Easter Traditions and Beliefs: A Religious Education Assessment

Learning objective: I can explain the significance of Easter within Christianity and understand how it is observed through different traditions.

About 45 minutes. Grown-up tip: Discuss with your child how festivals often combine religious history with seasonal changes in the natural world.

Read each question carefully. For longer answers, ensure you provide specific examples or reasons to support your point. Example: If asked why a festival is important, you should name the festival and explain one way it influences a believer's actions.

For Christians, Easter is the most important festival in the calendar. It marks the end of Lent, a period of 40 days of reflection and fasting. The story of Easter involves the crucifixion of Jesus on Good Friday and his resurrection on the third day, which is celebrated on Easter Sunday. These events are central to Christian faith, symbolising the victory of life over death.

Word bank: Resurrection · Lent · Crucifixion · Sacrifice · Atonement · New life · Good Friday · Easter Sunday

1. Identify the two specific days mentioned in the passage that represent the most significant events of the Easter story. (2 marks) (2 marks)

2. What does the period of 'Lent' represent for Christians before Easter? (2 marks) (2 marks)

3. Explain why the 'resurrection' is considered the most vital part of the Easter story for Christians. (3 marks) (3 marks)

4. Many people use symbols like eggs or spring flowers during Easter. How do these symbols relate to the religious meaning of 'new life'? (4 marks) (4 marks)

5. Compare how a Christian might observe Good Friday compared to how they might observe Easter Sunday. Give reasons for the difference in tone. (4 marks) (4 marks)

6. Write a reflection (approx. 100 words) on why Easter remains a significant time for many, even for those who are not religious. Include how community and the change of seasons play a role in these traditions. (5 marks) (5 marks)

Draw: A serene spring scene in a UK church garden featuring a budding oak tree, a robin, and early spring daffodils, symbolising renewal.

Extension challenge: Total: /25. Challenge: Research the date of Easter for the next three years. Explain why the date changes every year using the lunar calendar cycle. (5 marks)

I did it! Name: _____ Date: _____

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