Identifying Symbols and Rituals Answer Key

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| Object or Action | Symbol or Ritual? | 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 | 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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