

Lent 2021

INTRODUCTION



Lent is a time for preparation



- ▶ **Lent lasts for six weeks and is the 40 days before Easter in the Christian calendar (not including Sundays!).**
- ▶ **It is a time to prepare for the great festival of Easter—a time for getting spiritually fit.**
- ▶ **It is a time to stop and look at your life and to make resolutions or decisions to do better in future.**
- ▶ **Many Christians try to do something special during Lent. This might be something extra like reading a thoughtful book about the Christian faith, spending more time in prayer, or it might be giving something up (cakes or chocolate, for example) as an act of self discipline, and giving the money saved to a charity.**

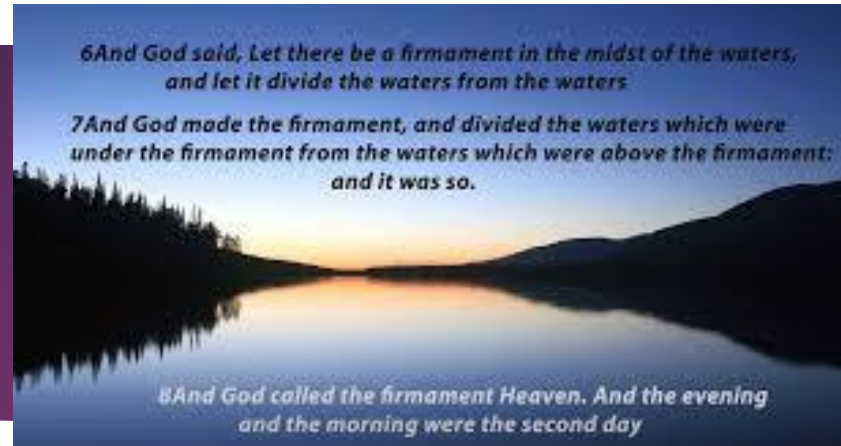


Reflecting

- ▶ **What does water make you think about?**



Water in The Bible



- ▶ "At the beginning of our world there was no water... and then there was water everywhere... Water reminds us of the dangerous waters of the flood – when Noah and the animals were saved on the Ark. We think about Moses leading the people out of slavery in Egypt through the waters to freedom."



Jesus was baptized

- ▶ **At the start of his three-year work where he told everyone about God , Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist in the River Jordan.**



Listen to the story.



Responding

- ▶ Throughout Lent, we are going to follow Jesus on his journey.
- ▶ Have you or anyone you know been baptised?
- ▶ Share your stories.



Let us pray...

Dear God,

Thank You that You provide for all our needs.

Thank You that we can trust You to turn the small things we give You into something big that can make a huge difference.

Help us to be generous with everything we have, just as You are so generous in giving us these things.

Amen.

