



# Lent at Christ Church CE Primary

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## DUST AND GLORY

Jesus spent forty days in the wilderness. But even in the dust of the desert he drew closer to God. Lent offers us a chance to make a fresh start with God – to find 'glory' even in the 'dust' of our messy lives.

Read Mark 1.13

“ Jesus was in the wilderness for forty days ... and the angels waited on him. ”

Prayer for the Week

Lord Jesus, walk with us in the wilderness of Lent and life. Surround us with your love and guide us each day in your way. Amen.

## Our Lent Journey:

Week 1: Building Community

Week 2: Saying Sorry

Week 3: Caring for Creation

Week 4: Reflecting and Praying

## Week 1: Building Community

Lunchtimes and Table Manners

Giving Compliments

Showing Respect

Building Friendship

## Week 2: Saying Sorry

Knowing our feelings

Admitting when we are in the wrong

Practising forgiveness

Making amends

## Week 3: Caring for Creation

Being thankful for our school grounds

Knowing our wildlife

Making a change to consume less

Learning about the interdependence of creation

## Week 4: Reflecting and Praying

Stilling ourselves

Using the outside to reflect/pray

Using the Lord's Prayer

Learning the Lent and Easter stories

## How do I take part?

We will be looking at these themes over the first four weeks of Lent in worship times, in class and in lessons. You will be given ideas to try and once you have done them, you can tell any adult in school what you have done and ask them to initial the box next to the area.

e.g. *Knowing our Wildlife*—you take time on the Daily Mile to look at the hedge and notice the birds building nests—you can tell an adult about it and get that activity signed off.

## Why are we doing this?

Christians have marked Lent for nearly two thousand years, remembering when Jesus went into the desert for 40 days and nights to prepare for his 'job' showing people what God was like and the values of God's kingdom.

As a school we are a Christian community and whatever our beliefs and backgrounds, it is good to take time to learn from ancient traditions and follow the example of others. Our school vision is that of the Mustard Seed—'**preparing, sowing, growing**' and Lent is a time of preparing our hearts to be more open, to listen, to pray.

## What then?

In the last week of term we will be focusing on the Easter story and celebrating together Jesus' act of love on the cross. Part of '**preparing, sowing, growing**' is that each of us is free to respond to stories and beliefs, as we choose, and we give opportunities for that in school.