

Day 1 - Lent: Light and Energy (part 1)

This overview plan accompanies the collective worship video that can be found here: https://youtu.be/RTWoyBQy_UQ
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Gather 	Engage 	Respond 	Send 
<p>Welcome to Worship Light the candle</p> <p>“The Lord be with you”</p>	<p>LENT: LIGHT AND ENERGY Genesis 1:1-3</p> <p>I wonder if you marked the beginning of Lent last Tuesday by eating some pancakes? I wonder what can you remember about Lent?</p> <p>We learned about the story of how Jesus spent 40 days and nights in the desert, praying and fasting to prepare for his future ministry. Jesus went without during this time, which is why many Christians chose to copy Jesus and give things up during Lent. I have decided to resist temptation and not eat chocolate throughout Lent.</p> <p>However, many Christians choose to ‘take up’ things during Lent - it might be a walk everyday or to read a whole book of the Bible, or do a kind act every day of Lent. I am also going to do this, as I want to mark these 40 days following the example of Jesus to love your neighbour.</p> <p>This week, we are going to think about various positive things we can ‘take up’ during the rest of Lent to make small differences that will help us and others. We are going to use the book of Genesis to inspire our thinking about what we could ‘take up’.</p> <p>I wonder what you could take up this Lent time?</p> <p>As I read this passage from Genesis 1, listen carefully and think, what is the most important word in the first few sentences of the Bible? <i>In the beginning God created the sky and the earth.... Darkness covered the ocean..... Then God said, “Let there be light!” And there was light.</i></p> <p>Light is certainly important as the first thing that was needed in our world.</p>	<p>Let’s think about light together:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notice light around you: sit and watch the sunlight or a lightbulb or a candle (with an adult) and wonder about the difference that light makes to your life. What would happen if you didn’t have light? 2. Make small changes: turn lights off when you leave the room, switch off chargers for mobile devices to save energy - the little things add up. 3. Give thanks for light and warmth at home: Did you know that almost a billion more people have electricity at home than they did just ten years ago? <p>I invite you to say this prayer with me today. <i>Thank you, God, for the light and energy we use every day. May all countries act swiftly to reduce energy use and combat climate change. Help us to make small changes where we can. Help us to shine the light of Jesus wherever we are today and this week. AMEN</i></p>	<p>How might you use light and electricity wisely from now on? How might you give thanks for light and electricity?</p> <p>Go in joy, go in love, go in peace as you share light and joy with others.</p> <p>Amen Blow out the candle</p>

Day 2 - Lent: Water (part 2)

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<p>Welcome to Worship Light the candle</p> <p>“The Lord be with you”</p>	<p>Can you solve this riddle? What Am I? I can be sparkling but I’m not a star I can run but I don’t have any legs I can fall but I don’t get hurt I’m found in a bath but I’m not a rubber duck I can help you clean but I’m not soap</p> <p>What is the answer? - Yes it is, water! I wonder how many things you can list that you can only do when you have water? Water is precious, it is what keeps everything in our world alive and flourishing.</p> <p>Across our world, there are millions of people who do not have enough water or the only water they have is dirty. I wonder how this makes you feel?</p> <p>In parts of South Africa, they have had to limited the amount of water each house can use each day as the natural water reserves have almost run dry. In other African countries they are experiencing terrible droughts. This means their crops can’t grow as there isn’t the rainfall to fill up the rivers to help them water their crops. Other parts of the world are experiencing floods that wash away their homes and crops, leaving many people homeless and without food to live off.</p>	<p>Let’s think about what we can do to save water together:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Think about how you use water. On average each person uses 140L of water each day! Did you know it takes 6800L to make one pair of jeans? I wonder if this surprises you? I wonder if this makes you think about using water wisely? 2. Caring for local waterways: I wonder where there are ponds, rivers, canals in your area? I wonder whether these are kept clean and well cared for you? I wonder if there are chances to help with this? Maybe you live by the beach and want to help keep the water here clean. I have noticed that there is a lot of rubbish on the beach that gets washed into the sea. Could you help keep the beach clean? 3. Check your cupboards: with a parent or carer, see if there are any bathroom or kitchen products that could be switched to those with less harmful chemicals? 	<p>I wonder what you could do to ‘take up’ saving water in your home and making an effort to care for the water around you?</p> <p>Go into this week filled with love, joy and peace as you do you part to help take caer of our planet.</p> <p>Amen</p> <p>Blow out the candle</p>



	<p>Scientists know that the increase in global temperatures are one of the main contributors to the droughts and floods. Climate change impacts the water cycle by influencing when, where, and how much rain falls. It also leads to more severe weather events over time.</p> <p>We can all do things to change this and reduce the global temperatures to reduce the severe weather around the world.</p> <p>I'm going to read a psalm from the Bible that speaks about water.</p> <p>Psalm 65: 9-10</p> <p>He waters the earth to make it fertile. The rivers of God will not run dry! He prepares the earth for his people and sends them rich harvests of grain. ¹⁰ He waters the furrows with abundant rain. Showers soften the earth, melting the clods and causing seeds to sprout across the land.</p> <p>I wonder what this verse from Psalm 65 says to you?</p> <p>Christians believe that God provides all the water we need to survive and grow all we need, but what is stopping this rain from falling and soaking the earth?</p>	<p>What difference would doing some of these things make to our world?</p> <p>I invite you to join me in this prayer:</p> <p>Dear God,</p> <p>We pray for those who do not have enough water or access to clean water. We ask you to help those who are providing wells and pumps to bring clean water to villages and towns.</p> <p>We pray too for all those who are working to reduce climate change. Help us to play our part in caring for our planet and the water that falls and fills it.</p> <p>Amen</p>	
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You might like to sing Creator God by Nick and Becky Drake
<https://youtu.be/GM4IVZuljEI>

Day 3 - LENT: LAND AND PLANTS

Genesis 1:9-13

See CW Term 4 Week 1 plan for more ideas

Day 4 - LENT: CREATURES OF SEA AND SKY

Genesis 1:20-23



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Day 5 - MY LENT RESOLUTIONS

Genesis 1:31

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If you haven't already, you might like to challenge your school community to take part in 40 acts of kindness.

There are some simple examples here in this image.

40 Acts

Write out your favourite Bible verse as a reminder to keep going for the next 40 days!	Start a giving jar and collect up loose change or donate some of your pocket money.	Make some cakes or biscuits to share.	Buy a treat for a friend or someone who needs one today.	Send someone a message to let them know you are thinking about them.
Make a card for someone you know who is unwell.	Pick up ten pieces of litter today.	Write out one of your favourite Bible verses and share it with someone.	Go on a prayer walk. Find places to stop and pray (e.g. on your route to work).	Be neighbourly: say hello or drop a card round to one of your neighbours
Be generous with your words: pay compliments today.	Have a proper chat! Phone Granny, a cousin or a friend you haven't spoken to in a while.	Write a megalist of all the things you are grateful for and then decorate the paper.	Find out about your local foodbank; what 'treat' could you donate today?	Spend less time looking at screens, and play board games or share other activities.
Draw a large heart and write in it all the ways you can love someone.	Send an anonymous gift to someone you know.	Tell a friend something you really like about them today.	Secretly chalk a nice message on a neighbour's or friend's drive/path/front step	Smile at ten people today
Donate some clothes, toys or hobby items to charity.	Hide encouraging notes in unexpected places.	Give someone flowers – buy them, pick them from your own garden or make some out of paper	Plan a fundraising idea, such as a cake sale	Make someone special a cup of tea (or whatever they like!)
Leave coins taped to a car park/vending machine or in a supermarket trolley.	Say hi to someone outside your usual circle today.	Climate change: what can you do to save energy today?	Make a generosity kit and give it away. Add some pens, a £1 coin, tissues, sweets – what else?	Get to know the name and say 'hi' to your local shopkeeper, lollipop person, bus driver
Mother's Day. Make cards, buy flowers and tidy the house for the people who care for you.	What are you really good at? Could you use your talent to help or teach someone else?	Give someone a Fairtrade Easter egg.	What horrible jobs need doing? You could empty the bins or wash the car/dog!	Say sorry first, even if you think it wasn't your fault.
What have you promised to do & forgotten? Remember and put your words into action!	Say hi to someone outside your usual circle today.	Your Giving Jar should be filling up nicely. Research what charity you want to donate the money to.	Give out anything with chocolate.	Well done; you have reached 40! Work out which of the 40 challenges you could carry on doing after Easter.

