

Year 2
Spring



Opportunities

In this unit we will learn that the forty days of Lent is an opportunity for Christians to turn about from what is bad and to seek ways to do good by prayer and by doing something extra to prepare to the celebrate of Jesus' Resurrection at Easter. We will make our Lenten Promises and learn about Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. Father will lead us around the Stations of the Cross in church.

Ash Wednesday

On Ash Wednesday Christians usually go to church where ashes, are put on their foreheads by the priest. These ashes are made from the burnt palms from last year's Palm Sunday. The priest says these words:

Repent, and believe in the Gospel

Key Knowledge

- Ash Wednesday.
- Lent offers the opportunity to make a new start through prayer, good deeds and giving up things.
- The liturgy of Lent and Holy Week.
- The Stations of the Cross.
- The story of Palm Sunday and what happens in the liturgy on that day.
- Jesus washing his disciples' feet and its meaning.
- The suffering and death of Jesus on Good Friday.
- The Resurrection of Jesus.

Key Vocabulary

Ash Wednesday: the first day of Lent.

Lent: the 40 day season of the Church's year which leads up to Easter.

Cross: a structure made of an upright with a cross beam.

Crucifix: a cross with a figure of Christ on it.

Easter candle: also known as the Paschal candle. The first candle to be lit at Easter to represent Christ's light coming into the world.

Easter: the feast that commemorates Christ's resurrection following his crucifixion and death.

Sabbath: the day set aside by Jewish people for rest and worship.

Palm Sunday: the Sunday before Easter, on which Christ's entry into Jerusalem is celebrated in many Christian churches by processions in which branches of palms are carried.

Stations of the Cross: a series of fourteen pictures or carvings representing Jesus's progress from his condemnation by Pilate to his crucifixion and burial.

Venerate: to honour or have great respect for a person or thing.



Questions of Meaning and Purpose:

- How does each day offer opportunities for doing good?
- What helps a person to choose what is right and good?

