

Religious Festivals: Understanding Traditions and Celebrations

Learning objective: To demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the significance, symbols, and practices of religious festivals.

Read each question carefully. Use full sentences where required. Ensure your spelling is accurate and your explanations are clear.

Festivals are important events for people of faith. They often mark historical events, seasonal changes, or sacred stories. During these times, people may gather for special meals, share gifts, or attend places of worship. Festivals help communities feel connected to their history and their beliefs.

Word bank: Significance · Ritual · Community · Symbolism · Tradition · Observance · Celebration · Reflection

1. Name two reasons why religious festivals are important to people of faith. (2 marks)

2. Explain the meaning of the word 'ritual' and give one example of a ritual that might take place during a festival. (2 marks)

3. Max the monkey is helping his friends plan a community feast. Why do many religious festivals include sharing food with others? (3 marks)

4. Nova the owl is observing different night-time festivals. Describe how light or candles are used as symbols in different religious traditions. (3 marks)

5. Compare two different festivals you have studied. How are they similar in the way they bring people together? (5 marks)

6. If you were designing a new community festival to celebrate peace, what one symbol would you choose and why? (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a symbol that represents a festival you have learned about. Label the parts of your drawing to explain what the symbol means.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Imagine you are writing a poem about the spirit of a festival. Write a four-line poem that captures the feeling of joy and community during a special celebration.