



Religious Education

Week 1



Why do you think people do these things?

What might we call these things?



These things are what people usually have as their routine.

A routine is a sequence of actions that are performed regularly and not for a special reason.



What about a ritual?

- What do you think the word ritual means?
- What is a ritual?
- How might doing a ritual help someone live their life?

Explanation of a ritual

A religious service or other ceremony which involves a series of actions performed in a fixed order.

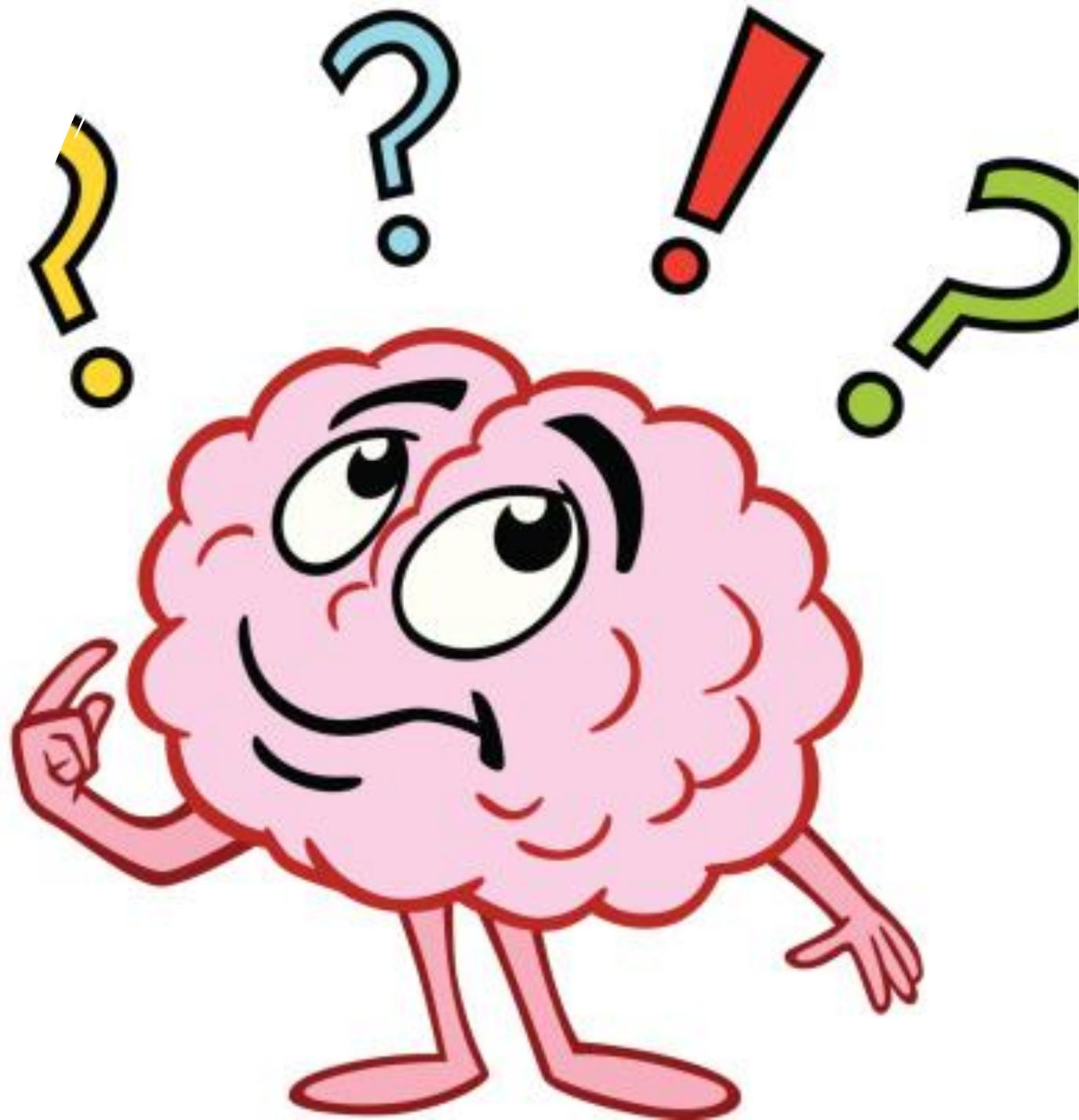


The learning question for our new
RE unit is...

LQ: What happens in churches
during Lent and Easter?

Lets think about...

- What is the Church currently marking this week?
- What might Christians do during Lent that is different to other times in the year?
- Why do you think the Church and many Christians participate in these rituals?





The meaning of lent

<https://youtu.be/uklBEWtlqDg>

A cartoon character with a large purple brain, a yellow question mark, and a green question mark.

Today's LQ: What happens in churches on Ash Wednesday?

What do you know about ash Wednesday?

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent and marks the period when Jesus went into the desert for 40 days and 40 nights and faced temptation.



This is marked in churches by a Eucharist at which people are 'ashed' to remind them of their own mortality.

Ashes are an ancient sign of penitence; from the middle ages it became the custom to begin Lent by being marked in ash with the sign of the cross.





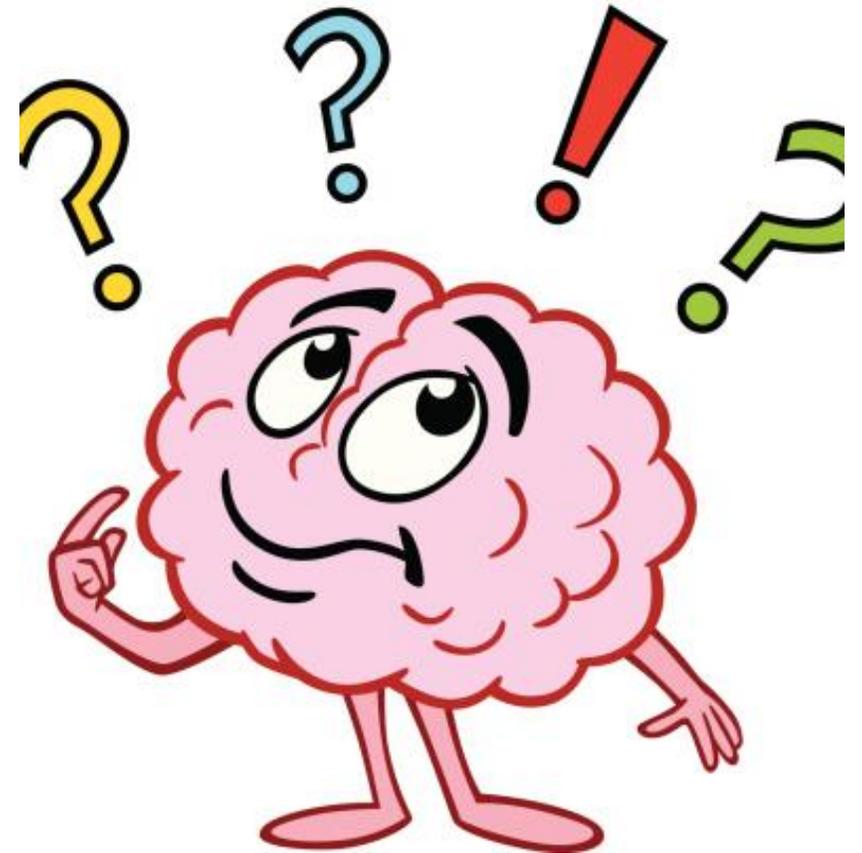
The palm crosses left over from last year in church are burned to make ashes and people have the sign of the cross made in ash on their forehead by the minister. As each person receives the imposition of ashes, the priest says the words "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ."

Recap

What do the words the priest says mean do you think?

Why do people have the sign of the cross made on their heads?

Why is the sign of the cross made out of ashes?



What is the colour used to represent Lent?

Throughout Lent, the liturgical colour of purple is used in the church - on the altar frontal, vestments and clergy robes and there are no flowers or decorations.

The Gloria in Excelsis hymn is not used and neither is Alleluia said or sung.



Why do you think the
Gloria in Excelsis hymn
is not used and neither is
Alleluia said or sung?



Luke 4: 1 - 13

The temptation of Jesus

4 And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness **2** for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. **3** The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” **4** And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’” **5** And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, **6** and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. **7** If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” **8** And Jesus answered him, “It is written,

“You shall worship the Lord your God,
and him only shall you serve.”

⁹ And he took him to Jerusalem and set
him on the pinnacle of the temple and
said to him, “If you are the Son of God,
throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is
written,

“He will command his angels concerning
you,
to guard you,’

¹¹ and

“On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a
stone.”

¹² And Jesus answered him, “It is
said, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God
to the test.’” ¹³ And when the devil had
ended every temptation, he departed
from him until an opportune time.



Key questions:

- Why do you think Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert?
- Do you think Jesus was ever tempted to give into the devil's voice?
- What do you think kept Jesus strong in this situation?

Activity

Complete the Ash Wednesday section of the grid only! Do not complete all of the grid. Just the section below.

We will be completing one section of the grid each week.

Make sure you think carefully about what happens during Ash Wednesday and how it effects the lives of Christians.

Event	Ritual today: What do many Christians do today?	What significance and impact do you think the ritual has on a believer's life? How do you think participating in a ritual creates a sense of belonging?
Ash Wednesday 		

Reflection

A Christian who follows the Church's rituals of Lent is more committed to their faith than a Christian who doesn't.

Agree or disagree