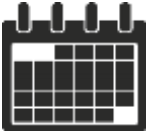




## Kingdom Values: Lent Calendar of Kindness Secondary School Version

To access the calendar, [click the image](#)



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. The calendar elements link with the theme of Kingdom Values and also cover some of the events of Jesus' ministry & life over the 3 years between Jesus' temptation and his Resurrection. On the following pages we have set out the planned content for each day, so that you can plan ahead.

**The calendar will go live at 00:01 on February 22<sup>nd</sup> 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. *Some days we have included a link to a YouTube video relevant to the theme;*



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 22<sup>nd</sup>-Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February)

Theme: Being an 'agent of change' during Lent

Date	Story	Bible reference	Pictures / video	Calendar of kindness
Day 1 22/2	Jesus puts God first	Matthew 4:1-11	Photo of temptation - pixabay	Think about the times when you've been tempted to put your own needs first – think about what would have been better. <b>Put someone else first today.</b>
Day 2 23/2	Parable of the yeast	Matthew 13:33 & Luke 13:20-21	Picture: bread-making from pixabay	How might you be an 'agent of change' during Lent? <b>Decide today what you will do to make a difference during Lent.</b>
Day 3 24/2	Jesus chooses the first disciples	John 1:35-51	Friends photo from Pixabay <a href="#">↓</a>	How does having friends make a difference? <b>Do something for yours today.</b>
Day 4 25/2	Wedding at Cana	John 2: 1-11	Wedding heart photo from pixabay	How was Jesus an 'agent of change here?' <b>Try to change a bad situation for the better today.</b>
Day 5 26/2	Woman at the well	John 4: 1-42	Water jar photo from Pixabay	Jesus showed he valued an 'outsider'. <b>Be welcoming to someone outside of your friendship circle today.</b>
Day 6 27//2	Preaching in the synagogue	Luke 4:14-22		Who are the 'poor' and 'broken-hearted' in our community? How might we help them? <b>Put something in your local food bank.</b>
Day 7 28/2	Jesus chooses Matthew	Luke 5: 27-32	Picture: exclamation marks from Pixabay	Matthew did a surprising thing in following Jesus. Jesus did a surprising thing by choosing him. <b>Do a surprising thing (in a good way!) for someone else today.</b>

Lent: week 2 (Monday 1<sup>st</sup>-Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March)

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

Day 8 1/3	St. David's Day	Story of St. David's life	Picture: the Welsh flag. Also a short video <a href="#">here</a>	Today is St David's Day. Watch the video about him. St David's last words to his followers were 'do the little things, the small things you have seen me doing'. What do you think David meant by the 'small things'? <b>What 'small things' could you do today?</b>
Day 9 2/3	Little things	Can little things really make a difference?	Be kind photo from Pixabay <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X3ld9_p2bS0">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X3ld9_p2bS0</a>	Watch this video about small acts of kindness. Create a catalogue of 'small deeds' from this video. How many similar deeds could you think of for yourself? <b>Do a good deed for someone else today.</b>
Day 10 3/3	Jesus and the four friends	Luke 5: 17-26	Friends photo from Pixabay	What small thing amazed Jesus about these friends? How did Jesus respond to their faith? <b>How could you be a good friend to others today like these friends were?</b>
Day 11 4/3	When I was...	Matthew 25: 34-40	Foodbank Photo from Pixabay	What were the 'small things' here? How can we be compassionate like Jesus taught? <b>Be compassionate today.</b>
Day 12 5/3	The sermon on the mountain part 1	Matthew 5: 13-16	Candle photo from Pixabay <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NDQc1ugx7L0">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NDQc1ugx7L0</a>	Watch this video of Amanda Gorman's poem at the presidential inauguration about being the light. Can a person be like a light? How? <b>Do a deed today that is like light in the darkness.</b>
Day 13 6/3	The sermon on the mountain part 2	Matthew 6	Treasure box photo from Pixabay	What are the 'small things' that Jesus spoke about here? How might you store up 'treasure in heaven' by your actions? <b>Do something that someone else will treasure.</b>
Day 14 7/3	The sermon on the mountain part 3	Matthew chapters 5-7	Speech bubbles Image from Pixabay	Jesus' words always matched his actions. He was always loving, fair, just, merciful and acted for peace. Do your words always match your actions? <b>Think carefully before you speak today.</b>

**Lent: week 3 (Monday 8<sup>th</sup>- Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March)**

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

<b>Day 15</b> 8/3	Hidden treasure	Matt 13: 44-45	Picture of a pearl Pixabay	What do you value most? What does this parable tell of God's kingdom? <b>Do something that others will value today.</b>
<b>Day 16</b> 9/3	Jesus' feet are washed	Luke 7: 36-50	Picture of muddy feet Pixabay	What did this woman do to show how much she valued Jesus? <b>Do something for the people you value today.</b>
<b>Day 17</b> 10/3	The Kingdom parables	Matthew 13	Picture poppy in a field Pixabay	What does this show about the important things in God's kingdom? <b>Choose to do what is good and right today.</b>
<b>Day 18</b> 11/3	Lost – and found!	Find connections with any of the 'Lost' parables in Luke 15	Picture child looking Pixabay	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? <b>Show someone who's lonely that you value them today.</b>
<b>Day 19</b> 12/3	Feeding the 5000	John 6:1-13	Picture Feeding of 5,000 from The Methodist Modern Art Collection	Jesus values a little boy's lunch. <b>What 'little' could you offer to God, or to someone else today?</b>
<b>Day 20</b> 13/3	Good Samaritan	Luke 10	Picture carving Pixabay	Why is it sometimes difficult to help other people? <b>Be a 'good neighbour' to others today.</b>
<b>Day 21</b> 14/3	Martha and Mary	Luke 10: 38-42	Picture busy street Pixabay	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? <b>Be busy doing the 'important' things today. (PS It's Mothers' Day!)</b>

## Lent: week 4 (15<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> 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.

<b>Day 22</b> 15/3	Jesus' baptism	Mark 1:9-11	Picture of water from Pixabay	We go back to the beginning of Jesus' ministry to look for signs of the Trinity as Jesus is baptised. <b>Can you find God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in the story?</b>
<b>Day 23</b> 16/3	Calming the storm	Luke 8	Storm at sea photo from Pixabay	How does Jesus show he is God here? <b>Bring 'calm' to someone's storm today. You might like to ask God to help you.</b>
<b>Day 24</b> 17/3	St. Patrick's Day	Patrick's own parable	Shamrock photo from Pixabay	Today is St Patrick's Day Watch the video about St Patrick and the Shamrock. How does Patrick's illustration and his life show what God is like? <b>Be inspired by St. Patrick's actions in what you do today.</b>
<b>Day 25</b> 18/3	Bless you!	2 Corinthians 13:14 Trinity blessing	Trinity photo from Pixabay <a href="#">May the grace [Lyric Video] - YouTube</a>	<b>Read 2 Corinthians 13:14 The Trinity blessing</b> <b>"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all."</b> 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? <b>Act in ways that show grace, love and friendship today.</b>
<b>Day 26</b> 19/3	Walking on water	Matthew 14: 24-33	Tightrope walking Pixabay	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. <b>Be a good example for someone else to follow.</b>
<b>Day 27</b> 20/3	The Transfiguration	Mark 9: 21-28	Mountain photo from Pixabay	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. <b>Either:</b> <b>Ask that you will hear God's voice today.</b> <b>Try to see someone else differently today.</b>
<b>Day 28</b> 21/3	Jesus' Prayer	Luke 11	Praying hands photo from Pixabay	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? <b>Take a moment to pray today if you'd like to.</b>

Lent: week 5 (Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>-Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March)

Theme: Making good choices

Day 29 22/3	Good fish, bad fish?!	Matt 13: 47-48	Picture Sorting catch of fish Unsplash	Life – and God’s kingdom – is all about making choices. What choices do you make every day? How do you decide what’s right? <b>Do the right thing today.</b>
Day 30 23/3	Healing ten lepers	Luke 17: 11-16	Thank you photo Pixabay	Who chooses what is right? How can this story help you today? <b>Say thank you to someone today.</b>
Day 31 24/3	Pharisee & tax collector	Luke 18:9-14	Humility image ixabay	Who chooses what is right in this story? How can this story help you today? <b>Be humble, not boastful, today.</b>
Day 32 25/3	Wise & Foolish	Luke 6:46-49	Image of Milford on sea	Who chooses what is right in this story? How can this story help you today? <b>Make wise choices.</b>
Day 33 26/3	Zacchaeus	Luke 19	Choices road sign Pixabay	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? <b>Give someone a second (or third!) chance today.</b>
Day 34 27/3	Jesus & the children	Luke 18:15-17	Photo, young people in a crowd Pixabay	Jesus chooses to be with children. Why do you think others wanted them to go away? Why do you think Jesus valued children? <b>Remind yourself that you are precious today....then show someone else you value them by choosing to spend time with them.</b>
Day 35 28/3	Palm Sunday	Matthew 21: 1-11	Palm Sunday re enactment Unsplash	Have you ever seen a celebrity in real life? How did you feel when you saw them? Have you ever been caught up in the excitement of a big crowd? How loyal is the crowd, social media, mentality? How and why do people's views change? Whose fault is that? <b>Stick by your friends today, no matter what</b>

Day 36 29/3	Good v evil	The big themes of Easter	Good and bad image- pixabay	<p><b>The big themes of Easter</b> Why are so many stories about good v. evil? Name as many as you can. Think of a film you have watched or book you have read recently. How are good and evil portrayed? Does good always win? <b>Make a positive effort to bring good into people's lives today.</b></p>
Day 37 30/3	Angry Jesus	Matthew 21: 12-13	Angry stress ball photo – pixabay	<p>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? <b>Try not to be angry (at least for the wrong reasons!) today.</b></p>
Day 38 31/3	Maundy Thursday	Last Supper & Gethsemane	Gethsemane photo from pixabay	<p>Last Supper &amp; Gethsemane Jesus felt alone and abandoned in the garden. Have you ever felt like this? <b>Be kind to someone lonely – because you know how it feels.</b> <b>Christians believe Jesus does too.</b></p>
Day 39 1/4	Easter narrative	Resurrection	<p>Easter crosses photo from Pixabay <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PPeEcrxs9zU">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PPeEcrxs9zU</a> <i>This video is a preview version, we can only link from YouTube to this calendar. Follow the link on the screen to the original.</i></p>	<p><b>Resurrection</b> 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 upside down, like the things Jesus said about God's kingdom? e.g. 'the last shall be first' Christians believe that Jesus changed things forever on Easter Day. <b>Which actions might you try to continue now that Lent is coming to an end?</b></p>