

## **Live Life Love Lent: a brilliant way to engage children**

Lent can very often be a time within the Christian year that bypasses children. The *Live Life Love Lent* booklets were a brilliant way of getting children to engage with Lent. After initial discussions with the Sunday school leaders at our church, we gave each child a booklet and asked them to bring it to church each Sunday.

The children really engaged with the activities in the booklets. I remember walking out of church one Sunday and seeing one of our Sunday school children making his mother pick up some rubbish on the street and put it in the bin! (One of the booklet tasks was to 'Pick up litter').

We had a board set up in the back of our church and photos of the children carrying out the tasks were pinned there, as well as pictures and paintings relating to Lent.

We also had a few adults using the adult version of the booklet as well.

Next year I am looking at expanding the programme to include the whole church, and get everyone involved! *Live Life Love Lent* is a brilliant way of engaging with a time of the Christian year which a lot of people find difficult.

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