

Lent and Easter Resources 2025

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Lent



Living Hope is the Church of England's 2025 Lent campaign.

A Lent Journey for Children offers small steps designed to help on the Lent journey as they try to grow closer to God and to others as they journey with Jesus on the road that leads to the cross – and beyond, to the amazing hope of Easter Day. For each of the 40 days of Lent there is a daily challenge to do, learn or think about something. There are also weekly themes, prayers and short Bible readings.

Resources

Together @ Home have Lent and Holy week resources and options for Easter



trails to use. There is an Emotions Easter trail with 6 simple stations exploring the Easter story and the different emotions felt by those people present. There are also some great resources to use in Holy Week, [Easter Resources](#)



And there are stickers to accompany this from [Foundation Stones](#)

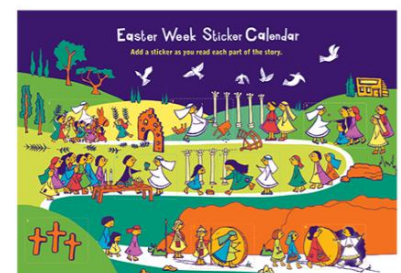


Parenting for Faith have Lent resources to print out for your families, or just send the link round to them. There are plenty of options so families can just pick and mix what suits their age and stage.

[Resource](#)

God Venture.co.uk have several resources including an Easter Week sticker Calendar with an accompanying journal as well as other resources for Easter and Lent. There are discounts for multiple purchases. They also have a puppet book which would be a great way to tell the Easter story with younger children.

[God Venture](#)



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Ash Tradition – encourage your families to start an Ash Wednesday family tradition. Possibly write sins on sticks and burn them around a fire-pit, with marshmallows to enjoy afterwards.

Building Faith

Sun Hats and Wellie Boots

have plenty of ideas to help with planning Easter including 28 separate creative ideas. Resources



There are also trails and Nature Activities for families to use during Lent – a single sheet of paper and very simple to do. Nature in Lent



Easter Gardens are always popular and can look very different. You can either make them individually or for a more powerful impact in the church make a larger garden. How about making one using play dough? God Venture has some brilliant ideas including adding a scent to the play dough and some textures to engage the children's sense of smell and touch. Add some Playmobil or Lego characters, plus find some foliage and allow children to create different parts of the Easter story, from the cross to the empty tomb. It's a great way of getting children to engage in conversation around the Easter narrative. No-Grow Garden



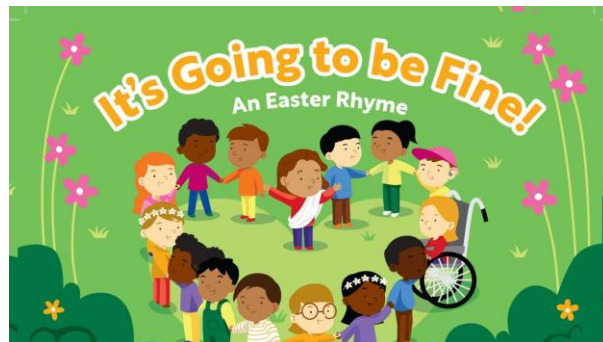
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Bible Society – have a book for children with a pop-up service and a children's activity pack. There is a book for younger children as well as one for primary age.

There is a small cost but bulk discounts are available.

Resources

There is also material to use between Pentecost and Ascension.



Bible Buds is a resource aimed at church based toddler groups. Book 3 of Bible Buds has a session on Lent, including how Jesus feasted and fasted! Book 4 has Easter and Book 5 has Ascension and Pentecost.

Bible Buds

Muddy Church have plenty of resources to help with Lent and Easter. There is an Easter Egg Trail with QR codes and space to reflect and activities. There are resources for Palm Sunday as well.

Resources



Messy Church has plenty of Easter and Lent ideas.

Some can be purchased as downloads others are free.

Messy Resources



Roots for Churches have resources to help children follow Jesus' journey to Jerusalem using a worship activity for each week in Lent. [Lenten journey for children](#)

Easter Bible Chat Mat is available from the Bath and Wells Diocese. A cartoon with lots of details to spot and chat about around a table. Consider offering it widely as simply a sheet of paper – carefully designed to share the Easter story.

Chat Mats



Craft Idea's abound on Pinterest. The Messy Church page has some great examples as well as some Easter videos. [Messy Pinterest](#)

Scripture Union has put together an *Easter Matters* zip folder including :
Lots of ideas of how to connect with your community.



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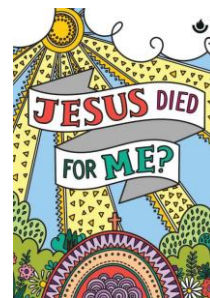


Explaining 'the cross' to children and young people who are hearing the story for the first time.
 Easter around the world; traditions and celebrations from other countries and cultures.
 'Go Wild! to Emmaus' with a planned walk, full of experiential learning and a resource pack.
 Audio Bible stories written by Bob Hartman and narrated by children's TV presenter Gemma Hunt.

'**I saw Jesus!**' audio and video versions of a song for Easter Sunday.

Jesus Died for Me? is a book ideal for Easter events, telling why Jesus died, how he rose from the dead and how he did it all for us. Available to buy – great to give away.

Jesus Died for Me? resource pack: animations in English and Welsh; assembly outline and PowerPoint presentation; and a workshop outline.



Resources

Holy Week Box would be a great resource to put together for your families, not too expensive but effective.

Resource



A Sweet Easter! We hope you enjoy your sweets and chocolate. Each sweet and chocolate has been put in this bag to remind you of the Easter Story!	Viscount Biscuit - Palm Sunday A green wrapped biscuit to remind you of the palm branches waved, when Jesus entered Jerusalem.	Gold chocolate coins - Monday When Jesus cleared the temple, the money flew everywhere!	Love Hearts - Tuesday Jesus said we should love others.
Silver chocolate coins - Wednesday Judas betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver.	Cup Drink - Maundy Thursday To remind you of the last supper Jesus shared with his disciples.	Friday - Foil egg A large stone was rolled in front of the tomb where Jesus was laid - try not to eat this until Sunday!	Easter Sunday - Smash open your foil egg - it's empty, just like the tomb! A creme egg and spring sweets These sweets remind us of new life at Easter.

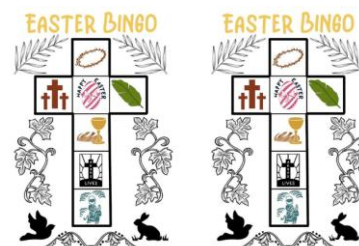
Or do the sweet version which will be very popular. Ask us for the sheet.

Spiritual Child Network has a great idea for an Easter play, could be used with a range of ages, they used a teenage lead and a narrator. Sounds very effective Easter Play
 Also plenty of prayer and other ideas to use over Easter and Lent on their site.

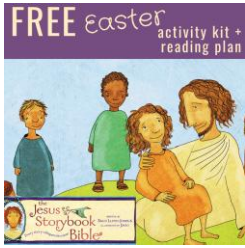


One Way Ministries has an Easter themed set of cookie cutters without a bunny in sight.
cookie cutters

Easter Bingo - print out as many copies as needed. cut out the pictures on the 2nd page and hide them around the space. When the children have found all the pictures they need, they come to you for a prize. Courtesy of Helen Baker You can download the PDF from Dropbox - Bingo



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Free family Bible activities and colouring pages for Lent and the Countdown to Easter from **The Jesus Storybook Bible**. From the curriculum used by churches. Look for the videos on you tube if you do not have a copy of the Bible.
[Resources](#)

Sensory Easter Story Many children prefer to use all their senses when engaging with stories. Here are some great ways to help all children – especially those with additional needs – understand Easter. From Mark Arnold, The Additional Needs Blogfather [Sensory Easter](#)



Video Clips to use:

Our Easter Story - YouTube – a group of children retelling the whole story – very well done. [Our Easter](#)
 Saddleback Kids : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HL8R158Ujp4>
 The Bible Project has made this https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_unHmAf7INK
 Lego <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=59iAsUBB79E>

Youth Resources:



Is a resource from Hope Together where we are encouraged to go on a journey to meet Jesus' first followers as they discover for themselves that Jesus is ALIVE. Then find out more from some of his present-day followers who have been transformed by their encounters with the risen Jesus. There are videos specially designed for young people, as well as adult resources. [Alive-Easter](#)

Missional Generation have produced a resource with an augmented reality app accompanied by a devotion and activity card that helps you to reflect and to take part in fun activities as you explore this exciting moment in history and the new life it offers each of us. [AR Activity](#)



Schools Ministry:

Easter Assembly Ideas are available at <https://www.assemblies.org.uk/>



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CRiBS have put together a drama to share the Easter story with primary schools. Ask your local school to consider asking them in. There is a charge so maybe as a church you could offer to cover this. [Easter Play](#)

Spinnaker also have Easter resources that can be offered to schools. [Spinnaker](#)

Tales from the Miracle Book have adapted their Easter videos to enable a school to put on it's own Passion Play either in a class or with the whole schools. They have thought of everything to help with planning and it's free. They also have Easter Assembly material. [Resources](#)



Easter in a Box



Bristol Schools Connection have produced a resource for primary school children in Years 3 – 6. It could be taken into school by a church volunteer/team or run by the school itself if they prefer. Children are invited to imagine they are on a movie set watching the filming of 'Easter – The Movie'.

The movie is based on the biblical account of the last days of the life of Jesus.

For each scene they: look at a cast list and handle the props, hear and imagine the scene being filmed, discuss the emotions they felt and wonder and reflect on what they have learnt and can apply to their own lives, whatever their worldview.

They are offering training sessions online. The session will introduce you to the resource and give opportunity to talk it through and ask questions. You can sign up here <https://bit.ly/3mMvziR>

If you are inviting schools into your church the **CSI Easter, the Case of the Missing Body** on Southwark diocese website looks really good..

It will need some preparation but really great if you have several schools visiting.

[CSI: Easter](#)



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Out of the Ark are offering 2 Easter assemblies for KS1 & 2 free.

There is also a song book aimed at church settings with Easter songs.

[Easter Assemblies](#)

Scottish Bible Society has lesson resources for Easter

including lesson plans, outdoor learning activities, PowerPoint and helpful background information to equip you to teach this story in their classroom.

[Resources](#)



Websites with Additional Easter/Lent ideas:

The Reflectionary <https://reflectionary.org/category/lent/> there are also Easter ideas there.

Flame Creative has lots of ideas to engage children over the Easter season. This includes some playdough mats for the under 5's.

<http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/search/label/Easter>

The Spiritual Child Network has lots of great ideas to use over this season.

<http://www.spiritualchild.co.uk/resourcesfs.html>

The **Church of England** has plenty of resources on the website

http://www.going4growth.com/growth_through_the_year/

Pinterest has several pages including <https://www.pinterest.co.uk/debbieh1605/lent/lent-holy-week/>



Books

The **Bible Society** and **Scripture Union** above have books suitable to hand to families coming for Easter events.

Also Happyland produces Jesus Fixes things using Early Learning Centre toys to tell the Easter story. [Jesus Fixes Things](#) with videos and songs to use with the book

[Resources](#) It is priced at £3 each or £2 for 5-19 copies or £1.50 for over 20.



10ofthose.com have these books on offer

If you are giving them away you can have 50 for £50. There are other books available, with a lower discount.

If you do not need all 50 please contact the CYP Team and we will connect groups together.



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