

God Matters – Lent

Year	Rationale (Aims and purpose of unit)
F2	<p>This unit introduces Lent as a time when we get ready for Easter and introduces, through the example and teaching of Jesus, different ways of getting ready. Children should be enabled to explore and visualise the stories. In the multi-faith element the Jewish religion is introduced.</p> <p>We can share in the joy of Easter if we live like Jesus.</p>
Y1	<p>This unit starts to explore the basic meaning of Lent and links it to the life and teachings of Jesus. Opportunities are provided to help pupils understand how they can get ready for Easter by changing. The Sabbath day is explored in the multi-faith element.</p> <p>Lent is preparation for Easter and a time when we grow to be like Jesus.</p>
Y2	<p>This unit reinforces the understanding of Lent as being preparation for Easter, commencing with Ash Wednesday and being a time of seeking forgiveness and doing penance. The parables of the lost sheep and the unforgiving servant reinforce this teaching. The words of the Our Father help us to consider both the importance of prayer and the relationship between Jesus and the Father. The multi-faith element looks at the importance of the Torah to the Jewish faith.</p> <p>Lent is preparation for Easter and a time when we grow to be like Jesus.</p>
Y3	<p>This unit further explores Lent as a time when we prepare for Easter. It enables pupils to explore how this preparation involves change. The multi-faith element explores the importance of prayer in the Jewish faith.</p> <p>Lent is preparation for Easter and a time when we grow to be like Jesus.</p>
Y4	<p>In this unit the previous understanding of forgiveness and penance is built upon, with a focus on the Temptation of Jesus. Pupils are invited to express what they learn from his example. Pupils should be enabled to develop and explore how prayer, fasting, almsgiving and living out the Beatitudes help us prepare for Easter. In the multi-faith element, pupils examine Yom Kippur.</p> <p>The best preparation for Easter is obedience to God the Father and living an authentic Christian life.</p>
Y5	<p>This unit revises and builds on the work done in year 4 on Lent. Understanding of the Temptation of Jesus and the symbolism of Lent is revised. Ways in which we prepare for Easter in Lent are explored at a deeper level. Preparation for Easter involves becoming more like Jesus. St Paul provides a quick guide for how this can be achieved. The multi-faith element explores Jewish understanding of repentance.</p> <p>The teachings of the apostles help us to understand how to become like Jesus and so prepare for Easter.</p>
Y6	<p>The means by which we prepare for Easter are explored in depth through the teachings of Jesus in the parable of the rich man and Lazarus and the account of the Samaritan woman at the well. It allows for understanding of who Jesus is and whom he calls us to be. The Beatitudes are revised as fulfilment of God's promise. Moses' importance to the Jewish faith is expressed in the multi-faith element.</p>

	Jesus is the 'living water' who draws us all to share in his life, death and resurrection.
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*Writing in bold – key theology