How and why do we celebrate special and sacred times?

Wonderful words

Celebrate
To do something special for an important day.

Festival
A special time when people celebrate.

Sacred
Something holy or very special to a religion.

Easter
A Christian festival remembering Jesus dying and rising to life.

Holy Week
The week before Easter Sunday.

Pesach (Passover)
A Jewish festival remembering freedom from slavery.

Seder
A special meal during Pesach.

Ramadan
A month when many Muslims fast during daylight.

Eid-ul-Fitr
A Muslim festival at the end of Ramadan.

So how does it all work?

Special days and important stories

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People remember and celebrate

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Food, music, prayer, stories and family

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Festivals help people share their beliefs

Different festivals have different meanings.

Important information

Our special times
People celebrate birthdays, weddings and other important days. Celebrations help us remember and come together.

Christianity: Easter
Christians remember Jesus dying on Good Friday and believe he rose to life on Easter Sunday. The cross is an important symbol.

Judaism: Pesach
Jewish people remember how Moses led their people out of slavery in Egypt. A Seder meal uses special foods to tell the story.

Islam: Eid-ul-Fitr
Muslims celebrate the end of Ramadan. Families may pray, share food, visit others and give to charity.

What is the same?
These festivals bring people together. They use stories and special actions to remember what matters.