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Easter and Surprises

How Is Easter Celebrated?



Aim

- I can explain how Christians celebrate Easter.

Success Criteria

- I can tell you about two ways Christians celebrate Easter.
- I can explain why celebrating Easter is important to Christians.

How Is Easter Celebrated?



Write as many different ways of celebrating Easter as you can think of.



Why Is Celebrating Easter Important to Christians?



Easter is the oldest and most important Christian festival. Easter is the time when Christians remember the crucifixion and the resurrection of Jesus, the Son of God. Although they remember that Jesus died on the cross, they also celebrate that he came back to life.



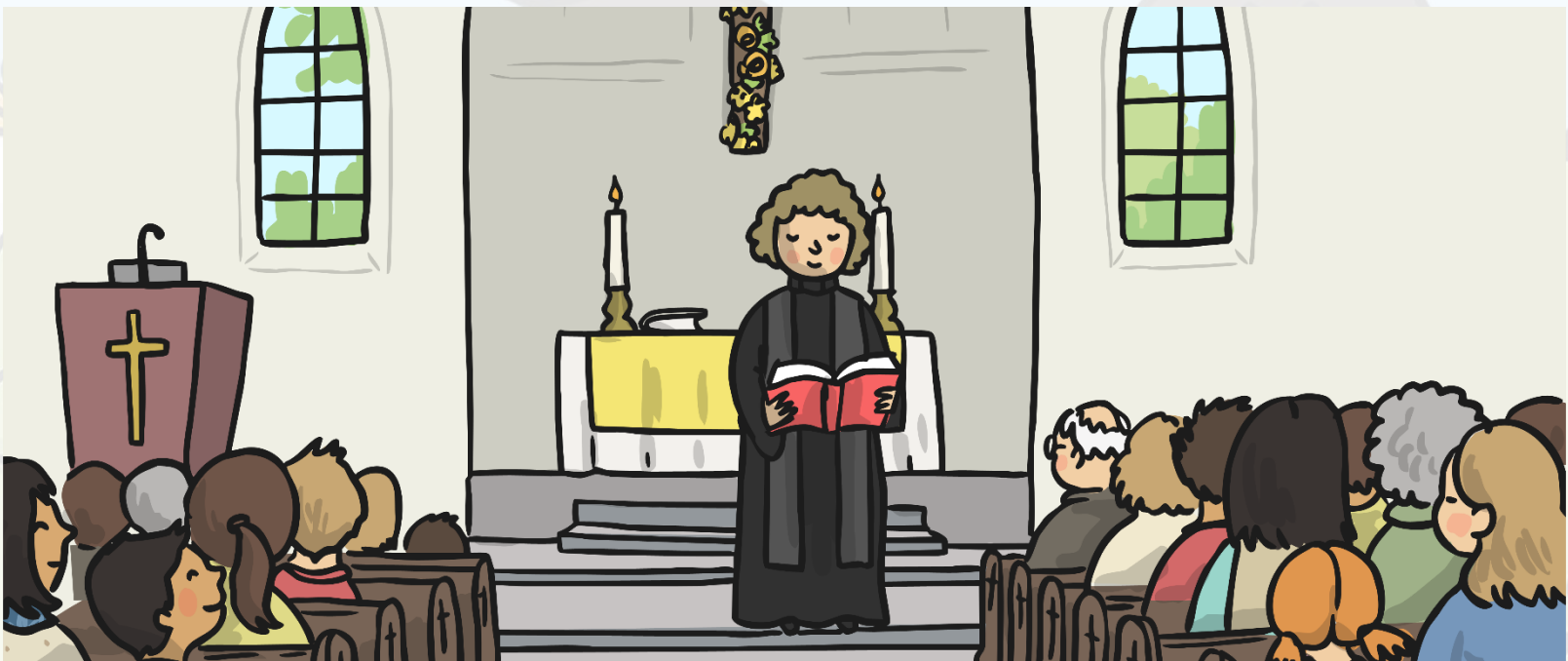
The resurrection of Jesus is very important to Christians as it gives them the promise of eternal life in heaven.



Easter Traditions: Church



Christians go to church to remember the crucifixion of Jesus and celebrate his resurrection. Parts of the Bible are read and hymns and carols are sung. There are lots of special services around Easter such as on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil on Easter Sunday.



Easter Traditions: Hot Cross Buns



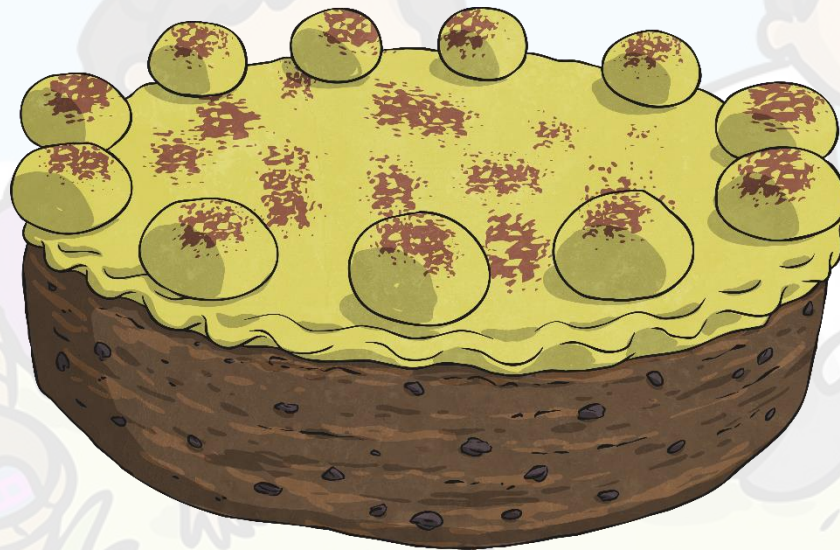
These are traditionally eaten on Good Friday, although they are sold in shops long before Easter! The cross reminds Christians that Jesus died on the cross.





Easter Traditions: Simmnel Cake

This is a special fruit cake eaten at Easter. The cake has a layer of marzipan on top and is decorated with marzipan balls. There are 11 balls to symbolise Jesus's disciples, Judas (the 12th disciple) is left out because he betrayed Jesus.



Easter Traditions: Decorating and Painting Eggs



Eggs are given at Easter because they represent new life and because they are the same shape as the rock which was rolled across Jesus's tomb. The first eggs to be given as gifts at Easter were birds' eggs, which were painted. Today, eggs from chickens are still coloured and painted.



Easter Traditions: Easter Eggs



Chocolate eggs became popular at the beginning of the 20th century and are traditionally given to children on Easter Sunday. Today, there are many types of chocolate eggs which come in lots of different sizes. Sometimes, children take part in an Easter egg hunt where they follow clues to find the little chocolate eggs.



Easter Traditions: Easter Cards



People exchange Easter cards which are then put up in their homes.



Easter Riddles



I can come in all different colours
and sizes.

I can come from a chicken or be
made from chocolate.

I can be wrapped or painted.

I get given to someone on Easter
Sunday.

What am I?

Easter Riddles



I am round.

I am full of fruit.

I am covered in marzipan.

I have 11 marzipan balls on top of me.

What am I?

Easter Riddles



Can you make up your own Easter riddle?

I am a building.

I am sometimes built in the shape of
a cross.

I am a place where Christians go to
pray and celebrate.

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