

GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER



CELEBRATING LENT IN WORSHIP

CREATIVE IDEAS

Display Art work

As you are planning worship for the weeks of Lent, choose some stories/Bible texts that any members of your congregation could illustrate in the lead-up to Lent. Use the art in your worship PowerPoints or display on the walls of the church.

Display Crosses

As an opportunity for meditation and learning, consider displaying a series of different kinds of crosses on the walls of the church during Lent and each week take the time to explain their meaning. See Appendix 2 for more information.

Through the Eyes of Luke

We have found a great blog called STILL WATER authored by a Korean-American pastor. She has some wonderful creative ideas to include in worship during Lent. Check out her post: Lent through the Eyes of Luke.

<http://theresaecho.com/2013/03/21/lent-through-the-eyes-of-luke/>

From the 'Worshipping with Children' blog by Carolyn Brown

MAKE A BIG DEAL ABOUT CHANGING THE COLOURS IN THE CHURCH

Do it together on either Ash Wednesday or the first Sunday of Lent. This can be fairly formal with people carrying out the white or green paraments and banners and others processing in with the purple ones. Or, it can be more informal with worship leaders inviting worshippers to help change the paraments and explaining in the process the meaning of Lent and the purple. Describe the changes in the church that will come on Good Friday and again on Easter Sunday.

HIDE THE ALLELUIA

Many congregations choose not to use the word "Alleluia!" in the congregation's worship during Lent. To highlight this, create (or get young or older artists to create) a beautiful poster of the word. Show the poster at the beginning of the service on the first Sunday of Lent, then put it in a box and leave it somewhere in the sanctuary. On Easter morning, bring it out, shout it, sing it and enjoy it.

<http://worshippingwithchildren.blogspot.com.au/>

Video clips

Use some of the animation suggestions from Appendix 15 throughout your Lenten worship.