

The Springtime Celebration: A Story of New Beginnings

Learning objective: To understand the narrative structure of the Easter story and develop comprehension skills through identifying key themes and events.

Read the passage below carefully. Use the word bank to help you answer the questions about the story. Remember to use full sentences.

As the frost melted away and the first daffodils pushed through the soil, Ellie the elephant gathered her friends for a special springtime gathering. She told them the story of Easter, a tale that has been shared for generations. It is a story about hope, a difficult journey, and a time of quiet reflection. Long ago, it marked a moment when everything changed, leading to a period of renewal. Today, people celebrate this time by sharing gifts, such as decorated eggs, which act as a symbol of new life. Just as the garden wakes up after the cold winter, the story reminds us that kindness and light can return after even the darkest days. Pip the caterpillar listened closely, noting how the story helps people think about being kind to one another and looking forward to the future.

Word bank: tradition · reflection · renewal · journey · symbol · springtime

1. According to the passage, why is the spring garden a good comparison for the theme of the story? (2 marks)

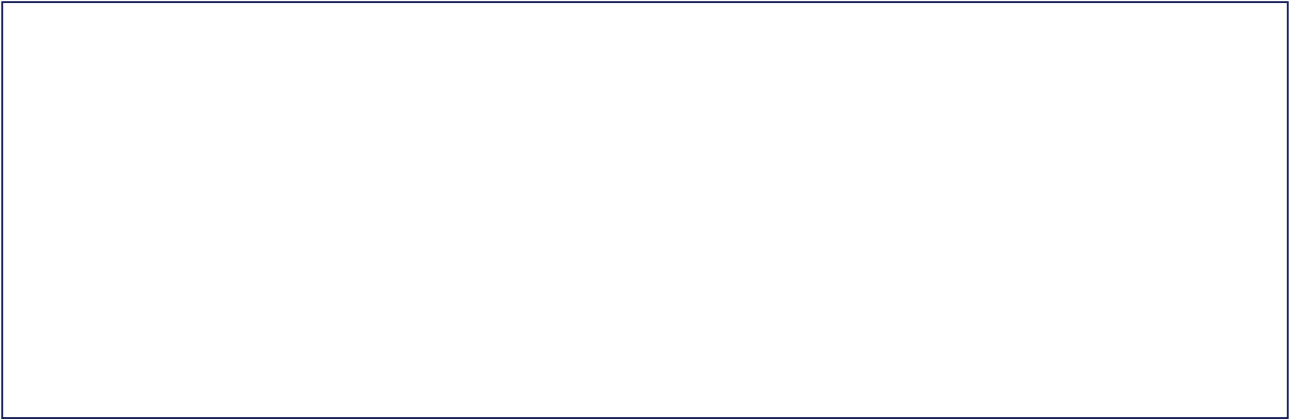
2. What does the decorated egg represent in the story Ellie tells? (2 marks)

3. How does the author describe the atmosphere of the story? Use evidence from the text. (2 marks)

4. If you were planning a celebration of 'renewal', what is one tradition you would start and why? (3 marks)

5. Identify one word from the word bank that best describes how Pip feels while listening to the story. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of a garden waking up after winter, including at least one symbol of new life mentioned in the text.



Extension challenge: Write a short poem (4-6 lines) about the feeling of spring. Use at least two words from the word bank in your poem.