



Our mission today:

to find out why Jesus spent 40 days in the desert.

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



Lent begins every year on _____ and ends _____ days later on Holy Thursday.

_____ lasts **40 days** to remind us of the **40 days** _____ spent in the desert.

In Jesus's day, people would go into the desert to spend time alone with _____.

But even in the _____ the devil tempted Jesus to think less about **God** and more about himself.

But Jesus remained _____ and humble. He never forgot his need for God or forgot the needs of **others**.

Lent is a _____ time when we are asked to remember the needs of others and to grow closer to God our Father; just as Jesus did.

Lent

Jesus

Ash Wednesday

40

faithful

desert

God

special

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



Jesus's time in the desert **prepared** him for his great **mission** - helping others to know God's _____ and mercy for everyone, everywhere.

_____ is also a **special** time of preparation for Christians.

During the forty days of **Lent** we prepare for the events of Holy Week and _____.

At the end of **Lent**, on Holy _____ and Good _____, we remember how Jesus suffered and died for us.

On **Easter** Sunday, Christians _____ Jesus rising from the dead.

Easter Sunday teaches us that we have the _____ of eternal life with God in heaven because of Jesus's great love and _____.

hope

Lent

love

Thursday

Easter

celebrate

mercy

Friday



Fasting, sharing and **praying** in Lent help us to prepare for Easter. During Lent, Christians spend less time or money on what they **want**, so that they can share more time or money on what others **need**.

Use the boxes below to think of ways you could share your **time** and **money** to help others this Lent.

If I spend less... e.g. time on my Xbox.

I could share more... e.g. time reading with my little brother.

If I spend less...

I could share more...



If I spend less...

I could share more...



By praying and sharing with Mission Together, you help children around the world get the things they need to grow healthy and happy. From the list below, highlight what you think these things are:

- Love
- Food & water
- Crisps & chocolate
- Healthcare
- Education
- Faith
- Computer games
- Shelter
- Fairness
- Family
- Friendship



During his time in the desert, Jesus reflected on lines from the Bible to help him prepare for his mission – to show the world God's love.

? Which of the following lines from the Bible would you choose to help you?
Highlight the line you have chosen.

- I can do all things through God who strengthens me.

St Paul to Philippians 4:13

- Treat others as you would like them to treat you.

The Gospel of St Luke 6:31

- Keep alert, be firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong.

Let all that you do be done in love.

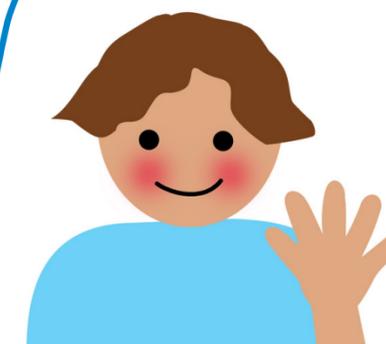
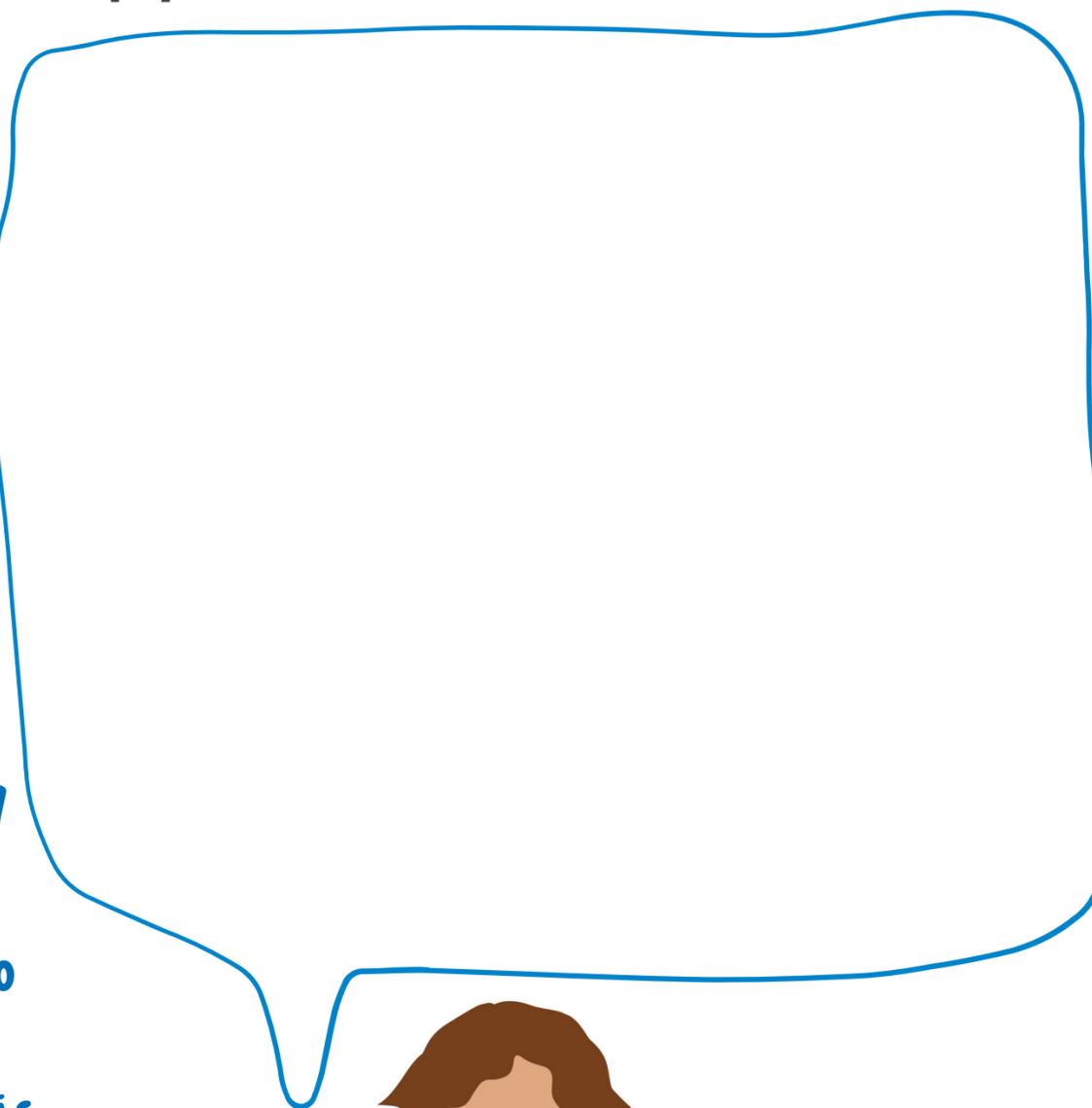
St Paul to the Corinthians 16:13-14

- Jesus said... 'Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.'

The Gospel of St John 13:34



Use this speech box to explain why you chose this line?





God asks us to pray and share so that everyone, everywhere knows they are loved and have what they need to live well. This Lent you can help by getting involved in *Mission Together's*,

'Lent Quest' Fundraiser



- 1** Fill your details in the '**Lent Quest**' **Sponsor Sheet** and get as many people as possible to sponsor you for every Quest item you can discover.
- 2** Ask a grown up to accompany you as you set out on your quest. Remember to take your '**Lent Quest**' **list** to record your discoveries. If you can, take your quest into a wood or a park.
- 3** Take photos to evidence your discoveries or have a grown up confirm your find by adding their initial to your sponsor sheet.
- 4** Share your '**Lent Quest**' photos with your school and @MissioUK. Then collect and send your sponsorship to *Mission Together!*

My Lent Quest List

Participant's name:

Class:

Below are ten Lent quest tasks. With a grown up, take your Quest List into a wood or park. When you complete a task, take a photo as evidence or ask the grown up to put their initials in these boxes.



<p>See the light - in spring we see the days lengthen. That's where the word Lent comes from. Find something that casts light.</p>		<p>Find a smiley face - Spring can make people feel hopeful and happy. Top tip: smiling at someone often results in a smile back.</p>	
<p>Find a Springtime flower - highlight any one (or all) of the following as evidence: Daffodil, Snowdrop, Crocus, Bluebell.</p>		<p>Find the time - at the end of Lent clocks in the UK go forward one hour. Find a clock face and record the time here...</p>	
<p>Discover signs of new life - highlight any one (or all) of the following as evidence: a lamb, bird's nest, duckling, puppy, baby.</p>		<p>Point out purple - in church, the colour purple is a symbol of preparation, which is why it is used in Lent. Find something purple.</p>	
<p>Listen out for bird song - listen carefully then have a go at copying the song yourself. Record your singing as evidence!</p>		<p>Spot a steeple - During Lent we try to pray more. Find a church and if you can, write its name here...</p>	
<p>Find some beautiful tree blossom - if you can, try smelling it. Write what it smells like in the space below.</p>		<p>Listen to this - In the desert Jesus spent time in silence. Be quiet for a minute. Write the sounds you hear in the space below.</p>	

