

# Lent and Easter Resources 2024

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## Lent



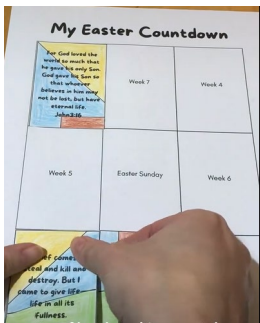
Watch and Pray is the Church of England's 2024 Lent campaign.

This year's resources have been inspired and informed by the 2024 Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book, Tarry Awhile: Wisdom from Black Spirituality for people of faith by Selina Stone (SPCK). There is a daily reflections booklet for adults

and one for children and families (CHP).

The Archbishops' Young Leader Award has six weeks of collective worship resources for schools including liturgical suggestions, Bible passage activity, video exploration, practical and prayerful actions, and additional ideas for connecting home, church and school.

### Resources



**Simply Faith and Family** are producing a family Lent resource

### Lent Resource



**Together @ Home** have Lent and Holy week resources and options for Easter trails to use. This year an Emotions Easter trail contains just 6 simple stations exploring the Easter story and the different emotions felt by those people present.

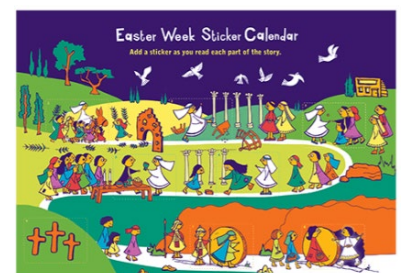
### Emotions Trail

And there are stickers to accompany this from Foundation Stones



**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



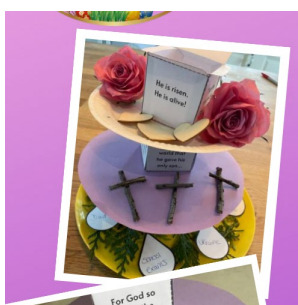
has put together 40 Nature Activities for families to use during Lent – a single sheet of paper and very simple to do. Nature in Lent

Easter ideas from then include Dotty the Donkey telling the Easter Story.

Dotty the Donkey



**Easter Gardens** are always popular and can look very different.



**Tiers of Easter** is a resource suggested by the Church in Ireland. Together you create each tier and read a section of the Easter story, make the boxes that separate each tier - each box has Bible verses and a question to fill in if you choose. At each stage you stop to reflect on what that section of the story means to you, and you pray together. There are other ideas there as well. Spring Newsletter

**Bible Society** – have again produced a book for children with a pop-up service and a children's activity pack. They are available translated into Welsh, Farsi, Ukrainian and Russian. There is a small cost but bulk discounts are available.

There is also material to use between Pentecost and Ascension.

The Awesome Easter Surprise



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**Bible Buds** is a resource aimed at church based toddler groups and if you want ideas specific to Lent, then Book 3 of Bible Buds has a session on Lent, including how Jesus feasted and fasted!

[Bible Buds](#)

**Muddy Church** have: Palm Sunday - reflections, activities, ideas for welcoming Jesus and exploring leaves

Easter Story Stones - six simple stones and reflections to draw, copy or place into an egg and discover each day of Holy Week

Easter Egg Hunt - explore Easter in the five messages of the most wonder filled story. Complete with craft ideas, QR code and different versions ready to print out and go. [Story Stones](#) [Resources](#)



**Messy Church** has plenty of Easter and Lent ideas.

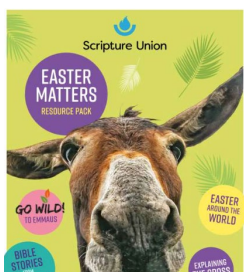
<https://www.messychurch.org.uk/resource/summary-easter-resources>.

**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 :

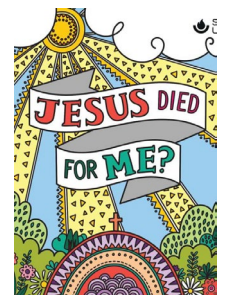


Lots of ideas of how to connect with your community.

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








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

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

<https://godventure.co.uk/news/holy-week-boxes/>



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

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

## Family Lego Event

This will take lots of LEGO (other bricks are available) but could be a great way to bring families together.

<https://moniquemcbride.com/worship-workshop-holy-week-the-lego-version/>



**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

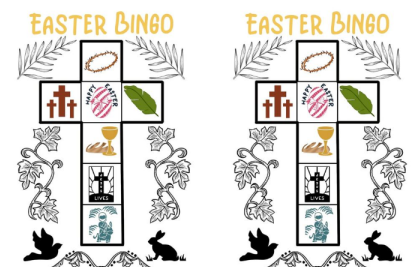
## Easter Play

Also plenty of prayer and other ideas to use over Easter and Lent on their site.

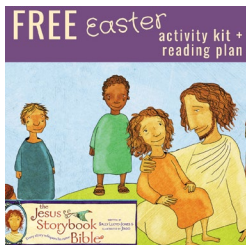


**One Way Ministries** has an Easter themed set of cookie cutters without a bunny in sight.  
[cookie cutters](#)

**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 Bible Activities and Colouring Pages for Lent and the Countdown to Easter from **The Jesus Storybook Bible**. From the curriculum used by churches.  
Resources

### Video Clips to use:

Our Easter Story - YouTube – a group of children retelling the whole story – very well done.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LgFZDCguR8E>

Saddleback Kids : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HL8R158Ujp4>

A sand picture of the story <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8vjfpXBJRCc>

The Bible Project has made this [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_unHmAf7INK](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 2024

**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/>

**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



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**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 free. They also have Easter Assembly material. [resources](#)



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## 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](#)



**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](#)



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**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.



**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.

<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/](http://www.going4growth.com/growth_through_the_year/)

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

**Books to give away**

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](#)

There are also videos and songs to use alongside the book [Resources](#)

It is priced at £each or £2 for 5-19 copies or £1.50 for over 20.

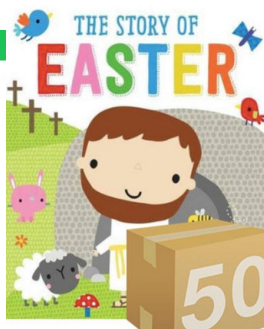
Check out the **Works** as they often have a lovely Easter book in their 10 for £10 section. Not available online currently.



**10ofthose.com** have these books of offer

If you are giving them away you can have 50 for £50.

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



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