



# Resources to Support Lent and Easter 2021



Lent is a special time of 40 days in the church when Christians start thinking and getting ready for Easter. They also remember the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert. It was a difficult time for Jesus. He fasted (ate no food) and was tempted by the devil. During Lent some people give up things to remind them how Jesus gave up his life for us. Other people try to do extra kind and generous things to share Jesus' love.

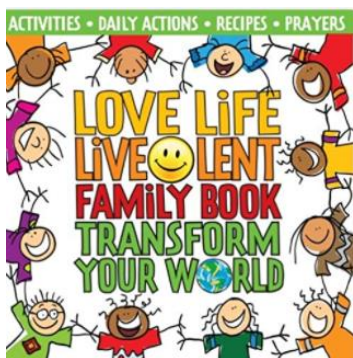
**This Lent think about how you can make a difference in your world by loving others the way Jesus taught and demonstrated.**

## Resources to support LENT



<https://40acts.org.uk/resources/>

**40 ACTS** More than a hundred thousand people in 180 countries worldwide took part in 40 acts each Lent. Despite ending in 2020, 40 acts remains a brilliant resource where you can access previous daily challenges around different themes. It also includes assembly planning. **Great to print off are the 40 cards each containing a daily challenge.** There is also a family challenge chart. Great to share in school or at home.



### Love Life Live Lent Family Book – Transform your world This

booklet (available from Amazon for less than £5) contains 40 simple actions to do throughout Lent. Each week contains six actions, covering: Home & Family, Community, School/College/Work, Global, Green and Sabbath. Full of great ideas for home and school.





## The Church of England #LiveLent2021

The theme for 2021 is 'God's Story/Our Story.' It is based on the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book for 2021, Living His Story by Hannah Steele. **Faith at Home Lent resources** are due to be released on 8<sup>th</sup>



**February.** This will include resources for home

<https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/faith-home/i-am-school-leader#na>



### Wild Lent by Rachel Summers

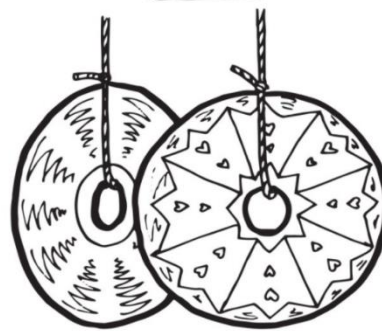
#### **Discovering God Through Creation**

Great for outdoor learning and written by a forest school practitioner. With this book, 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!

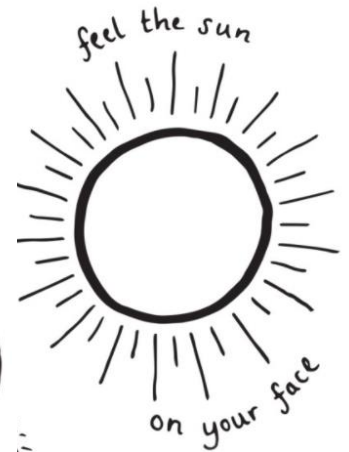
It's time to get up close

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.

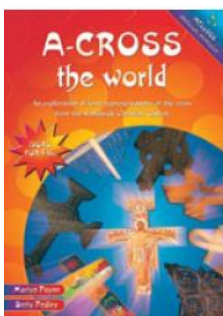
<https://www.kevinmayhew.com/products/wild-lent> £7.99



make rainbows with old CD's



## **Resources to support EASTER**



**A-cross the World** by Martyn Payne and Betty Pedley – 40 crosses with Bible stories and background information including craft ideas, all connected to how the story of Easter is interpreted and celebrated in many different parts of the world. This is a brilliant resource and well worth the cost (currently £16.99) [A-cross the World resource book | Barnabas in Schools](#)

OR for free:

<https://www.barnabasinschools.org.uk/idea/ugandan-cross>

<https://www.barnabasinschools.org.uk/idea/costa-rican-cross>

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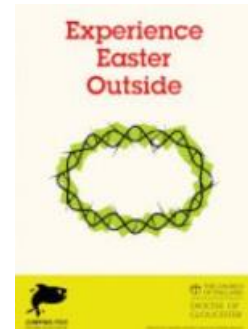
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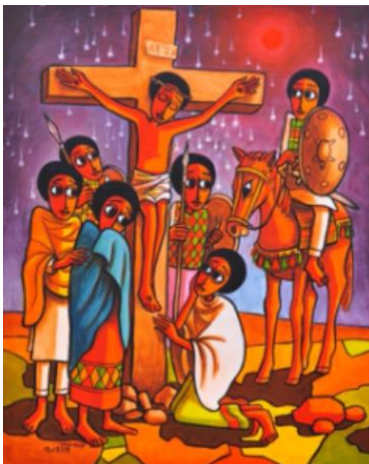
**Experience Easter** - An interactive way to explore the Easter story with children, Experience Easter was written to resource churches to help children and young people explore the Easter story. Six stations cover key moments in the Easter narrative, exploring the events of Holy Week in ways that are interactive and stimulating. New edition currently £17.50

**Experience Easter Outside** - Experience Easter Outside was produced for the 2011 celebration of the bicentenary of the establishment of Church of England schools by the National Society. Experience Easter Outside helps churches

and schools work together to explore the Easter story, utilising one of the great amenities that many churches have – outdoor space. Available for £15.



Both available from [Jumping Fish Publications – Diocese of Gloucester \(anglican.org\)](http://www.jumpin-fish.com)



### **Journey to Easter by Imaginor**

A fantastic **free** resource inspired by paintings from the Ethiopian artist Nebiyu Assefa, this pack offers children and their families new and creative ways to engage with the story of Holy Week and Easter at home.



[https://www.imaginor.co.uk/journey\\_to\\_easter/](https://www.imaginor.co.uk/journey_to_easter/)

### **Exploring Christian Festivals around the World in Collective Worship**

Photos and background information on Christian festivals as they are celebrated in various countries, with ideas for use in collective worship. Free download. Includes:

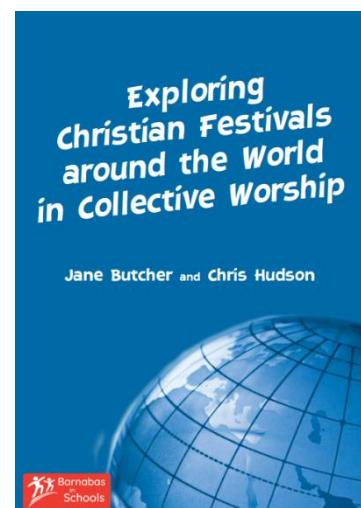
Exploring Lent: ashes to ashes

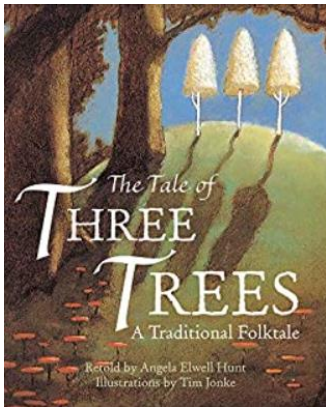
Easter in Spain: working as a costalero

The Easter dessert: a story from Russia

The Easter pomegranate: a Roman mystery

<https://www.barnabasinschools.org.uk/resource/exploring-christian-festivals-around-world-collective-worship>





**The Tale of Three Trees** retold by **Angela Elwell Hunt**. This is a really good 'Easter' book and if you haven't got a copy it would be well worth getting one. Preview videos can be found on YouTube. It has even been turned into a musical production available at Out of the Ark Music.

**A free version of the story is found here:** [Story of the Three Trees | Bible.org](https://www.bible.org/story-of-the-three-trees)



**Barnabas in Schools** is a great resource for Christian festivals and RE. Take a look at the following:

- Telling the Easter Story using one sheet of paper.  
<https://www.barnabasinschools.org.uk/idea/telling-easter-story-using-one-sheet-paper>
- Palm Sunday- retold by one of Jesus' enemies  
<https://www.barnabasinschools.org.uk/idea/palm-sunday-retold-one-jesus-enemies>
- Lent: Jesus is tempted  
<https://www.barnabasinschools.org.uk/idea/lent-jesus-tempted>
- Palm Sunday: the horse and the donkey  
<https://www.barnabasinschools.org.uk/idea/palm-sunday-horse-and-donkey>