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Activity 1: The history of Easter

Read through the questions below and see if you know any of the answers. Then, visit www.abc.net.au/news/2017-04-15/the-origins-of-easter-from-pagan-roots-to-chocolate-eggs/8440134 to find out if you were right.

1. What festival did Easter begin as?

2. When does Easter fall, and what determines its date?

3. What does the name 'Easter' come from?

4. What still happens in many European countries on Easter Sunday?

5. What animals were symbolically linked to the goddess Eostre?

6. What were the first edible Easter bunnies made from?

Activity 2: The Easter bunny and other Easter symbols

Decide whether the following sentences are true (T) or false (F). Go to www.goodhousekeeping.com/holidays/easter-ideas/g191/history-easter-traditions.

Easter bunny

1. The Easter bunny traditions came from the Bible.
2. The Easter bunny symbolizes fertility and new life.
3. It is derived from an old Danish tradition.

Easter eggs

1. Easter eggs are related to ancient traditions.
2. For early Christians, Easter eggs represented the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
3. The Easter colours of the Christian church are yellow, red and green.

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Easter sweets

1. Exchanging chocolate and sweets (candy) first became popular around 1950.
2. Chocolate eggs have been eaten for two centuries.
3. Jelly beans might have become popular at Easter because they are shaped like eggs.

Hot cross buns

1. Hot cross buns are sweet, round breads filled with currants and spices with crosses on the top.
2. English people believed buns baked on Easter Sunday were lucky.
3. Hot cross buns are still seen as lucky today.

Activity 3: Easter around the world

Choose a country from the list: 1. Brazil 2. Ethiopia 3. Germany 4. Mexico 5. Spain 6. the UK 7. France 8. Italy 9. Greece 10. Portugal 9. the USA. Consider the questions below, and write a summary in your own words of what you have read.

1. What unique traditions does the country have?
2. What religious traditions do the people of the country practise?
3. What do people wear?
4. What do people eat?
5. Are there any special days that are celebrated?

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