

LENT



Reception

This unit introduces Lent as a time when we get ready for Easter and introduces, through the example and teaching of Jesus, different ways of getting ready. Children should be enabled to explore and visualise the stories.

Year One

This unit starts to explore the basic meaning of Lent and links it to the life and teachings of Jesus. Opportunities are provided to help pupils understand how they can get ready for Easter by changing.

Year Two

This unit reinforces the understanding of Lent as being preparation for Easter, commencing with Ash Wednesday and being a time of seeking forgiveness and doing penance. The parables of the lost sheep and the unforgiving servant reinforce this teaching. The words of the Our Father help us to consider both the importance of prayer and the relationship between Jesus and the Father.

Year Three

This unit further explores Lent as a time when we prepare for Easter. It enables pupils to explore how this preparation involves change.

Year Four

In this unit the previous understanding of forgiveness and penance is built upon, with a focus on the Temptation of Jesus. Pupils are invited to express what they learn from his example. Pupils should be enabled to develop and explore how prayer, fasting, almsgiving and living out the Beatitudes help us prepare for Easter.

Year Five

This unit revises and builds on the work done in year 4 on Lent. Understanding of the Temptation of Jesus and the symbolism of Lent is revised. Ways in which we prepare for Easter in Lent are explored at a deeper level. Preparation for Easter involves becoming more like Jesus. St Paul provides a quick guide for how this can be achieved.

Year Six

The means by which we prepare for Easter are explored in depth through the teachings of Jesus in the parable of the rich man and Lazarus and the account of the Samaritan woman at the well. It allows for understanding of who Jesus is and whom he calls us to be. The Beatitudes are revised as fulfilment of God's promise.

