Easter story to provide detailed answers. Write clearly and check your spellings.

Easter is the most important festival in the Christian calendar. It marks the end of the period of Lent and remembers the final days of Jesus' life, his death, and his belief-centred return to life. For Christians, this period is a time for reflection, prayer, and celebrating the promise of eternal life.

Word bank: Resurrection · Crucifixion · Lent · Sacrifice · Hope · Good Friday · Easter Sunday · Forgiveness · New beginnings

1. What is the 40-day period leading up to Easter called, and what do Christians usually do during this time? (2 marks)

2. Explain the significance of Good Friday in the Christian story. (3 marks)

3. Why is the event of the Resurrection considered the most important part of the Easter story for Christians? (4 marks)

4. Max the monkey is looking at a calendar. He sees that Easter dates change every year. Why does the date of Easter Sunday move instead of staying on the same day? (3 marks)

5. Ellie the elephant is learning about symbols. Identify two symbols used during Easter and explain what they represent to Christians. (4 marks)

6. Compare how a Christian might show 'hope' during the Easter period compared to a time of reflection, such as Lent. Use examples in your answer. (4 marks)

7. Extended Writing: Why do many Christians describe Easter as a festival of 'New Beginnings'? In your answer, discuss the themes of forgiveness and the Resurrection. (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a symbol that represents Easter to you and write one sentence explaining why you chose it.

Extension challenge: Total: /25. Research Task: Find out what 'Maundy Thursday' is and write a short paragraph explaining its importance.