

Easter Traditions and Symbolism: A Creative Guide

Learning objective: To understand the significance of Easter symbols within the Christian tradition through artistic expression.

Use this sheet to explore the symbols associated with Easter. Read the questions carefully and use the word bank to label your drawing. Add colour and detail to make your artwork reflect the themes of new life and reflection.

Draw: Create a detailed scene on your paper that acts as a collage of Easter symbolism. In the centre, draw an arched stone entrance representing the Empty Tomb. To the left, draw a tall, decorated Paschal Candle with a bright flame. To the right, draw a cluster of white lilies and fresh green shoots. Use bright, uplifting colours to symbolise spring. Ensure you leave space around the edge of the drawing to write your labels from the word bank.



Label words: Cross · Lily · Paschal Candle · Empty Tomb · Spring Flowers · New Life

Steps:

1. Why is the lily often used as a symbol during the Easter season? (Hint: Think about what it represents in nature).
2. Label the parts of your drawing that represent 'New Life'.
3. Explain why light (such as a candle) is a common symbol used in Easter church services.

4. Draw a border around your main image featuring patterns inspired by spring, like the ones Zara the Zebra might notice in a garden.
5. Which symbol in your drawing do you think is the most important, and why?