

Easter Traditions and Beliefs: A Reflection with Ellie

Learning objective: To understand the significance of Easter in the Christian faith and identify how different traditions reflect these beliefs.

Join Ellie the Elephant to explore the meaning of Easter. Use your knowledge from our RE lessons to fill in the sections below. Think carefully about how the events of Holy Week and Easter Sunday connect to the concepts of hope, sacrifice, and new life.

Word bank: Resurrection · Christianity · Holy Week · Sacrifice · New life · Symbolism · Forgiveness · Reflection

1. The Meaning of Holy Week: Explain what Christians remember during the week leading up to Easter Sunday. Why is this time considered so important? (3 marks)

2. Symbols of Easter: Choose two common symbols associated with Easter (such as the egg or the cross) and explain what they represent in the Christian faith. (4 marks)

3. The Concept of New Life: How does the celebration of Easter Sunday link to the idea of 'new life' or 'resurrection' for Christians? (3 marks)

4. Personal Reflection: Think about a time you have seen someone show kindness or forgiveness. How does this link to the messages taught during the Easter story? (2 marks)

5. Comparing Traditions: Describe one way that families might celebrate Easter today and explain how it connects to the religious origins of the festival. (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Research a specific Easter tradition from another country. Write a short paragraph explaining how their celebration differs from ours in the UK and why they might focus on different symbols.