

Ellie's Christian Celebration Sort

Learning objective: To identify key symbols and traditions associated with the Christian faith.

Ellie the Elephant is learning about Christianity. She has found some important words, but they are all mixed up! Read the list of items below. Decide if each item belongs to the celebration of Christmas (the birth of Jesus) or the celebration of Easter (the resurrection). Write the item in the correct column of the table.

Word bank: Nativity scene · Easter eggs · Shepherds · Hot cross buns · Jesus · Giving gifts · New life

1. Draw a table with two columns titled 'Christmas' and 'Easter'. Sort these words into the right place: Nativity scene, Easter eggs, Shepherds, Hot cross buns, Jesus, Giving gifts, New life. (Hint: 'Jesus' is important to both!) (5 marks)

2. Why do Christians give gifts at Christmas? Use this sentence starter: Christians give gifts because... (2 marks)

3. What do Easter eggs represent for Christians? Use this sentence starter: Easter eggs represent... (2 marks)

4. Name one other symbol you might see in a church. (Hint: Think about shapes!) (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of a candle. Christians often light candles in church to show that Jesus is the 'light of the world'.



Extension challenge: Talk to a partner about which celebration you think is the most important to Christians and why.