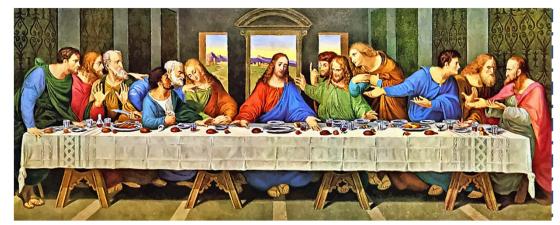


Easter is a special holiday that celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. According to the B

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According to the bible, Jesus was a man who lived in the Middle East over 2,000 years ago. He taught people about God and how to love one another. Jesus also performed many miracles, including healing the sick and raising the dead. He was crucified by the Roman Government, which means he was nailed to a cross and died. Three days later, Jesus rose from the dead. This is the miracle of Easter. Easter is a time of joy and celebration for Christians. They believe that Jesus' resurrection proves that God is real and that Jesus is the Son of God. Christians also believe that Jesus' resurrection gives them hope for the future. Easter is a special time for families and friends to come together. They often celebrate with a special meal, such as ham or turkey. They also decorate eggs and hide them for children to find. Easter is a time to remember the miracle of Jesus' resurrection and to hope for the future. It is also a time to spend with family and friends.

Read the passage and underline any word or sentence you struggled with.
Answer the questions on the following page.

## Christian Easter

Answer according to the reading passage:

- **1.** What is celebrated at Easter by Christians?
- a. easter eggs
- b. chocolate
- c. the resurrection of Jesus

## 2. Jesus taught people about:

- a. God and how to love one another
- b. resurrections
- c. celebrating Easter

## 3. Who was Jesus crucified by?

- a. friends
- b. disciples
- c. Roman government
- 4. Christians believe that Jesus' resurrection gives them:
- a. hope for the future
- b. Easter celebrations
- c. special times
- 5. Easter is a time to spend:
- a. with friends
- b. with family
- c. with family and friends

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## **Open Response Questions for Thinking Skills:**

- 1. Inferring
- 2. Making Connections
- 3. Summarizing
- 4. Visualizing
- 1. Why do you think Jesus wants us to love one another and to love God?
- 2. Compare how you spend Easter with what is in this reading passage.
- 3. In 2-3 sentences, summarize what this passage is about.
- 4. What images go through your mind as you read Christian Easter.
- > How does learning about Easter make you feel?
- How do you show love for God and one another?
- Why is Easter important for Christians?
- What are you favorite Easter traditions and why?