### **Lent ideas and Resources 2025**

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### Wild Lent by Rachel Summers £7.99

**Discovering God Through Creation** 

Wild Lent will change how we all experience and think about Lent. How? Simple! Instead of a nice cosy room, coffee, biscuits and lots of discussion about the meaning of Lent, you'll be wrapping up warm and heading off into the wilds! It's time to get up close and personal with creation and make a shadow clock, have a sunrise breakfast walk, go on a giant egg hunt, hug a tree, walk barefoot . . . and share God's creation with others.

### #Live Lent: Kids Care for God's creation £1.48, £12.48 for 10

For the 40 days of Lent there is a daily challenge to help you honour and treasure the earth, plus weekly short prayers, and Bible readings on creation themes. There is a version for older pupils and adults.

### **Experience Lent**

Designed to be hosted by a church for a school new this year a Lent Experience Journey. https://jumpingfishpublications.co.uk/product/experience-lent/

### **Lent Resources from Engage Worship**

Stories by Bob Hartman, songs, poems, ad videos. Some are too confessional for use in school, but some could work well.

https://engageworship.org/ideas?bible%5Bbook%5D=0&season%5B%5D=13&functionOpen=&themeOpen=&mediatypeOpen=&seasonOpen=

#### 40 Acts of Kindness 2025

40 days, 40 reflections, 40 challenges to make a difference -

New material this year. 40acts is the generosity challenge for Lent, created by UK Christian charity, Stewardship. For ten years, 40acts has asked a question: what if Lent could be about more than just giving stuff up? During the forty days of Lent, 40acts participants will be invited to take part in forty simple acts of generosity which will challenge them to 'do Lent generously'. Last year some schools asked the pupils to create their own 40 acts of kindness to fit their context.

The resources for schools include an introductory guide, assembly materials, cards containing the 40 acts and a chart with links to British Values and SMSC. Look at the youth group material for KS 4 or 5 pupils. School · 40acts

### **Lent Appeals and Fund Raising**

Traditionally people have given more to a charity or good cause during Lent. You may wish to do this as a school. This is an individual decision made by the school leaders.

#### **Christian Aid**

https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/lent-easter-appeal/church-collection

#### Send a Cow

https://sendacow.org/get-involved/organisation/churches/church-lent-appeal/

#### **TearFund**

Do not have a fund raising campaign, they are offering a free daily thought and prayer. This Lent, join us as we take time out to reflect on and celebrate the power of unity and togetherness. You'll hear from voices around the world as we explore this theme and reflect on God's goodness. Some of the stories will be good to share with pupils. https://www.tearfund.org/campaigns/lent-devotional

### Video Ash Wednesday and Lent in 2 minutes

Another video by Busted Halo good, but you have to read from the screen which may be a challenge for the youngest children.

Ash Wednesday & Lent In Two Minutes | Busted Halo

# **Collective Worship Ideas**

### Weaving a Journey Through Lent - by Rachel Nichols

This book includes 28 assemblies for each school day in Lent. They cover a range of gospel events including the story of the resurrection, which approaches the death of Jesus in a sensitive and appropriate way for primary-aged children.

The best bit is that you weave a different colour wool around a cross to fit each assembly. This creates a great centrepiece.

<u>www.olivetreelincs.co.uk/9781848670792-weaving-a-journey-through-lent-by-rachel-nichols</u> Cheapest on this website at £7.99 but sold on many others!

Lent Jesus in the Wilderness Primary Assembly includes a set of PowerPoint slides www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/3290/lent-jesus-in-the-wilderness

### The Christian Festival of Lent Primary Assembly

SPCK Assemblies - The Christian festival of Lent

#### Ash Wednesday Key Stage 2 assembly

https://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/3857/ash-wednesday

### Giving it Up Secondary assembly

https://www.assemblies.org.uk/sec/3856/giving-it-up

### Pause for Thought Primary About Turn primary

https://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/3851/pause-for-thought-aboutturn

### Time to get Ready Primary Assembly includes PowerPoint slides

https://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/3459/time-to-get-ready

### Fasting What's it all about? Secondary Assembly

https://www.assemblies.org.uk/sec/3470/fasting-whats-it-all-about

### **Lent and Temptation Secondary assembly**

www.assemblies.org.uk/sec/3281/lent-and-temptation

### **Desert Experiences Secondary assembly**

**SPCK Assemblies - Desert Experiences** 

# **Are you Tempted? Secondary Assembly**

https://www.assemblies.org.uk/sec/3870/are-you-tempted

### An Easter New Year's Resolution Secondary Assembly

https://www.assemblies.org.uk/sec/3472/an-easter-new-years-resolution

### **BRF Resource Hub.**

This website contains many of the ideas for lessons and collective worship that were developed by Barnabas in Schools. Use the search facility to find materials for lent, Easter and about crosses around the world.

https://www.brf.org.uk/resources/

# Ash Wednesday service for young children

Flame: Creative Children's Ministry: Ash Wednesday