Easter Traditions: A Sequencing Challenge

Learning objective: To understand the chronology and significance of Holy Week and Easter traditions within the Christian faith.

Ellie the elephant has been researching the history and traditions of Easter. However, her notes have become mixed up! Read the list of events below and number them from 1 to 7 to show the correct order of the Easter story and the period of reflection leading up to it. Then, write a brief explanation for why each event is significant to Christians.

Word bank: Palm Sunday · Maundy Thursday · Good Friday · Easter Sunday · Lent · Resurrection · Last Supper

1. 1. Lent: A period of 40 days of reflection and preparation. Why do Christians observe this? (2 marks)

2. 2. Palm Sunday: Jesus enters Jerusalem. What do the palm branches symbolise? (2 marks)

3. 3. Maundy Thursday: Jesus shares a final meal with his disciples. What is this meal called? (2 marks)

4. 4. Good Friday: The day commemorating the crucifixion. Why is it called 'Good' Friday? (2 marks)

5. 5. Easter Sunday: The celebration of the Resurrection. What does this mean for Christians? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene representing one of the events from the list above. Think about the colours you use—can you choose colours that represent the mood of that specific day (e.g., bright colours for celebration or sombre colours for reflection)?

Extension challenge: Max the monkey is helping a local charity shop prepare for an Easter fair. They have 150 chocolate eggs to sell for £1.25 each. If they sell all of them, how much money will they raise for charity? Show your working out!