

**Act of Worship
'GIVING ALL'
Year 3**

Lent, a time to remember Jesus' total giving'

**Gathering
Together**

Focal Point:

Candle
Cross draped with a purple cloth
A sea-sponge on a stick or
A crown of thorns
Church's Story 3 p96
Bible opened at Mark15:21-27
God's Story 3: page 120
Any work children have done on the topic



Leader:

Let us make the Sign of the Cross with special care today as we remember Jesus total giving when he died on a Cross for us

All: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

{Perhaps you could sing an appropriate hymn at this point}.

We have been reflecting on the importance of giving of ourselves and how some people are prepared to give themselves totally for others.

Children may share any work done in 'Reveal'

**The Word
of God**

Leader: Lent is the beginning of a time in the Church's year when the Christian family tries to make a new start by giving themselves to God and others, through prayer, giving up things and doing good for others. Lent is a time when Christians stop and think about following the example of Jesus. It is a time to grow in goodness.

Reader: After Jesus was taken prisoner in the garden of Gethsemane, he was treated badly and then taken to be crucified.

In this Gospel reading we hear how Jesus was ready to give himself completely:

A reading from the Holy Gospel According to Mark

Glory to You, O Lord

We make the sign of the cross on our forehead, lips and heart, in preparation to hear the Good News of the Gospel. We make the sign of the cross on our foreheads to show we believe in God's Word, on our lips to show we try to speak God's Word to others, and on our hearts to show we love God's Word and will try to live a good life.

On the way they met a man named Simon, from Cyrene. He was the father of Alexander and Rufus. He was coming into the city from the country and the soldiers

forced him to carry Jesus' cross. They took Jesus to a place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull. There they tried to give him wine, mixed with myrrh, but Jesus would not drink it. Then they crucified him and divided his clothes among themselves. They threw dice to decide what each should get. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The notice above his head said, 'Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.' Two thieves were crucified at the same time. One was on his right side, and the other on his left.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

**Response
to the Word**

Jesus gave his life for us, because he loved us so much.
On Good Friday, Christians go to church to recall again
how Jesus died for us.

In order to help us remember that Jesus died because he loved us so much let us adore the cross – just as Christians throughout the world do every Good Friday.

(Choose an appropriate ritual for your class – you can invite the children to kiss the cross, pass round a holding cross and each child pauses and prays quietly, make a large cross in the middle of the floor and invite children to place a small cardboard cross with Lenten promise written on it around the large cross and pray quietly. Play appropriate quiet music or chant such as 'Jesus remember me' during adoration)

**Going
Forth**

Leader: We know that Jesus' death was not the end and that Easter is a celebration of Jesus' rising to New Life. During Lent and Easter we think about how we can 'walk in the light' of Christ, die to selfishness and live a life of selfless love of others.

Let us pause for a moment and think about how we can be like Christ and bring the light of love to others.....

We now light the white candle as we sing the final song
e.g. Rejoice 2:66 vv. 4,5 **"Risen in Splendour"** or something similar e.g. 'Walk in the light'



v4. Lent's a time for new beginnings,
death to our selfishness, sadness and greed.
Let there be born in us new hope and kindness,
then we'll be ready for Easter indeed.

v5. Jesus on the first Good Friday,
died to all bitterness, hate and despair,
only to rise in the splendour of Easter
to life eternal and gives us a share.

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