

Easter: A Christian Celebration

A2 | Teens / Adults | Reading + Vocabulary + Discussion | 30-40 minutes

BEFORE YOU READ

Talk with a partner. What stories are important in a religion you know?

1. Match the words (1-6) with the definitions (A-F).

- | | | |
|-----------|-------|---|
| 1. Easter | _____ | A. a place where Christians pray |
| 2. Jesus | _____ | B. a celebration of Jesus returning to life |
| 3. cross | _____ | C. a feeling that good things can happen |
| 4. church | _____ | D. the central person in Christianity |
| 5. pray | _____ | E. speak to God |
| 6. hope | _____ | F. an important Christian symbol |

2. Read the article. The bold words are the vocabulary from Activity 1.

1. **Easter** is an important time for Christians. It is in spring in many countries. Easter remembers the last days of **Jesus** and his return to life, according to Christian belief.

2. A **cross** is an important symbol at Easter. Christians see it in churches, pictures and jewellery. It helps them remember the Easter story.

3. Many people go to **church** at Easter. They sing songs, listen to stories and **pray**. Some families eat a special meal together.

4. For many Christians, Easter is about new life and **hope**. It is a time to think about family, faith and helping other people.

Easter: A Christian Celebration

A2 | Teens / Adults | Reading + Vocabulary + Discussion | 30-40 minutes

UNDERSTAND, DISCUSS AND WRITE

3. Comprehension. Answer in complete sentences. Use the article to help you.

1. What is Easter for Christians?

2. Who is the central person in the Easter story?

3. What is an important Easter symbol?

4. What may people do at church?

5. What is Easter about for many Christians?

4. Discuss. Talk in small groups. Give reasons and examples.

- What symbols do you know?
- Why do people go to a special place to pray?
- What gives people hope?
- How do families spend special days?

5. Homework: Write a short paragraph.

Write 5-6 sentences about a special day for your family or community.

Easter: A Christian Celebration

A2 | Teens / Adults | Reading + Vocabulary + Discussion | 30-40 minutes

ANSWER KEY AND TEACHING NOTE

Vocabulary matching

1. Easter - B
2. Jesus - D
3. cross - F
4. church - A
5. pray - E
6. hope - C

Comprehension answers

1. What is Easter for Christians?

It is an important Christian celebration.

2. Who is the central person in the Easter story?

Jesus is the central person.

3. What is an important Easter symbol?

A cross is an important symbol.

4. What may people do at church?

They may sing, listen to stories and pray.

5. What is Easter about for many Christians?

It is about new life and hope.

Teaching note

Compare matching answers before reading. Accept other article-supported comprehension answers; discussion and homework answers vary. Discuss customs respectfully, distinguishing religious, cultural and personal traditions.