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Identifying Symbols and Rituals

The following objects or actions can be understood as symbols. Some actions, but not all, are rituals.   
As specifically as you can, identify the object or action as a symbol or a ritual. Explain the abstract   
meaning each communicates. Add your own examples at the end. Use the following examples as models.

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| Object or Action | Symbol or Ritual? Explain. | Abstract Meaning |
| an egg | Symbol:  an object that evokes  meanings beyond itself | new life, hope, initial form  of something bigger, Easter |
| blowing out  birthday candles | Ritual:  a meaningful repeated action | the end of one year and the beginning of a new adventure, making a wish |
| the color green |  |  |
| a wedding ring |  |  |
| annual trip  to the state fair |  |  |
| a river |  |  |
| a lion |  |  |
| laying hands  on a person |  |  |
| wind |  |  |
| walking |  |  |
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