

## Worksheet: AN EASTER STORY

Intercultural Thinking and Co-Teaching

### 1. INTRODUCTION: Key Question

In the following image, we can see the **main custom of Greek Easter**. Can you describe the image? What is the dominant element in the image?

### 2. CONTENT

Read the story and do the following exercises.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Group Activity

Mark **T** (True) or **F** (False) next to each sentence. Underline the part of the text that supports your answer.

1. The barber did not arrive on time to help Mr. Dionysakis. \_\_\_\_\_
2. On the evening of Good Friday, the family ate mageiritsa (Easter soup). \_\_\_\_\_
3. The children are excited to eat roasted lamb on Easter. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Maria and the children remain in the yard and watch the scene. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Mr. Dionysakis felt guilty when he heard the child crying. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Maria got angry with her husband because he failed to slaughter the lamb. \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Individual Activity

Choose the correct answer for each question.

1. What was Mr. Dionysakis' attitude toward slaughtering the lamb?
  - a) He did it without thinking because it was tradition.
  - b) He was very hesitant and ultimately refused.
  - c) He gladly took on the task to help his wife.
2. What emotion dominates the morning of Holy Saturday?
  - a) Curiosity
  - b) Silent anticipation and fear
  - c) Joy for Easter
3. What was the children's first reaction when their father entered the house?
  - a) They looked at him in fear.
  - b) They shouted at him to leave.
  - c) They joyfully hugged him.



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### 3<sup>rd</sup> Group Activity: Cultural Comparison – Greece & Czech Republic

Fill in the blanks in the table. Identify the specific Greek customs from the text and think of the corresponding customs in your own country:

Custom	Greece	Czech Republic
Egg decoration		
Food during the Easter holiday		

## 3. STRUCTURE

### 4<sup>th</sup> Individual Activity

Choose the correct answer from the two options:

1. The narrator of the text:

- a) Participates in the story as one of the characters and narrates in first person
- b) Does not participate in the story and narrates in third person

2. Regarding the flow of the narration, the narrator:

- a) Presents events in chronological order
- b) Often includes flashbacks, interrupting the chronological flow

3. "The family returned home. They were fasting. Tomorrow night, after the Resurrection, they will return home with white candles, and then they will eat."

In the above excerpt, which narrative technique does the narrator use?

- a) Description with frequent use of adjectives
- b) Narration with frequent use of verbs

### 5<sup>th</sup> Group Activity: CREATIVE WRITING

You are one of Mr. Dionysakis' children. You write a short note to your father in which you express your thoughts and feelings about his decision not to slaughter the lamb.

