

Reflecting on the Easter Story

Learning objective: To analyse the key events of the Easter story and consider the themes of sacrifice, hope, and new beginnings.

Read the questions carefully and use your knowledge of the Easter narrative to provide thoughtful, well-structured answers. Refer to your class notes or historical context where necessary.

This activity focuses on your understanding of the traditional Easter narrative. Think about how the different characters reacted to the events in Jerusalem and the symbolic meaning behind the story's conclusion.

Word bank: Palm Sunday · Last Supper · Betrayal · Crucifixion · Resurrection · Sacrifice · Hope · Atonement

1. Identify two significant events that occurred during the final week of Jesus' life in Jerusalem. Briefly explain why each event is considered a turning point in the story. (2 marks)

2. Max the monkey is looking at the 'maths' of the timeline. If the Last Supper took place on a Thursday evening, how many days pass until the traditional celebration of the Resurrection on Sunday? Show your working out. (2 marks)

3. Pip the bookworm loves collecting words. Define the word 'sacrifice' in your own words and explain how it relates to the themes found in the Easter story. (2 marks)

4. Why do you think the Easter story remains an important narrative for many people today? Consider themes of forgiveness or new beginnings in your answer. (3 marks)

5. Compare the atmosphere of Palm Sunday to the atmosphere of Good Friday. Use descriptive vocabulary to explain the change in mood. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene that represents 'new beginnings' or 'hope', inspired by the themes of the Easter story. Use Zara the zebra's love of patterns to include a decorative border of spring flowers around your illustration.



Extension challenge: Research how different cultures in the UK celebrate the season of Easter. Write a short paragraph explaining one tradition and its historical origin, ensuring you use formal, academic language.