

Year 3 English Assessment: The Story of Easter

Learning objective: To demonstrate understanding of the narrative structure, key vocabulary, and themes of the Easter story, while practicing descriptive writing.

Read the text carefully and answer all questions in full sentences where requested. Ensure your spelling and punctuation are accurate.

Easter is a time when many people think about new beginnings and the arrival of springtime. The story of Easter tells of a time of great sadness that turned into a time of joy and hope. It speaks of a kind teacher who showed great courage when facing difficult challenges. After he passed away, his friends were very sad, but they soon discovered that he had returned to them. This event changed their lives forever, and they began to share his message of kindness and love with everyone they met. Today, people remember this story by gathering with their families, sharing special meals, and thinking about how they can be kind to others, just like the teacher in the story.

Word bank: tradition · reflection · narrative · symbolism · celebration · courage · springtime

1. According to the text, what does the story of Easter represent besides sadness? (2 marks)

2. How did the friends feel when they first discovered the teacher had returned? (2 marks)

3. Find and copy two adjectives from the text that describe the teacher or the emotions in the story. (2 marks)

4. Explain why the friends decided to share the teacher's message with other people. (4 marks)

5. Why do you think the arrival of springtime is linked to the message of the Easter story? Use evidence from the text to support your answer. (5 marks)

6. Imagine you are explaining the meaning of 'hope' to Pip the bookworm. Write two sentences describing what hope feels like to you. (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture representing 'new beginnings' in nature, which is a theme often associated with Easter, and label your drawing with one sentence.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph (50 words) describing a tradition your family has during springtime. Total: /25