

Year 4 Religious Education: Exploring Festivals and Celebrations

Learning objective: To demonstrate understanding of the significance of festivals, rituals, and symbols across different religions and cultures.

Read each question carefully. Use your best handwriting and ensure you use specific examples from the religions you have studied this term.

Festivals are special times for people of faith and belief. They are often marked by specific rituals, such as lighting candles, sharing special meals, or visiting places of worship. Festivals help communities remember important historical events, celebrate the natural world, or show gratitude. Whether it is the joy of Diwali, the reflection of Ramadan, the gift-giving of Christmas, or the harvest gratitude of Sukkot, every festival tells a story that is important to the people who celebrate it.

Word bank: Symbol · Ritual · Community · Tradition · Reflection · Celebration · Sacred · Values

1. Define the word 'ritual' and give one example of a ritual performed during a festival you have studied. (2 marks)

2. Why do many festivals include the act of sharing a special meal with family and friends? Explain the importance of this. (3 marks)

3. Identify two different symbols used in religious festivals and state what each symbol represents. (4 marks)

4. Compare and contrast how a festival might be celebrated at a place of worship versus how it is celebrated in a family home. (4 marks)

5. Nova the owl is curious about why people feel it is important to pass down traditions to the next generation. Justify why keeping these traditions alive is valuable for a community. (4 marks)

6. Imagine a new festival that celebrates kindness. Describe the rituals, symbols, and foods that would be part of this day. Explain why these choices represent kindness. (5 marks)

7. What might happen to a community's sense of identity if they stopped celebrating their traditional festivals altogether? Explain your reasoning. (3 marks)

Draw: In the space below, draw a symbol that is meaningful to you or represents a festival you have learned about. Label the symbol and explain its significance in one sentence.



Extension challenge: Total: /25