

Bet you didn't know – Easter Traditions and History

1. Think over some questions:

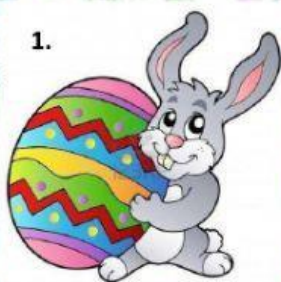
- a) What is Easter? When it's celebrated in your country?
- b) What traditions of Easter can you name?
- c) How do you and your family celebrate Easter? What festivities do you have on this day?

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

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

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

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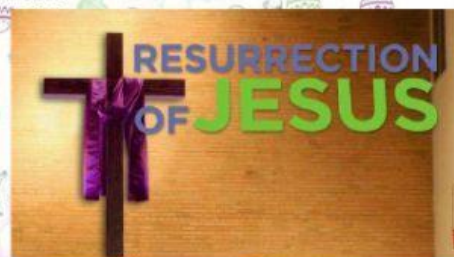


4. Fill in the sentences with the best word. Use the table above

- a) The _____ is about Jesus. He came to save the lost.
- b) _____ is the natural capability to produce offspring (потомок, плод).
- c) A _____ is a metalworker who specializes in working with gold and other precious metals.
- d) 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!

