

Lent

Bible Passage:

Additional materials:

- Pretty things eg minerals
- Skin-safe ashes in small pot



Words	Actions (storyteller’s perspective)
<p>This is a Christian story about Lent.</p> <p>Lent is the time when we prepare for Easter.</p> <p>Once, there was a person who lived in a place.</p> <p>Some bits looked lovely, other parts were kinda messy,</p>	<p>Make rectangle house with doorway and path</p> <p>Add person in house. Add neat row of pretty things and an untidy pile of random things</p>
<p>and there was a big stain on the carpet</p>	<p>Fold grey blob in half and place in one corner</p>
<p>One day, a message arrived. “It would be lovely to see you sometime. Is tomorrow OK? Love God.”</p>	<p>Place figure and two small blue circles at end of path</p>
<p>“Oh No! Everything is such a mess!” said the person and they started cleaning the house.</p> <p>They swept and brushed. They tidied and polished.</p> <p>They scrubbed and scrubbed and scrubbed at the stain, but it would not budge.</p>	<p>Move person around between objects, moving things from one place to another.</p> <p>End with objects a little tidier, but still messy</p> <p>Dab person at stain, then return to middle</p>
<p>They worked so hard that they didn’t notice it was the next day. There was a knock at the door.</p> <p>“It’s me,” said God, “I’ve brought cake.”</p>	<p>Knock on table</p> <p>Move figure and circles to outside door</p>
<p>“You can’t come in!” said the person. “I haven’t finished tidying.”</p> <p>“I came to see you,” said God, “not your house. I can cope with the mess.”</p>	<p>Person runs around frantically</p>
<p>But the person still did not open the door.</p> <p>“Are you worried about the stain?” said God.</p> <p>“I can take that away if you let me in.”</p>	<p>Add disc in house</p>
<p>So the person opened the door and they had cake together. And after a while, the stain disappeared.</p>	<p>God and person together in the house, one blue circle each</p> <p>Remove grey blob</p>
<p>In Lent, Christians sweep out their lives ready for Easter. They say sorry for the bad things in their lives. Some Christians put ashes on their forehead to show that they are sorry and to ask God to make them clean.</p>	<p>Put ash cross on your forehead.</p> <p>Offer ashes to others.</p>