



Kingdom Values: Lent Calendar of Kindness

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Traditionally, calendars are only for Advent, but we are introducing a **Calendar of Kindness** for use during the season of Lent. Because Lent starts on the Wednesday during half term, we have started this calendar from the first day back after half term with the story of Jesus in the desert. For the rest of the term, the calendar links with the themes of the collective worship series '**Kingdom Values**' that we are currently offering as a resource to schools, but could equally be used as a 'standalone' resource. Opening the calendar on a Monday will be included as part of the collective worship script, apart from St. Patrick's Day, which is on a Wednesday. As far as possible, the calendar elements link with the theme for that week, and also cover some of the events of Jesus' ministry & life over the 3 years between Jesus' temptation and his Resurrection. The following pages set out the content and act of kindness for each day so that you know what is coming up.

The calendar will go live at 00:01 on February 22nd and each door will only open on the correct day.

In the calendar, you will find:



an image;



the Bible reference for the day;



a video link. If there is no video, then there will be a set of PowerPoint slides linked within the final section (*only YouTube can be uploaded, which is limiting*);



some thoughts for you to ponder and a prompt for an act of kindness (**in bold**).



Each day, you could also consider the following questions: *How was Jesus an 'agent of change' here? How did other people view Jesus' actions? How do you think people reacted to hearing Jesus' words? Why might Jesus have said / done this....? What does this story mean for me?*

The calendar structure dictates how the elements are presented, but it will help if you view the visual materials or read the story before you ponder the questions. We do hope that you find this resource useful!

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Lent: week 1 (Monday 22nd-Sunday 28th February)

Theme: Being an 'agent of change' during Lent

Date	Story	Bible reference	Pictures / PPT	Calendar of kindness
22/2	Jesus puts God first	Matthew 4:1-11	Photo of temptation - pixabay Video: Jesus in the desert	Think about the times when you've been tempted to put your own needs first – think about what would have been better. Put someone else first today.
23/2	Parable of the yeast	Matthew 13:33 & Luke 13:20-21	Picture: bread-making from pixabay Reading here: The Parable of the Yeast - YouTube	How might you be an 'agent of change' during Lent? Make a promise today that you will make a difference during Lent.
24/2	Jesus chooses the first disciples	John 1:35-51	Friends photo from Pixabay Jesus and His First Disciples Bible Story LifeKids - YouTube	How does having friends make a difference? Do something for yours today.
25/2	Wedding at Cana	John 2: 1-11	Wedding heart photo from pixabay Video: Water into wine	How was Jesus an 'agent of change here? Try to change a bad situation for the better today.
26/2	Woman at the well	John 4: 1-42	Water jar photo from Pixabay The Woman at the Well (John 4) - YouTube	Jesus showed he valued an 'outsider'. Be welcoming to someone outside of your friendship circle today.
27//2	Preaching in the synagogue	Luke 4:14-22	Illustration from freebibleimages Bible Story, "Jesus' Mission," Luke 4:16-21 - YouTube	Who are the 'poor' and 'broken-hearted' in our community? How might we help them? Put something in your local food bank.
28/2	Jesus chooses Matthew	Luke 5: 27-32	Jesus Calls Matthew - YouTube	Matthew did a surprising thing in following Jesus. Jesus did a surprising thing by choosing him. Do a surprising thing (in a good way!) for someone else today.

Lent: week 2 (Monday 1st-Sunday 7th March)

Theme: Doing the 'small things' like St. David

1/3	St. David's Day	Story of St. David's life	Picture: the Welsh flag. Also a short video here	What do you think David meant by the 'small things'? What 'small things' could you do today?
2/3	Little things	Can little things really make a difference?	Be kind photo from Pixabay Inspirational Video - Pay It Forward - YouTube	Create a catalogue of 'small deeds' from this video. How many similar deeds could you think of for yourself? Do a good deed for someone else today.
3/3	Jesus and the four friends	Luke 5: 17-26	Illustration from FreeBibleImages God's Story: Jesus Heals A Man - YouTube	What small thing amazed Jesus about these friends? How did Jesus respond to their faith? How could you be a good friend to others today like these friends were?
4/3	When I was...	Matthew 25: 34-40	Our own photo Video: Matthew 25 When I was....	What were the 'small things' here? How can we be compassionate like Jesus taught? Be compassionate today.
5/3	The sermon on the mountain part 1	Matthew 5: 13-16	Candle photo from Pixabay PPT link: FreeBibleImages: Salt & Light	Can a person be like a light? How? Do a deed today that is like light in the darkness.
6/3	The sermon on the mountain part 2	Matthew 6	Treasure box photo from Pixabay Don't Worry (Matthew 6: 25-34) - YouTube	What are the 'small things' that Jesus spoke about here? How might you store up 'treasure in heaven' by your actions? Do something that someone else will treasure.
7/3	The sermon on the mountain part 3	Matthew chapters 5-7	Photo by Volodymyr Hryshchenko from unsplash God's Story: Sermon on the Mount - YouTube	Jesus' words always matched his actions. He was always loving, fair, just, merciful and acted for peace. Do your words always match your actions? Think carefully before you speak today.

Lent: week 3 (Monday 8th - Sunday 14th March)

Theme: How do we show what we 'value'?

8/3	Hidden treasure	Matt 13: 44-45	Picture of a pearl Pixabay Extra material: Parable of the Pearl – Lego stop-motion	What do you value most? What does this parable tell of God's kingdom? Do something that others will value today.
9/3	Jesus' feet are washed	Luke 7: 36-50	Picture of muddy feet Pixabay Jesus' feet are washed	What did this woman do to show how much she valued Jesus? Do something for the people you value today.
10/3	The Kingdom parables	Matthew 13	Picture poppy in a field Pixabay https://youtu.be/6Ti9BtBrqc8 *Note does mention heaven and hell. People believe different things about the place the Bible calls 'Hell'. This parable describes it as a place separated from God forever. If you prefer, use this PPT instead: FreeBibleImages: Wheat & weeds	What does this show about the important things in God's kingdom? Choose to do what is good and right today.
11/3	Lost – and found!	Find connections with any of the 'Lost' parables in Luke 15	Picture child looking Pixabay https://youtu.be/gFI9hBSGleU SU Diary of a Disciple	Can you find connections with any of the 'Lost' parables? How did Jesus show value for the lost? Who might be the 'lost' people in your school / community? Show someone who's lonely that you value them today.
12/3	Feeding the 5000	John 6:1-13	The Methodist Modern Art Collection Faith kids video https://youtu.be/K5GZVgcwYLI	Jesus values a little boy's lunch. What 'little' could you offer to God, or to someone else today?
13/3	Good Samaritan	Luke 10	Picture carving Pixabay https://youtu.be/HeARU_ksb0c children's art	Why is it sometimes difficult to help other people? Be a 'good neighbour' to others today.
14/3	Martha and Mary	Luke 10: 38-42	Picture busy street Pixabay https://youtu.be/W2-l5pN9um8 Sandy Tales	How did the sisters show what was important to them? Have a think about what you spend a lot of time doing. Is it important? Be busy doing the 'important' things today.

Lent: week 4 (15th-21st March)

Theme: Jesus is God in human form

This week, we take a slightly different focus on the mysterious Christian idea of the Trinity, to fit in with St. Patrick's Day, using some stories from Jesus' life – starting with his baptism.

15/3	Jesus' baptism	Mark 1:9-11	Picture of water from Pixabay The Baptism of Jesus - YouTube	We go back to the beginning of Jesus' ministry to look for signs of the Trinity as Jesus is baptised. Can you find God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in the story?
16/3	Calming the storm	Luke 8	Storm at sea photo from Pixabay Speed Sketch Bible Stories: Jesus Calms the Storm (Narration) - YouTube	How does Jesus show he is God here? Bring 'calm' to someone's storm today. You might like to ask God to help you.
17/3	St. Patrick's Day	Patrick's own parable	Shamrock photo from Pixabay The History of St. Patrick's Day - YouTube	Alternative resource: St Patrick's Day Story - CBeebies - BBC How does Patrick's illustration and his life show what God is like? Be inspired by St. Patrick's actions in what you do today.
18/3	Bless you!	2 Corinthians 13:14 Trinity blessing	Trinity photo from Pixabay May the grace [Lyric Video] - YouTube May the Grace - Makaton signed by Becky George - YouTube	"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all." These words are often spoken as a blessing. Listen to the words of the song. How many times did you hear the three 'persons' in the Trinity mentioned? Act in ways that show grace, love and friendship today.
19/3	Walking on water	Matthew 14: 24-33	Illustration from FreeBibleImages Faith Kids video https://youtu.be/nY9PITO8U_M	How does Jesus show he is God here? What did Peter learn about following Jesus in this story? Peter tried to do what Jesus did. Be a good example for someone else to follow.
20/3	The Transfiguration	Mark 9: 21-28	Mountain photo from Pixabay The Story of the Transfiguration - with LEGO! - YouTube or THE TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS BIBLE STORY Kids on the Move - YouTube	What does this story show about Jesus? What questions do you think the disciples asked? The friends saw Jesus in a different way today. They also heard God's voice. Either: Ask that you will hear God's voice today. Try to see someone else differently today.
21/3	Jesus' Prayer	Luke 11	Praying hands photo from Pixabay "How to Pray" The Jesus Storybook Bible - YouTube	Even though he was God, Jesus still prayed, and taught his friends to pray too. This is the story of prayer that Jesus taught that Christians call the Lord's Prayer. Why do you think Jesus taught his disciples this prayer? Why do you think Christians still pray it? Take a moment to pray today if you'd like to.

Lent: week 5 (Monday 22nd-Sunday 28th March)

Theme: Making good choices

22/3	Good fish, bad fish?!	Matt 13: 47-48	Picture Sorting catch of fish Unsplash https://youtu.be/LPQ-iYcaho	Life – and God’s kingdom – is all about making choices. What choices do you make every day? How do you decide what’s right? Do the right thing today.
23/3	Healing ten lepers	Luke 17: 11-16	Thank you photo Pixabay https://youtu.be/GVBZH8oRp0 Lego by children	Who chooses what is right? How can this story help you today? Say thank you to someone today.
24/3	Pharisee & tax collector	Luke 18:9-14	Pixabay black and white illustration of story https://youtu.be/Ufe6zouTq8g	Who chooses what is right in this story? How can this story help you today? Be humble, not boastful, today.
25/3	Wise & Foolish	Luke 6:46-49	Image of Milford on sea https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CXWHLB1f6_U	Who chooses what is right in this story? How can this story help you today? Make wise choices.
26/3	Zacchaeus	Luke 19	Choices road sign Pixabay https://youtu.be/g3z1xTabYr0 Acted by children	Jesus chose to spend time with Zacchaeus even though Zacchaeus hadn't been kind to people. Zacchaeus chooses a new life. How can this story help you today? Give someone a second (or third!) chance today.
27/3	Jesus & the children	Luke 18:15-17	Pixabay photo, children in a crowd https://youtu.be/IYgoGdf-nC0 Care Bear Bible Stories	Jesus chooses to be with children. Why do you think others wanted them to go away? Why do you think Jesus valued children? Remind yourself that you are precious today....then show someone else you value them by choosing to spend time with them.
28/3	Palm Sunday	Matthew 21: 1-11	Palm Sunday re enactment Unsplash https://youtu.be/z-39h0xYqdE	Have you ever seen a procession, carnival or parade? How did you feel while you watched it go past? What makes you say ‘hooray!’? Why did people cheer for Jesus? Be cheerful today!

Lent: week 6 (Monday 29th March-Thursday 1st April)

Theme: Good v evil – the big themes of Easter

29/3	Good v evil	The big themes of Easter	Photo of hero- pixabay Extra material Jesus Storybook Bible version https://youtu.be/Ur3PZoQEGGk	Why are so many stories about good v. evil? Name as many as you can. Does good always win? Be a 'hero' to someone today!
30/3	Angry Jesus	Matthew 21: 12-13	'Angry at computer' photo – pixabay Use the slideshow which can be found here: FreeBibleimages :: Cleansing the temple :: Jesus cleanses the Temple by overturning the money changers' tables and drives out those buying and selling (Matthew 21:12-17, Mark 11:15-19, Luke 19:45-48, John 2:13-24)	What makes you angry? Is it always bad to be angry? Have you ever felt like Jesus did when he saw how people had treated the temple? Is there such a thing as 'good' anger? Have you ever felt 'good' anger? Try not to be angry (at least for the wrong reasons!) today.
31/3	Maundy Thursday	Last Supper & Gethsemane	Gethsemane photo from pixabay Patti Rokus The Garden of Gethsemane - Day 5 Friday - in rocks of Patti Rokus - YouTube	Jesus felt alone in the garden. Have you ever felt like this? Be kind to someone lonely – because you know how it feels. Christians believe Jesus does too.
1/4	Easter narrative	Resurrection	Easter crosses photo from Pixabay Our Easter Story - YouTube Video: The story of Jesus	This is the whole big story – and good wins over the darkness! When all seemed lost, the victory was won. How does this story seem topsy-turvy, like the things Jesus said about God's kingdom? Christians believe that Jesus changed things forever on Easter Day. Which actions might you try to continue now that Lent is coming to an end?