



# Special Easter Lesson

*Lesson for NM1 and NM2, 2013*

# VOCAȚIUNAR

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bunny



Easter eggs



basket



lamb



chick



chocolate

# VOCABULARY

## Y

Happy  
Easter



hot cross bun



daffodil



lily



spring



bible



cross

# HISTORY: Christian



- Easter celebrates **Jesus Christ's resurrection** from the dead on Easter Sunday, after his crucifixion on Good Friday.
- It's a **moveable feast** because it doesn't fall on a set date every year.
- Instead, we celebrate Easter on the first Sunday following the full moon after the vernal equinox on March 21<sup>st</sup>.

# HISTORY: Holy Week

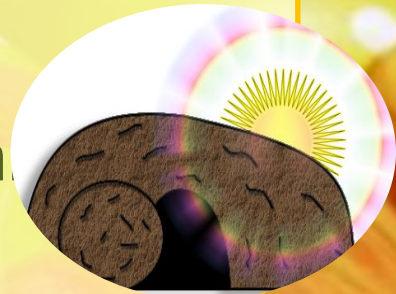


- The week preceding Easter is called **Holy Week** and it includes:
  - **Palm Sunday**: Jesus comes to Jerusalem to celebrate the festival of Pesach and people welcome him waving palm leaves.
  - **Maundy Thursday** commemorates Jesus' last supper with his disciples.



# Holy week:

- **Good Friday** honours the day he was crucified.
- **Holy Saturday** commemorates the day that Jesus Christ lay in the tomb.
- **Easter Sunday** celebrates Jesus Christ's resurrection.



# HISTORY: Pagan tradition

- However, the name **Easter** developed from the Old English word **Ēostre**, originally referring to the Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring.
- The Anglo-Saxon name for the month of April was known as "**Eostremonath**".



# SYMBOLS

## Easter bunny:



Rabbits are a symbol of fertility and new life.

This tradition is based on a German legend of a hare called

**Chick**ase, laying

Eggs symbolise the rock tomb out of which Christ emerged when he arose again.

Chicks, coming out of the egg, symbolise new life

or re-birth



## Easter egg:

Symbol of new life, associated with pagan spring festivals.

Eggs were a forbidden food during Lent, so people decorated them to mark the end of the period and ate them on

Easter Sunday.

## Lamb:

A lamb represents Jesus, "the Lamb of God".





# SYMBOLS



## Cross:

The cross symbolises Jesus' victory over death.

## Easter lilies:

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



## Candles:

They symbolise Jesus, "the light of the world".

## Easter flowers:

Daffodils and tulips bloom in the spring, and symbolise spring and new life.



# TRADITIO

- In Britain, it is traditional to eat warm **hot cross buns** on Good Friday. They have a cross of icing on the top to remind people of Christ.



- Easter Saturday is traditionally spent **decorating Easter eggs**.
- On Easter Sunday Christians attend **mass** on a hill side so everyone can see the sun rise.



# TRADITIONS



- Then, families gather together to enjoy
- Boiled eggs
- Roast lamb
- Custard tarts
- Easter biscuits
- Finally, **Simnel cake** is baked for tea.



- Later, children **hunt for Easter eggs** that have been mysteriously hidden all over the house and garden by the Easter bunny.



# TRADITIONS

The **Easter Parade** tradition is very popular in the USA. People often wear decorated bonnets and hats.

- On Easter Monday, **egg rolling** is a traditional game played with boiled, decorated eggs. In the USA it is held on the White House lawn.



# QUIZ



1. Easter is a Christian festival.  
What does it commemorate?

a) The birth of Jesus Christ



b) The resurrection of Jesus Christ



c) The death of Jesus Christ



2. On which day did Jesus Christ die on the cross?

a) Good Friday

b) Maundy Thursday

c) Easter Sunday

**3. What day is Easter celebrated?**

**a) Friday**

**b) Saturday**

**c) Sunday**



# 4. Where does the name Easter come from?

a) An Anglo-Saxon goddess called Eastre



b) A Saint



c) A famous king



# 5. Why do we have eggs at Easter?

- a) Jesus liked eggs
- b) They taste nice
- c) They are a symbol of rebirth

6. What animal usually hides Easter eggs?

a) Chick



b) Bunny



c) Lamb



7. What container is usually filled with Easter eggs?

a) Glasses



b) Baskets



c) Bags

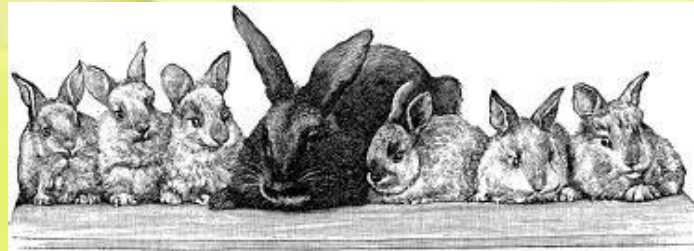


# 8. Rabbits are a symbol of...

a) Easter baskets



b) Fertility



c) Coloured eggs



# WEBGRAPHY

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