

Achievement Objective

Children will be able to: recognise Lent as a season for getting ready for Easter.

Learning Outcomes:

The children will:

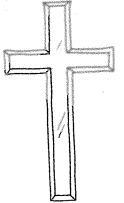
- 1 recognise that people get themselves ready for Easter by loving God and others
- 2 name ways people can be more loving during *Lent*

Preparation for the Lesson:

- *Liturgical Year Calendar* and Days of *Lent* chart from Lesson 1
- *Lenten Loving Tree* branch
- Children's Activity, page 27 - copy for each child

**Yet even now, says the Lord,
return to me with all your
heart.**

Joel 2:12



Teacher's Notes:

Lent is a season when we think especially of how much Jesus loves us, and wants us to love God and each other. So we think of as many kind and loving things to do as possible. When we do these things we become more like Jesus. In *Lent* people try to do something extra for others as a way of loving Jesus. The best way we show love - aroha for Jesus is by loving the people around us. We can ask Jesus to help us, because we know he did very loving things for us. We can notice what people need and we can offer to help and manaaki - care for them. We can be the one who stays behind to help or the one who looks after someone who is sad or lonely. When we do things like this we are doing what Jesus did and this is a good way to spend our preparation time in *Lent*.

Teaching and Learning Experiences:

- Children recall what they learned about the season of *Lent* in the last lesson, naming the season of *Lent* and its colour, locating it on the *Liturgical Year Calendar*, and identifying the signs for *Lent* on the prayer table.
- Refer to and check on the Days of *Lent* chart if *Lent* has already started.
- Children and teacher share times when they have seen someone doing something extra that was loving and kind, or when they noticed someone helping some one who needed it.
- Children offer any hearts that they have completed and these can be attached to the branches of the *Lenten Loving Tree*. Teacher may add some for children who have been loving to others in class.

Consolidation and Extension Activities:

- Children's Activity

Suggested Assessment Examples:

- **LO 1** Children name one way they can get ready for Easter during *Lent*
- **LO 2** Refer to Children's Activity

