Easter Traditions: A Sorting Challenge

Learning objective: I can identify and categorise the diverse symbols and historical customs associated with the Easter festival.

About 15 minutes. Grown-up tip: Discuss with your child how some traditions, like egg hunts, have evolved over time to become part of spring celebrations.

Below is a list of items and concepts related to the celebration of Easter. Some are religious symbols reflecting the Christian narrative of Holy Week, while others are secular traditions associated with spring and new life. Sort each item into the correct category in the table below.

Example: 'Cross' is a religious symbol. Write it in the 'Religious Symbols' column.

Word bank: Hot cross buns · The Resurrection · Chocolate eggs · Palm leaves · Spring flowers · The Last Supper · Egg hunts · New clothes

1. Create a table with two columns: 'Religious Symbols and Events' and 'Secular Spring Traditions'. Place the items from the word bank into the correct column. (8 marks)

2. Why do many Christians eat hot cross buns on Good Friday? Explain the significance of the cross marking. (2 marks)

3. Explain how the symbols of 'new life' (like eggs or flowers) relate to the meaning of Easter for Christians. (2 marks)

4. If a pack of 6 chocolate eggs costs £3.00, how much does each individual egg cost in pence? (1 mark)

5. Research or recall: What is the significance of Maundy Thursday in the Christian timeline of Easter? (2 marks)

Draw: An illustration of a basket of decorated eggs sitting next to a spring daffodil and a small, simple wooden cross.

Extension challenge: Write a short poem or reflection about how the season of spring reflects themes of 'renewal' or 'new beginnings' in your own life.

I did it! Name: _____ Date: _____

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