Our mission today:

to find out why we have ash on Ash Wednesday.

Use the words on the right to fill in the blank spaces below.

The season of _____ begins on Ash Wednesday.

_____ _____ is a special day when people go to church to have a small cross made of ash drawn on their forehead. The ash is created by burning last year's palm crosses.

Being covered with ashes is mentioned in the Bible. It is an ancient sign of sorrow. Recieving the ash cross is also a Christian _____ that has happened for hundreds of years.

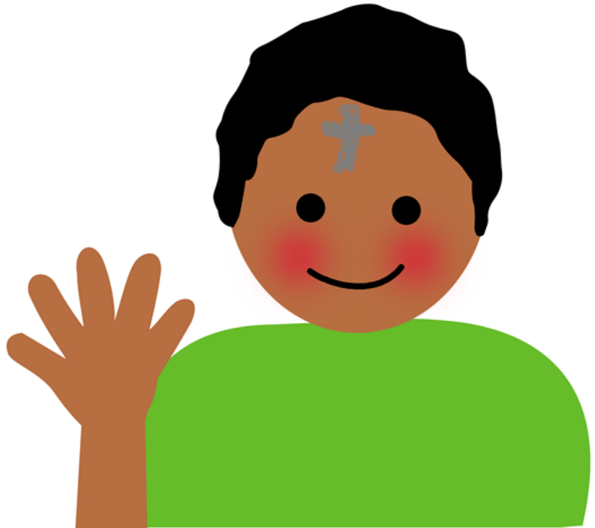
The ash cross is a _____ (an image that represents something else) of repentance.

Lent is a time when Christians are asked to _____ .

The word repent means:

to be _____ for our sins, and

to _____ the ways we think and behave that hurt others and hurt ourselves.



symbol

repent

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Ash Wednesday

Lent

sorry

change

When Jesus asked people to repent, he knew that it can be difficult for us to admit mistakes and change our ways. Jesus encouraged people to try, by asking them to look carefully at a situation.

Jesus knew that when we look carefully and try to see things from other people's point of view, it helps to change how we think about things.

Seeing things from other people's point of view can help us to be more understanding, patient and kind. To practise looking carefully, complete the tasks below.

Find the underlined words in the word search below

G	X	B	E	R	U	Y	G
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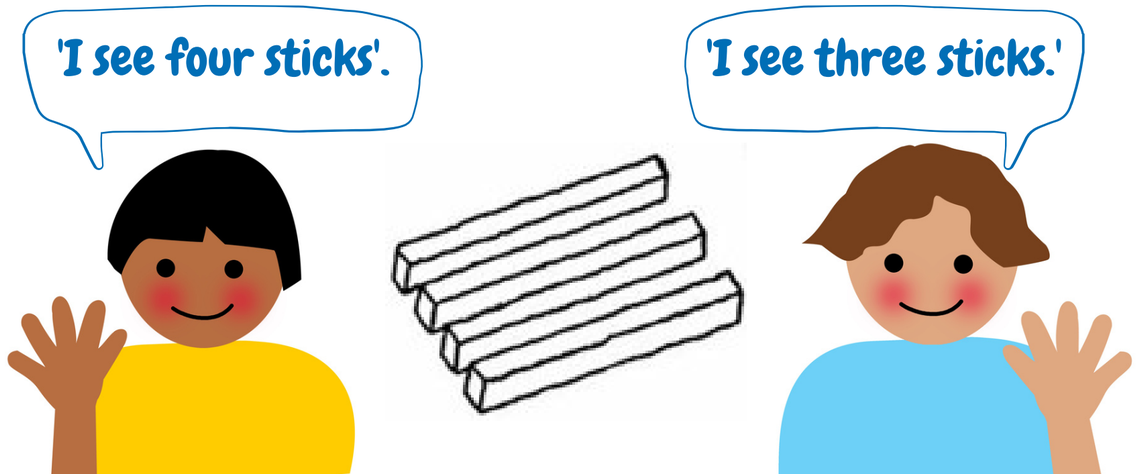
It's not unusual for people to see the same thing differently. Like the friends below. This can sometimes cause arguments. How could you keep the peace between these two friends? Write your ideas in the box.



Praying in Lent can help us to repent and change our ways.
When we pray we can ask God to help us be:

Courageous - to admit we have sinned and to ask for forgiveness.
Humble - to accept that sometimes we get things wrong and need to change.
Resilient - to keep trying, because change can be difficult.
Patient - with ourselves, as change takes time and effort. And with others who are trying to change too.

Write your own 'Repent in Lent' prayer, poem, or acrostic in the box below.
Try to include the virtue words in bold above, and any other virtue words from this list.

Grateful
Respectful
Hopeful
Gentle
Faithful
Forgiving
Honest
Loving
Kind

The Mission Together prayer is a good example of an acrostic

May all children
In the world
Share love
Share friendship and live
In the peace
Of God's love
Now and forever. Amen

'Lent Through A Lens' Photo Competition!
Pupil's instructions

1. To take part you'll need a camera and a copy of our **'Lent through a Lens'** entry form.

2. Next, be on the look out for things that represents Lent. It will help to make a list of all the things that come to mind when you think of Lent e.g. Stations of the Cross. You can create this list on your entry form. *Remember that Lent is the old word for Spring. So you could also think of Spring images e.g. snowdrops, buds on trees, chicks, lambs.*

3. If you go outside to find your Lent images, you **must** ask a grown-up to be with you.

4. Once you've decided which photo to enter, it's important that you use your entry form to explain why your chosen photo represents Lent. Then send your photo and your entry form to your teacher.

5. Your teacher will decide on your school's winning entries. Your school will then send these winning entries to *Mission Together*, so you have the chance of becoming a prize winner!

6. This competition is free to enter, but if possible please make a donation to support Mission Together. Ask your parents to visit: **missiontogether.org.uk/donate-now** or **justgiving.com/campaign/MissionTogether**

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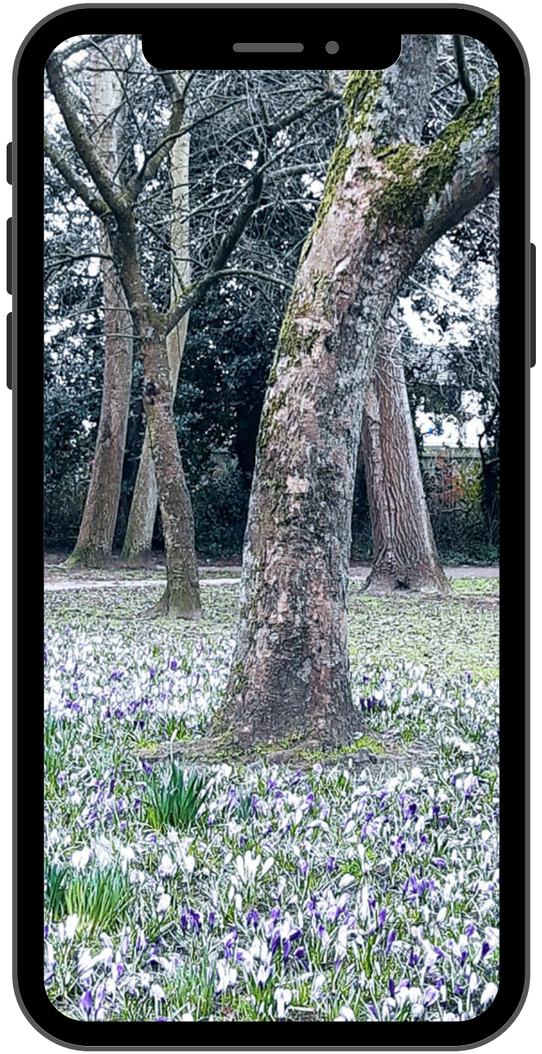

1. To take part, pupils need a instruction page, a copy of our **Lent through a Lens** entry form, and a camera**.**

2. Pupils must capture images that represents Lent. To help focus ideas, the entry form contains a section for pupils to create a list of things that come to mind when they think of Lent e.g. Stations of the Cross, lambs, spring flowers.

3. Once pupils have taken their photo, they use their entry form to explain why their chosen image represents Lent. Pupils then pass their photo and entry form to you.

4. We ask that teachers select three winning entries from their school, then scan / attach and email these to us no later than Friday 1 April. Please email: **claire@missio.org.uk** The Mission Together team will then select prize winning photos from across the country!

5. This competition is free to enter, but if possible please encourage parents to make a donation to Mission Together. This can be done via our website missiontogether.org.uk/donate-now/ Or via Just Giving www.justgiving.com/campaign/MissionTogether

'Lent through a Lens' entry form

Pupil photographer's name:

Class:

If you can make a donation to enter, thank you! Please send this directly to *Mission Together* (see QR code) so that your school doesn't have to collect money. They're a bit busy at present!

To help you look for the right image, write below a list of words that come to mind when you think of Lent.

_____ _____

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You can also **donate via text**, find out how on our donate webpage or follow the QR code.

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