

Lent and Easter Resources

Prayer Spaces in School

Prayer resources for use in schools, church or at home https://prayerspacesinschools.com

Messy Church

There are two events on 24th January at 12pm and 7.30pm looking at lent and Easter: <u>Lent and Easter Resources Meet Up</u> and a summary of lent and Easter resources can be found here <u>Lent</u> and Easter Resources

Ideas for Under 5's

GodVenture has lots of family/under 5's ideas and resources for Lent and Easter – some free, some to purchase. There is an Easter countdown calendar to buy as well.

https://godventure.co.uk/

Engage Worship

Prayers, Songs , Story and Liturgy ideas for use during services <u>Intergenerational Worship Resources</u>

Diocese of Leeds resources:

Seasonal resources for children young people and families for use at home and in groups

https://learning.leeds.anglican.org

Church of England resources for 2024

This year's resources from the Church of England https://www.churchofengland.org

Experience Journeys are an exciting way to share the story of the Christian faith and to engage children in the events and celebrations of major Christian festivals. Children travel around stations set up in the church building or outdoor space, and have opportunities to respond through multi-sensory activities

https://www.gloucester.anglican.org/welcome-2/schools/jumping-fish-publications/

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CAFOD have some youth material: https://cafod.org.uk/Education

Missio have some school resources: https://missio.org.uk/secondary/lent/

Christian Aid have a non-youth-specific resource that could be used in small groups:

<u>https://www.christianaid.org.uk/resources/get-involved/talking-climate-justice-small-group-discussion-guide</u>

Church Army have these cards, again, not specifically aimed at young people, but the format is quite accessible (you can also get the content via E-mail if you're not able to pay):

https://churcharmy.org/growing-faith/lent-2023/

Flame Creative have Holy week and Easter activities https://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/p/holy-week-activities.html https://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/p/hands-on-easter-story.html

The Bible Society Resources has a selection of resources including a pop up Easter Service, Activity Book and booklets to purchase https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/resources/collections/easter-resources/the-awesome-easter-surprise-resources/

Scripture Union Resources has a selection of resources including lots of creative ideas for engaging with local communities over the Lent and Easter

https://content.scriptureunion.org.uk/share-love-jesus-easter





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Other Ideas:

- Read through Mark's gospel. If you read a chapter together and a chapter during the week, If you start the Sunday before Lent begins, you'll get to chapters 15 and 16 at Easter weekend.
- Engage in acts of kindness. 40acts no longer produce resources, but their back catalogue is at https://40acts.org.uk/resources/ (and things like posters are about days of Lent, not dates). Or you can access secular recourses like the Kindness Bingo cards at <a href="https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/printables/RAK kindness.org/printables/RAK kindness.org/pr
- Invite people to take photos around a weekly theme. Share them when you meet, or work out an exclusive hashtag to use on socials.
- In a similar vein, make some cairns. Mounds of stones have a long history including in Genesis 31 and Joshua 4 and are often used as a marker of something. Use something to mark Lent 2023 amongst your community literally with stones, or a food cairn (constructed by people bringing an item each week that is then donated to a foodbank at Easter), or a treat cairn (that is then shared out as gifts to friends (or strangers!)), or a mound of testimonies on a noticeboard.

