

Understanding Easter: A Grade 3 RE Assessment

Learning objective: To demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the Christian festival of Easter, its significance, and the traditions associated with it.

Read each question carefully. Use your knowledge of Christian beliefs and traditions to provide thoughtful, well-reasoned answers. Write clearly and use your best handwriting.

Easter is the most significant festival in the Christian calendar. It marks the end of the period known as Lent, a time of reflection and fasting. The festival remembers the final days of Jesus' life, his suffering, and his reported return to life. Christians celebrate this period through special services, symbols of hope, and spending time with their community.

Word bank: Resurrection · Lent · Crucifixion · Sacrifice · New life · Good Friday · Easter Sunday · Palm Sunday

1. Identify two events that occur during the Holy Week period. (2 marks) (2 marks)

2. Max the monkey is curious about why Christians use eggs as a symbol during Easter. Explain the connection between eggs and the message of Easter. (3 marks) (3 marks)

3. What is the purpose of the 40-day period known as Lent, and how might a Christian prepare for Easter during this time? (3 marks) (3 marks)

4. Compare the moods of Good Friday and Easter Sunday in a Christian church. Why are these days felt so differently? (4 marks) (4 marks)

5. Justify why the 'Resurrection' is considered the most important part of the Easter story for Christians. (4 marks) (4 marks)

6. Extended Response: Describe how a Christian community might celebrate Easter Sunday. Include details about symbols, themes of hope, and the importance of coming together. (5 marks) (5 marks)

7. If a store sells an Easter lily for £4.50 and a decorative egg for £2.25, calculate the total cost for a church to buy one of each. (1 mark) (1 mark)

8. Explain why symbols like the cross and the empty tomb are used to tell the Easter story. (3 marks) (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a symbol that represents 'New Life' to you, and write one sentence explaining why you chose this symbol for an Easter display.

Extension challenge: Nova the owl asks: 'What might happen to the way Easter is celebrated if the symbols of new life, such as spring flowers and eggs, were no longer available?' Write a short paragraph justifying your answer. Total: /25