

# #LIVE LENT CARE<sub>for</sub> GOD'S CREATiON

FOR  
KIDS



## A 40-DAY CHALLENGE



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## How to use this booklet

There are 40 actions, one for each of the forty days in Lent, plus one for Easter Day.

For each week (starting on Sunday from Week 1 onwards) there is:

- A **theme**, based on the days of creation as described in Genesis Chapter 1
- A very short **passage from the Bible**
- A **prayer** for use throughout the week.

For each day (Monday to Saturday) there is a **theme** and a **challenge**. On some days there are suggestions of practical changes you and your family might take to help the environment. On others there are challenges to find out more about creation, to explore the Bible, to reflect and to pray.

How many challenges can you do?

There is also an accompanying booklet for grown-ups, *#LiveLent: Care for God's Creation*, which also includes daily readings and reflections, as well as a free app.

You can find links to all the print and digital resources for #LiveLent at:  
**[www.churchofengland.org/livelent](http://www.churchofengland.org/livelent)**



A girl with brown hair in pigtails, wearing a red t-shirt and blue pants, is watering two green cabbages in a garden bed. She is holding a green watering can. To her left is a large green bush. The background is a dark blue sky with white clouds. The ground is a solid green color.

## Week 2 WATER

### READ: Psalm 65.9-13

*You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water ...*

Without water, there would be no life on earth. This week our challenges explore how we can use and enjoy this precious gift from God better.

### PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

*Creator God, we thank you for water to drink, cook, wash and clean and play with. We pray that everyone may learn to use water more wisely and share it fairly. Amen.*



# Week 2

## WATER

**Monday**

### Give thanks for water

Whenever you see or use water today, thank God for this amazing gift we often take for granted.



**Tuesday**

### Find out about “virtual water”

How much water does it take to make a pair of jeans?  
Or a hamburger? Research online and share what you find.

**Wednesday**

### Care for local waterways

Where are the canals, rivers, ponds or beaches in your area? Ask if your school, church or other local group could organize a clean up.



**Thursday**

### Check your cupboards

With a parent or carer, go through your bathroom and kitchen cupboards. Could at least one or two products be switched for others with fewer harmful chemicals?

**Friday**

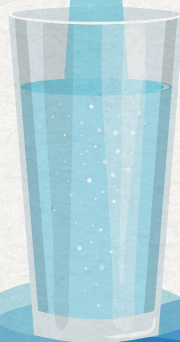
### Don't give up hope

Pray for people already experiencing damaging climate change. Pray for them, and ask God to bring hope and courage to those trying to help them.

**Weekend**

### Support a water charity

Find out about charities providing clean water and toilets in poor communities. Could your school or church raise money for their work with a bake sale?



*“This Lent, we hope both adults and children might engage in God’s plea for us to “Care for Creation”. If many of us do little things, they can add up to make a big difference.”*

**Archbishop Justin Welby &  
Archbishop John Sentamu**

God has given us a wonderful world to enjoy, but also to protect. **#LiveLent: Care for God’s Creation – For Kids** will help children and their families learn more about the amazing gift of God’s creation and how we can care for it better.

For the 40 days of Lent there is a daily challenge to help you honour and treasure the earth, plus weekly short prayers and Bible readings on creation themes.

Find out about all the ways you can be involved in the **#LiveLent** challenge, including booklets for adults, all-age activities and ideas for churches at: **[www.churchofengland.org/livelent](http://www.churchofengland.org/livelent)**

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