Easter Traditions and Meaning: A Quiz with Pip and Ellie

Learning objective: To understand the significance of Easter within the Christian faith and explore common traditions associated with the festival.

Join Pip the bookworm and Ellie the elephant as they explore the story and traditions of Easter. Read the questions carefully and circle your answers. Good luck!

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.True, 3.Good Friday, 4.B, 5.False, 6.New life, 7.A, 8.True, 9.Lent, 10.B. Background: Easter is the most important festival for Christians, celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus. It follows a period of preparation called Lent. Hot cross buns are traditionally eaten to mark the end of fasting, with the cross representing the crucifixion.

Word bank: Resurrection · Lent · Crucifixion · Easter Sunday · Good Friday · Hot cross buns · New life

1. 1. Which day marks the end of the 40-day period of Lent? A) Christmas B) Shrove Tuesday C) Easter Sunday* D) New Year (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: For Christians, Easter Sunday celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus. (1 mark)

3. 3. What is the name of the Friday before Easter, which remembers the day Jesus was crucified? (1 mark)

4. 4. What do the crosses on top of 'hot cross buns' traditionally represent? A) A game of noughts and crosses B) The crucifixion* C) A secret code D) Four directions (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: Easter is always celebrated on the exact same calendar date every year. (1 mark)

6. 6. In many cultures, eggs are used as a symbol of what during Easter time? (1 mark)

7. 7. How long does the period of Lent last? A) 40 days* B) 7 days C) 12 days D) 100 days (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: Giving chocolate eggs is a modern tradition often associated with spring and new beginnings. (1 mark)

9. 9. Before Easter arrives, many people give up a luxury or treat during a time called _____. (1 mark)

10. 10. Which season does Easter usually fall in? A) Autumn B) Spring* C) Winter D) Summer (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of a garden in spring, including symbols of new life like flowers, chicks, or eggs, just like Zara the zebra would paint!

Extension challenge: Research why the date of Easter changes every year. Write a short paragraph explaining the relationship between the moon and the date of Easter Sunday.