

# Worship 2 Go

## Drawing School and Home Together

Thanks to all those people who have made some of the resources collated here available to share

# Lent begins....

## Bible Reading

To conclude: you must all have the same attitude and the same feelings; love one another, and be kind and humble with one another. Do not pay back evil with evil or cursing with cursing; instead, pay back with a blessing, because a blessing is what God promised to give you when he called you.

You can find this in the Bible, in the book of 1 Peter, chapter 3, verse 8-9.

**Lent** is a the time during the six weeks before Easter. It symbolises the 40 days Jesus wandered in the desert. Often during this time, Christians find time to be quiet and thoughtful, spending time in prayer and thinking about the coming of Easter. Sometimes, people give things up but sometimes people make more of an effort to do positive acts during this time. You might like to take a look at the national CoFE resources #LiveLent 2021 church resources: God's Story, Our Story <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/livelent-2021-church-resources-gods-story-our-story> including an app and downloadable family resource.

## Prayer

Dear God, you have shown us such kindness giving us the gift of life thank you for every act of kindness that make the world a better place. Help us to be brave with all our kindness and to leave the place where we are a little bit more beautiful. **Amen**

## Wondering

- I wonder what if you find it easy to bless someone who hurts you
- I wonder how you think you might show kindness, blessings to others
- I wonder if there is anything you will do differently this Lent

## Creative Prayer 1 ≈ Prayer book

Make your own prayer book by attaching some pieces of paper together—you can use tape, staples, thread or just keep the paper together—and take time through Lent to write or draw prayers in there whenever there is something particular you would like to pray about. You might like to do this as a family and go pick a day each week to pray together about things that have been written in there.



## Creative Prayer 2 ≈ Talking to God

Sometimes people are not sure where to begin with prayer. It's just a way of talking to God and we can do it anywhere. For example, some people like to do it whilst they are out walking or washing up; some people like to do it throughout the day and some people like to find a specific time. Here is one way you might like to try.

Find a quiet spot and make yourself comfy. In your mind or out loud, just say 'hello' to God. Next do something like telling God what you had for breakfast or maybe something you are looking forward to that day. You might like to think of something you want to say thank you for, perhaps something you want to say sorry for and then maybe something you would like to ask God for help with in your life or some one else. Is there someone you find difficult you deal with? You might like to ask God to help you to show them love. When you are ready to end this time of prayer you could say 'amen'.

This is just one way but you can talk to God whenever and wherever you want to —He is always ready to listen!



## Activity 1 ≈ Get outside!



The weather is changing! Time to get outside and go for a walk together. What can you see around you that is different? Are there green shoots coming up through the ground? Does the air smell 'spring-like'? Are there buds on the trees? Do you hear different birds singing? What do you notice? Maybe you can see signs of new life in other people's gardens as you pass by. Enjoy noticing how things change over the next few weeks.

## Activity 2 ≈ Do something positive

This Lent we are encouraging everyone to do something positive in the lead up to Easter. So is there an act of kindness that you can do for someone in your household? Can you come up with a way to be a blessing to someone? Is there a book you have been meaning to read or a new skill you have been meaning to learn? You may have seen the 40acts resource with lots of ideas on it but we are sure you can think of lots of other things too. As always, we'd love to see your pictures.



## Fact of the week

The largest pancake ever made was almost 15m in diameter and weighed as much as an elephant! It was made in Rochdale in 1994. I wonder if anyone you know saw it?



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