

## Identifying Symbols and Rituals Answer Key

Object or Action	Symbol or Ritual?	Abstract Meaning
an egg	<b>Symbol:</b> an object that evokes meanings beyond itself	new life, hope, initial form of something bigger, Easter
blowing out birthday candles	<b>Ritual:</b> a meaningful repeated action	the end of one year and the beginning of a new adventure, making a wish
the color green	Symbol	Earth, nature
a wedding ring	Symbol	commitment, unity, marriage
annual trip to the state fair	Ritual	celebration or tradition
a river	Symbol	movement forward, cleansing, purifying
a lion	Symbol	strength, nobility, power
laying hands on a person	Ritual	the presence of the Holy Spirit, comfort, trust
wind	Symbol	change, spiritual presence
walking	Ritual	solidarity, moving forward, the journey of life
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