

## Lent Calendar – Daily Classroom Activity

Based on pages 4 & 5 of the Spring 2017 edition of Your Reach



### About this Activity:

- There is a calendar for the last 3 weeks of Lent in 2018 on pages 4 & 5 of Your Reach.
- Each day there are various activities or challenges that the children have to do.
- There are some days where they can think up their own challenge for themselves.
- There is a circle for the children to tick or cross each challenge to say whether they did it.
- There is also a short passage from the Easter story to think about for each day – and a space on each day of the calendar to draw a small picture showing what is going on in the short Bible passage.

### Activity Plan

Ask the children what Lent is and what it is for.

If they don't bring this up, you can say it is a time to prepare for Easter. A time to look at your life and see how you can change things. It is also a time to give things up AND take things on to bring us closer to God and to make us better people.

### The Calendar:

As the children to open Your Reach to pages 4 & 5 and look at the calendar. Explain that it is something to help us focus on preparing for Easter in the last few weeks of Lent.

Tell them that each day has an aim or a challenge that they have to try and carry out. They will notice that on some days they have to come up with their own challenge and write it on the calendar. It is up to you whether you want to them to do this at the outset or whether you want them to come up with a challenge on the day or the day before they have to do it.

Tell the children that we will be taking a few minutes each day to look at the challenge from the day before and decide whether we managed to achieve it. We will also be thinking about the challenge for that day and working out how we are going to do it. Then you can also read the line from the Bible (either quietly to themselves or together as a class) and have a few minutes to think about it.

### Optionally:

You can give them a few extra minutes to draw a small picture each day based on the line from the Easter Story.

You can also ask them to do their challenges and their pictures at the weekends.

You could also ask parent to tick the challenge if it is something at home and you could tick it if it is something at school.

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