

# Easter Around the World

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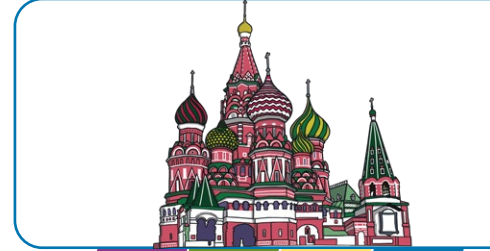
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Christians in Russia walk around the outside of the church at Easter and greet each other.



## Poland

Christians celebrate Easter in Poland with an Easter basket full of special foods.



## Italy

A huge cart full of fireworks is lit during the Easter church service in the city of Florence.



# Questions

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- ☐ bread

2. What are children in Finland and Sweden given? Tick one.

- ☐ sweets
- ☐ chocolate eggs
- ☐ cake

3. What is Bermuda? Tick one.

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- ☐ a small island
- ☐ a mountain

4. Where do Christians in Russia walk at Easter? Tick one.

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## France

There is a tradition that started in the French town of Bessières where many people get together on Easter Monday and create one very large dish of eggs called an omelette. They feed anyone who comes to watch.



## Sweden and Finland

Children in Sweden and Finland dress up in costumes during the week before Easter. They travel door to door to wish people a happy Easter and they receive a chocolate egg in return.



### Did You Know...?

Thousands of eggs are used to create the large omelette in France.

## Bermuda

People all over the small island of Bermuda make and fly kites on Good Friday. The kites in the sky represent Jesus rising back into heaven.



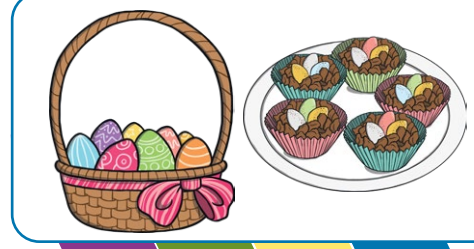
## Russia

Christians in Russia go to church on the Saturday night before Easter. They walk around the outside of the church at midnight and greet each other.



## Poland

Christians celebrate Easter in Poland with a special Easter basket that is taken to church and blessed by the priest. The basket will have different items such as eggs, bread, cake and bacon.



## Italy

The city of Florence has an Easter Sunday tradition that is hundreds of years old. A huge decorated cart full of fireworks is placed next to the church and lit during the Easter church service.



# Questions

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- ☐ noon
- ☐ sunset
- ☐ midnight

2. Where are fireworks lit? Tick one.

- ☐ Haux
- ☐ Florence
- ☐ Rome

3. Draw **three** lines and match each country to its tradition.

France •

Bermuda •

Poland •

• omelette

• Easter basket

• kites

4. Fill in the missing word.

The kites in the sky \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus rising back into heaven.

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Find and copy one word that means the same as 'made to look better by having things put on it'.

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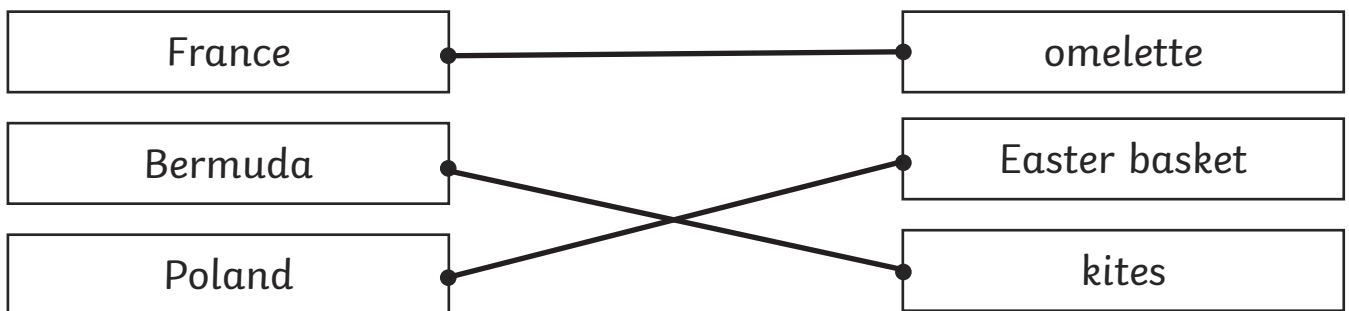
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# Easter Around the World

Christians around the world celebrate Easter in different ways. It is a time when Christians remember the **Resurrection** of Jesus.

## France

There is an Easter tradition in France that started in the town of Bessières. Many people in the town work together to create one very large **omelette** on Easter Monday. They use thousands of eggs, a gigantic frying pan and several huge wooden spoons to create a breakfast for everyone who comes to watch.



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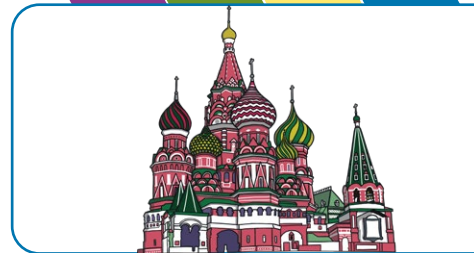
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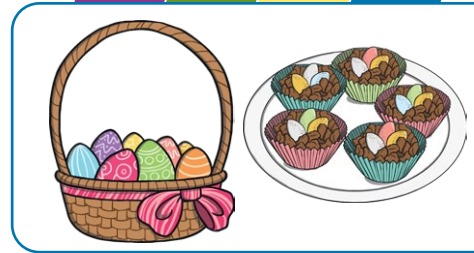
## Russia

Christians in Russia go to church on the night before Easter Sunday. They walk around the outside of the church at midnight and congratulate each other.



## Poland

A special Easter basket is prepared in Poland on the Saturday night before Easter Sunday. Items inside the basket stand for different parts of the Easter story. Some items that are included are coloured eggs, bread, cake, salt, pepper and sausages or bacon. The basket is taken to church and blessed by the priest.





### Did You Know...?

Many countries use eggs as part of their Easter traditions. Some play games with them and others give them as gifts.



## Italy

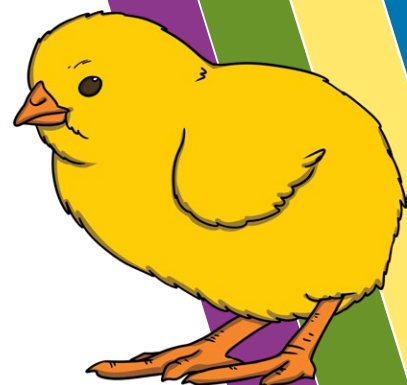
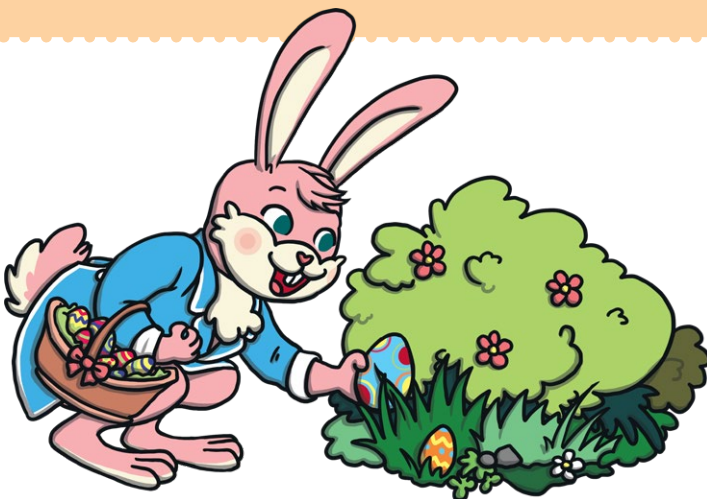
The city of Florence has an Easter Sunday tradition that is hundreds of years old. A huge decorated cart full of fireworks is placed outside the main church before the Easter service. The fireworks are lit during the church service by a rocket that slides down a wire from inside the church to the cart.



## Glossary

**omelette:** A hot dish of eggs mixed with other ingredients and fried in a pan.

**Resurrection:** The time when Christians believe that Jesus returned to life again after his death.





# Questions

1. What are some things that might be in the special Easter basket?  
Tick one.

- ☐ fireworks, blankets and gloves
- ☐ eggs, bread and cake
- ☐ rice, milk and eggs

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Sweden and Finland

Christians walk around  
the outside of the church  
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Russia

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main church.

Italy

Children dress in  
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door-to-door.

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Christians around the world celebrate Easter in \_\_\_\_\_ ways.

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- \_\_\_\_\_
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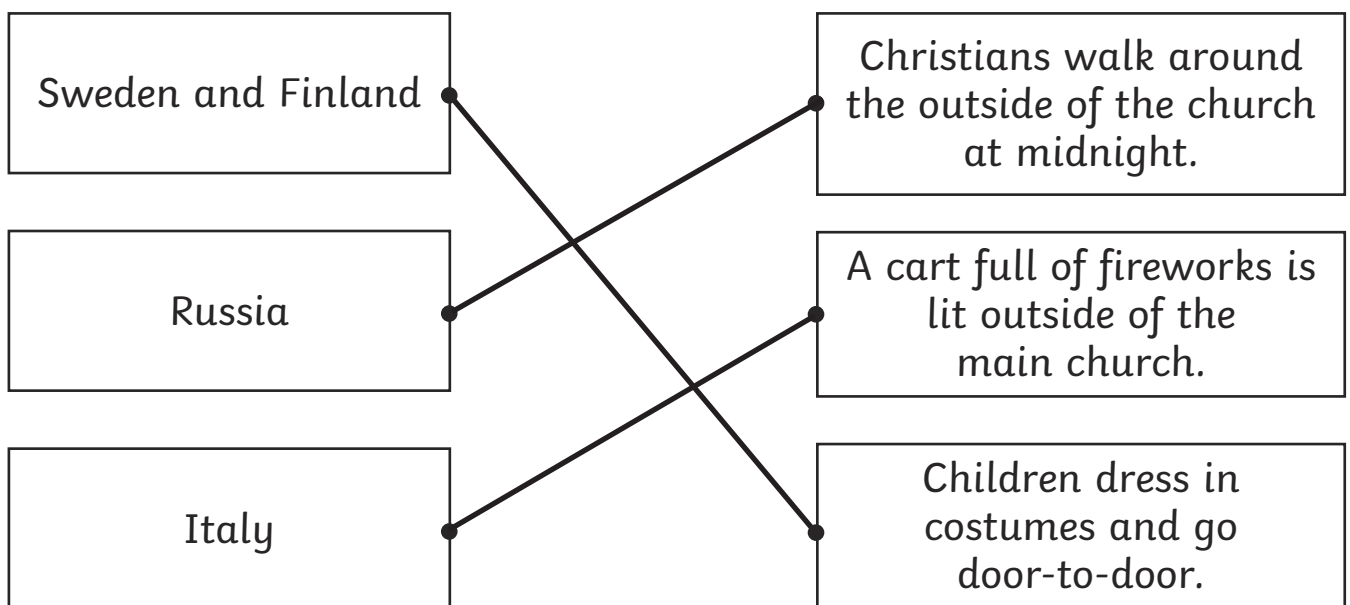
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3. What can an omelette sometimes include?

**An omelette can sometimes include both meat and vegetables.**

4. Fill in the missing word.

Christians around the world celebrate Easter in **different** ways.

5. Look at the section called **France**.

Find and copy **two** words that mean the same as 'big'.

**Accept any two of the following answers:**

- **huge**
- **gigantic**
- **large**

6. Which Easter tradition would you like to see? Explain your answer.

**Pupils' own responses, such as: I think I would like to see the kites in Bermuda because it would be wonderful to see so many kites in the sky at once.**