

## Bet you didn't know – Easter Traditions and History

### 1. Think over some questions:

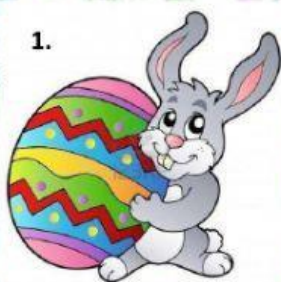
- What is Easter? When it's celebrated in your country?
- What traditions of Easter can you name?
- How do you and your family celebrate Easter? What festivities do you have on this day?

### 2. Read these words/phrases and find out their translations

<b>Lent</b>	<b>Easter Bunny</b>	<b>pagan festival</b>	<b>ancient</b>	<b>gift</b>	<b>custom</b>	<b>Easter Basket</b>	<b>CANDY</b>	<b>renewal</b>
<b>goddess</b>	<b>Christian Faith</b>	<b>hare</b>	<b>Rooster</b>	<b>resurrection</b>	<b>jelly beans</b>	<b>royalty</b>		<b>fertility</b>
<b>Stork</b>	<b>lavish</b>	<b>To ban</b>	<b>merchant</b>	<b>members of high society</b>	<b>goldsmith</b>	<b>jewel</b>		

### 3. What can you see in the pictures? Describe these objects using new words/phrases above.

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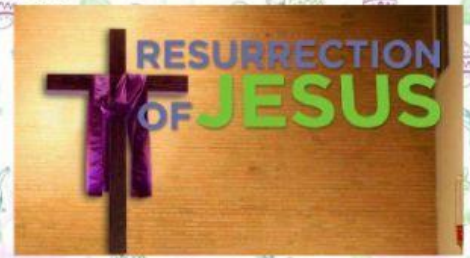
### 4. Fill in the sentences with the best word. Use the table above

- The \_\_\_\_\_ is about Jesus. He came to save the lost.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is the natural capability to produce offspring (*потомок, плод*).
- A \_\_\_\_\_ is a metalworker who specializes in working with gold and other precious metals.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus is the Christian belief that after being put to death to take the punishment for sins Jesus rose again from the dead.



5. Watch the movie and complete the sentences with the missing information.

1. For many people of the Christian faith, Easter is \_\_\_\_\_ holiday of the year.
2. It's the culmination of the religious season of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Easter is also a \_\_\_\_\_ holiday.
4. Early Christians adapted Easter from a \_\_\_\_\_ festival.
5. The goddess consorted with a \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Rabbits are an ancient symbol of \_\_\_\_\_ and new life.
7. It was probably brought to America by \_\_\_\_\_.
8. In different parts of Germany kids wait for the Easter \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, rooster or stork.
9. Eggs also symbolize \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
10. For centuries the Christian Church banned \_\_\_\_\_ along with other \_\_\_\_\_ during lent.
11. \_\_\_\_\_ eggs is one of the oldest Easter costumes.
12. For most Americans, however, Easter is about the \_\_\_\_\_ stuff, \_\_\_\_\_.
13. US candy makers produce \_\_\_\_\_ chocolate bunnies and \_\_\_\_\_ jelly beans for Easter each year.
14. Today, more candy is \_\_\_\_\_ for Easter than any other holiday, except for \_\_\_\_\_.
15. Easter ranks among the most \_\_\_\_\_ celebrated holidays.
16. This spring, sweeten up your celebration with a little \_\_\_\_\_.





**6. Watch it once again and answer the questions:**

- a) What do Christians celebrate on Easter day?
- b) What are the symbols of Easter?
- c) When was the first record about Easter?
- d) What is the theory that describes the appearance of Easter?
- e) Why the Easter Bunny is the symbol of Easter?
- f) Who brought Easter customs and traditions to America?
- g) What animals bring eggs in other European countries?
- h) What does the egg symbolize according to Easter tradition?
- i) Who is Mr. Peter Carl Fabergé? What did he do for living?
- j) Tell about sweet traditions of the Americans on Easter day. What is an Easter basket?
- k) Do you have any similar traditions with Americans of celebrating Easter? What are these traditions?

**7. This is a Jelly Bean Prayer. Try to complete it with the colours and learn about their meanings on Easter Day. Check this task with your teacher.**

**Jelly Bean Prayer**

\_\_\_\_\_ is for the blood He gave.

\_\_\_\_\_ is for the grass He made.

\_\_\_\_\_ is for the sun so bright.

\_\_\_\_\_ is for the edge of night.

\_\_\_\_\_ is for the sins we made.

\_\_\_\_\_ is for the grace He gave.

\_\_\_\_\_ is for His hour of sorrow.

\_\_\_\_\_ is for a new tomorrow.

**And handful of jelly beans,**

**Colorful and sweet,**

**Is a prayer, a promise,**

**A loved one's treat!**

**Happy Resurrection Sunday!**

*The* **Jelly Bean Poem**

*A Craft about the Messages of Easter*

