

## Springtime Stories with Ellie the Elephant

*Learning objective: To understand the key events of the Easter story and develop reading comprehension skills.*

Read the story below with a partner or an adult. Then, use your best handwriting to answer the questions about the text.

Ellie the Elephant loves to visit the old, stone library to read stories from long ago. Today, she is sharing the Easter story. A long time ago, a man named Jesus travelled to Jerusalem. People waved palm leaves to welcome him because they were happy to see him. Later, the story tells us about a time of great sadness, but then a wonderful surprise happened. On the first Easter morning, his friends found that the tomb was empty. They were filled with joy and hope. Today, many people celebrate Easter by giving eggs, which are a sign of new life in the spring. Ellie says it is a time to be kind and remember that hope is a beautiful thing.

*Word bank: spring · garden · hope · celebrate · kindness · remember*

**1. Why did the people wave palm leaves when Jesus arrived? (2 marks)**

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**2. What did the friends find when they went to the tomb on the first Easter morning? (2 marks)**

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**3. Why do people give eggs at Easter time according to the story? (2 marks)**

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**4. How does Ellie the Elephant feel about the meaning of Easter? (2 marks)**

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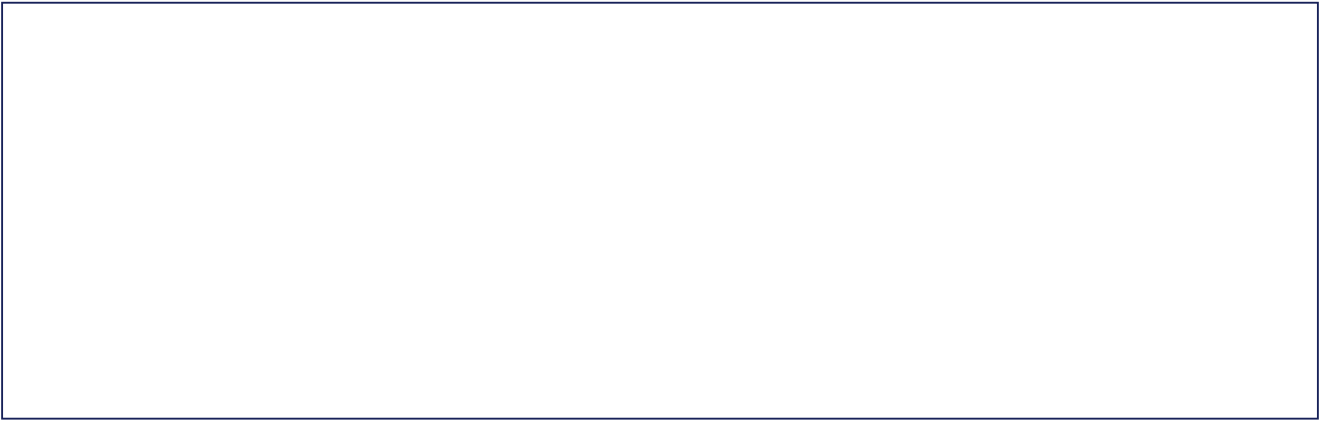
**5. Can you name one way you can show kindness to a friend this spring? (1 mark)**

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**Draw:** Draw a picture of a spring garden with bright flowers and a colourful Easter egg to show the season of new life.



*Extension challenge: Write two sentences about what your favourite part of spring is. Use the word 'bright' or 'colourful' in your writing.*