

## Lent Assembly

### PURPOSE

- to explore the values that are involved in beginning to understand Lent and its relevance to our everyday lives.

### RESOURCES

- bag of different coloured sweets to represent mixture of all values including Red, Green and Yellow
- Storyteller Bible Bob Hartman

### INTRODUCTION

- in order to understand Lent we need to know about unselfishness OR how we put the needs of other people before our own as Christ did.
- Three values important in this are

RED SWEET is the sweet of forgiveness. You cannot help another person (be unselfish) if you are angry with another because of something they have done to you (ALSO for older children it represents Jesus' blood which he shed on the cross so that we might be forgiven and restore our relationship with God)

GREEN SWEET is the sweet of inner stillness. (calm as a palm tree) We forget about ourselves and our thoughts in order to get ready to listen to the needs of someone else.

YELLOW SWEET is the sweet of wisdom that sheds light on things and helps us think clearly about what we need to do for another person

Forgiveness + Stillness + wisdom = UNSELFISHNESS  
during Lent we should give something of ourselves to help others

### ACTIVITIES

1. Read the story of Christ's temptation inviting the children to see if they can see how Jesus was unselfish in this wilderness experience
2. Using sweets engage children in talking about times when they have been unselfish and put the needs of others first

### CLOSING PRAYER OR REFLECTION

Conclude using aspects of Children's responses to focus on our exploration of Lent values