Religious Festivals: Understanding Traditions

Learning objective: To identify key features of religious festivals and explain why they are important to believers.

Read each question carefully. Use your knowledge of festivals to answer in full sentences where possible. You have 30 minutes to complete this assessment.

Festivals are special days or periods that are celebrated by people around the world. They often mark important events, seasonal changes, or religious stories. During these times, people may gather with their families and friends to share special meals, exchange gifts, or visit places of worship. Many festivals include symbols, such as light, colour, or specific foods, which help remind people of the meaning behind the celebration.

Word bank: celebration · tradition · community · symbol · reflection · gratitude · observance · shared

1. Name two things that people often do when celebrating a religious festival. (2 marks)

2. Why do you think it is important for people to gather as a community during a festival? (3 marks)

3. Give one example of a symbol used in a festival and explain what it might represent. (3 marks)

4. Max the monkey is trying to work out the cost of a festival feast. If he buys a basket of fruit for £4.50 and a loaf of bread for £1.25, how much does he spend in total? (2 marks)

5. Explain how a festival might help a person show gratitude or thankfulness. (4 marks)

6. Compare two different festivals. How are they similar in the way people celebrate them? (6 marks)

7. Extended Writing: Imagine you are designing a brand new festival that brings people together. Give your festival a name, explain what event or idea it celebrates, and describe one special activity people would do to mark the occasion. (5 marks) (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a festival scene showing a community gathering. Include one symbol that represents the meaning of the festival.

Extension challenge: Total: /25. Imagine you are Pip the caterpillar; write a short poem (4 lines) about the joy of sharing a meal with friends during a special celebration.