

Springtime Stories: The Easter Narrative

Learning objective: To use descriptive vocabulary to retell the Easter story and develop comprehension skills through inference and recall.

Read the passage carefully with Ellie the Elephant, then use the word bank to help you answer the questions below. Think carefully about how the characters might be feeling.

As the spring season arrived, Ellie the Elephant gathered her friends to share a story of great significance. She spoke of a long journey taken in ancient times, filled with moments of quiet reflection and deep solemnity. The story told of a time when things looked very difficult, yet the message remained one of incredible resilience. As the days shifted, the mood changed from a time of sadness to a bright, triumphant celebration. For many people, this story represents the beauty of renewal and the feeling of hope that returns with the spring flowers. It is a time for families to come together, sharing traditions that have been passed down for many generations.

Word bank: solemn · reflection · triumphant · symbolism · solemnity · resilience · celebration · tradition · journey · hopeful · renewal · commemoration

1. Why does Ellie describe the mood of the story as changing from 'solemn' to 'triumphant'? Use evidence from the passage. (2 marks)

2. What does the word 'renewal' suggest about the season of spring in this story? (2 marks)

3. Identify two traditions mentioned or implied in the text that families might share at this time of year. (2 marks)

4. How might a character feel during the 'solemn' part of the journey? Choose one word from the bank and explain why. (2 marks)

5. If you were retelling this story, which word from the bank would you use to describe the ending? Explain your choice. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene that represents 'renewal'. Think about what spring looks like in the forest and include one symbol that represents hope.



Extension challenge: Write a short poem, in the style of Leo the Lion, using at least three words from the word bank to describe the feeling of spring.