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CELEBRATING EASTER PART II

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete the table below. Identify the symbol **or** meaning that are related to Easter.

ITEM	SYMBOL
	New Life
 butterfly	
 pretzel	
	Jesus the Light of the World
 wine	
	Jesus' victory over death, new life and hope this victory brings to believers.
 palm branches	

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Easter symbols have been around for centuries. They have been passed down from generation to generation.

Easter Lilies: white blossoms symbolize the purity of Jesus. Lilies, emerging from the earth in the spring, also symbolize new life and the resurrection of Christ.

Easter eggs & baby chicks: symbolize new life. Eggs have been a symbol of spring since ancient times. An egg also is a symbol of the rock tomb out of which Christ emerged when he arose again. The chick, hatching out of the egg, symbolizes new life or re-birth.

The crucifix symbolizes the sacrifice Jesus made by allowing himself to be killed. An empty cross reminds Christians of Jesus' victory over death and the new life and hope this victory brings to believers.

The hot cross buns were first baked in England and served on Good Friday. It has a cross on it to symbolize the body of Jesus broken on the cross.

The cup symbolizes the new covenant, which is God's agreement to save people through their belief in the death of Jesus as the means of salvation. **The wine** symbolizes the blood of Jesus, which was shared for the forgiveness of sins.

The candle represents Jesus as the light of the world. On Good Friday, the light is put out to signify His death and on Easter Sunday it symbolizes life returned to Jesus.

Palm branches- represent when Jesus arrived in Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday and people waved palm branches to welcome Him.

Pretzels - A food eaten during Lent. The twisted shaped symbolizes arms crossed in prayer.

The Butterfly - one of the significant symbols of Easter. Its whole life cycle is meant to symbolize the life of Jesus Christ. The first stage is the caterpillar, which stands for His life on Earth. The second phase is the cocoon stage, portraying the crucifixion and burial of Jesus. The third and final stage is the butterfly, representing His rising from the dead in a glorified body.

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