

LENT CHALLENGE

2018

ABBOTS RIPTON SCHOOL



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The Five Marks of Mission – The Five Ts

TELL

TEACH

TEND

TRANSFORM

TREASURE

Our challenge this year was to look at and understand the Five Marks of Mission which are being used across the Diocese of Ely in the churches. These are the five main things we can do in order to grow in our Christian Faith and to help other people come to know God better.

As individuals, and as a school, we learned more about how to share what we believe and about who it is we believe in. Each week, with Revd Rosemary, we looked more closely at each 'T' and learned what it means and how we do it.

WEEK ONE.....TELL

We can Tell other people about Jesus and why he is important to Christians

We can also Tell other people about God's love by showing them how we behave

We decided, as a school, to take up the 40Acts Challenge, so thought we should combine that with this challenge. It helped us to learn that we could tell people about God by the small things we do for them.

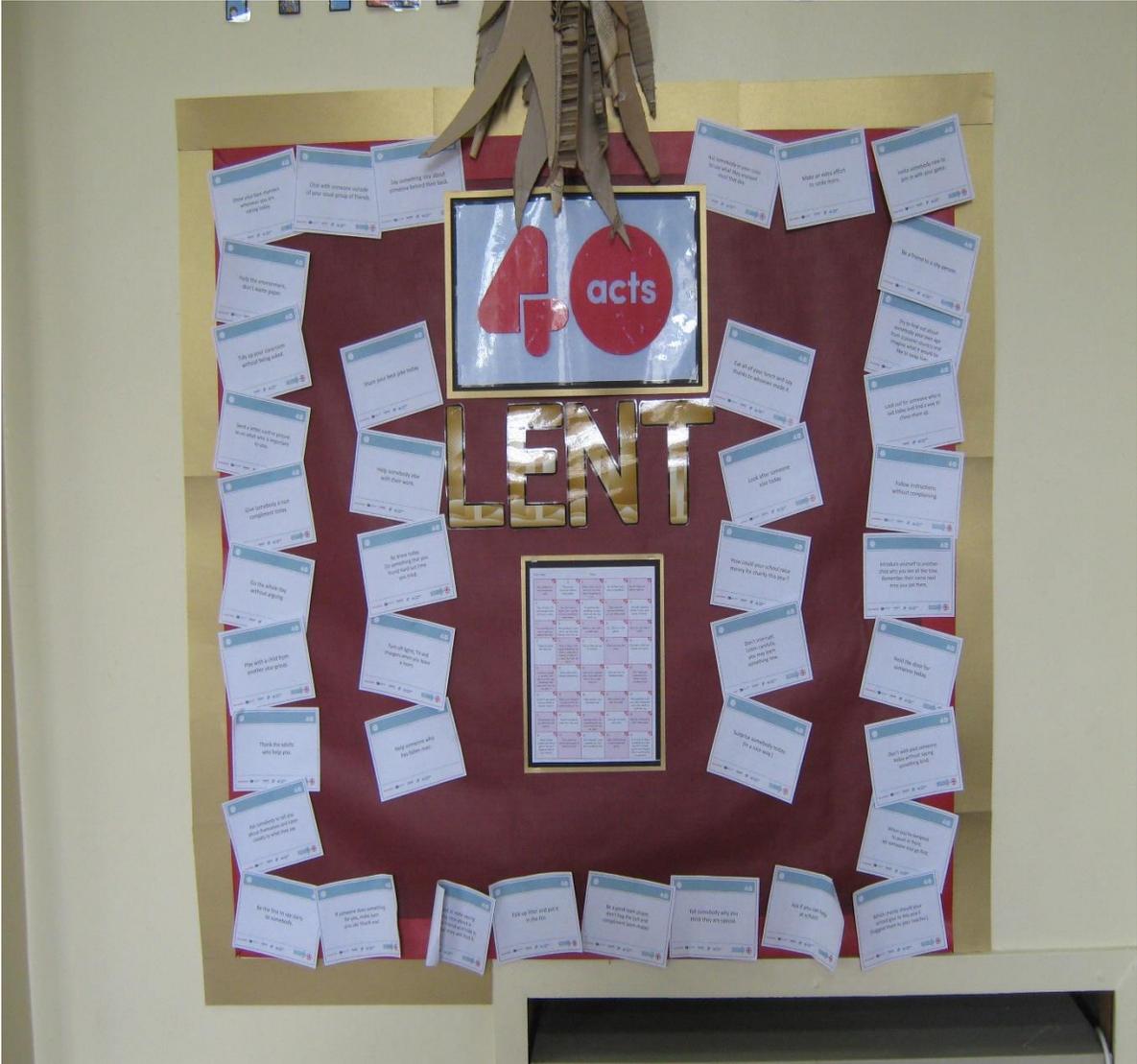
We heard about Jesus' temptations in the desert and how he stood firm in his obedience to God, and learned that we could and should do the same, by always trying to do the right thing and put God first and be true to ourselves.

In the school corridor, we placed a huge tree,
and our first Challenge was to each hang a leaf onto the tree
every time we did a good deed or completed one of the 40 Acts of kindness

- Our Tree of Good Turns:



We also had a display in the main hall of the school to show the 40 Acts we were going to complete



WEEK TWO.....TEACH

The Good Deed Tree was filling up nicely with leaves showing the things we had been doing to Tell Others about God's love, so now we moved on to TEACH.

We learned that our job wasn't just to tell people about God but to TEACH them about God through the stories in the Bible. We talked a bit about our favourite Bible stories and characters and Revd Rosemary read us the story of the Pharisee and Tax Collector.

We learned that Jesus is teaching us to be humble when we come to worship God and to be sincere. There are lots of parables that teach us how to behave and live, and once we have learned what God wants from us then we should share those stories with others so that they can come to love God too.

Our challenge this week was to draw a picture or write a few lines about our favourite Bible story, that we would like to share with someone else.

Challenge 2..... TEACH with Bible stories

In the bible, Hannah prays for a Son and God sends her

Samuel, which means "asked for of the Lord".

My Mummy and Daddy wanted a little boy of their own, so

when I came to live with them, everyone prayed very hard

for me to stay. Just like Hannah. When the Judge said that

we could be a forever family, they called me Samuel as a

thank you.



WEEK THREE..... TEND

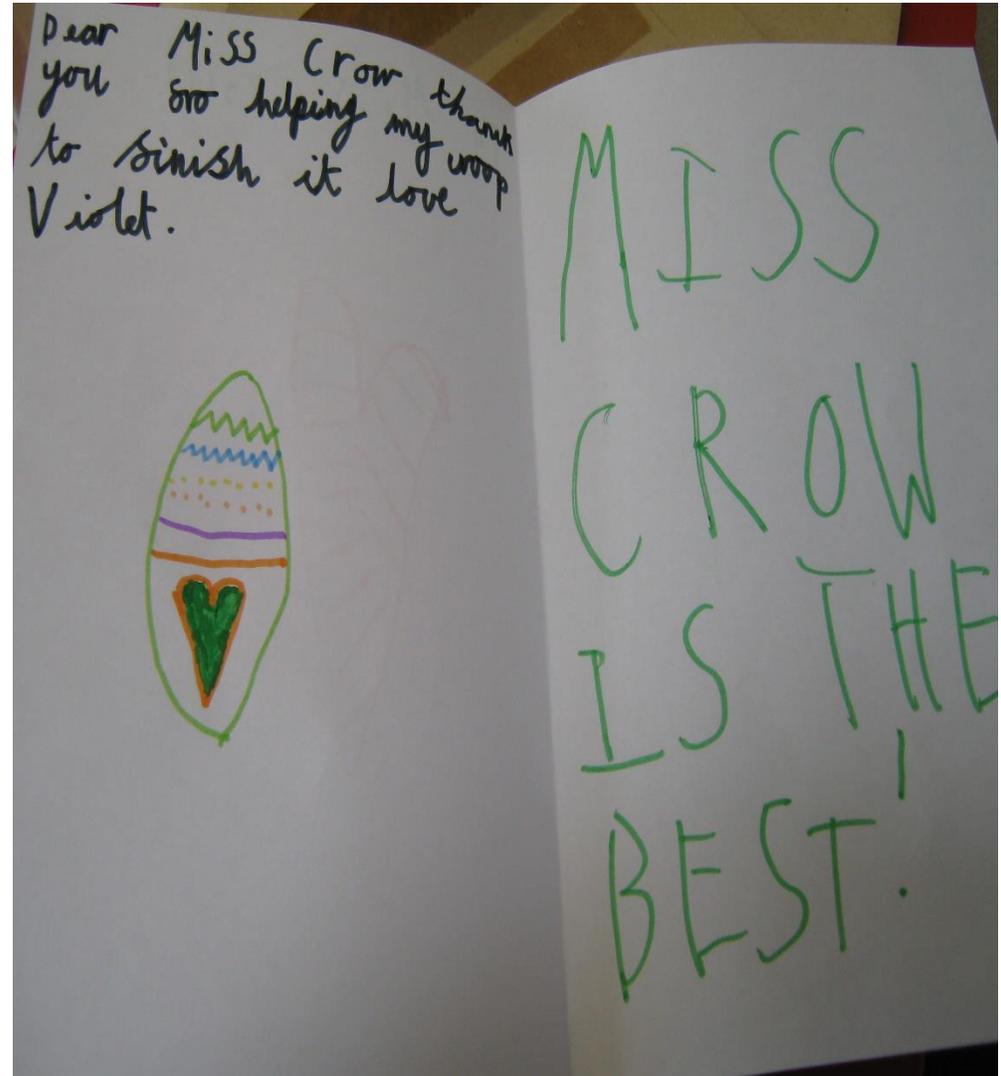
This week we learned about what it meant to TEND.

Revd Rosemary talked a bit about Mothering Sunday and we all said something about the people who care for us and 'TEND' to us.

We then talked about how God has 'mothering' qualities as well as being a Father to us.

Our challenge this week was to write a letter or card to thank someone who looks after us in some way. We were asked to post them into the school post box and they were delivered at the end of the week.

The School post person was very busy.....



WEEK FOURTRANSFORM

This week we learned about how we could transform other people's lives. Revd Rosemary showed us a power point about Fairtrade and told us why it was so important.

We talked about what it means to TRANSFORM something and how we could make a difference to someone's life.

We also spoke about what it might feel like to have our life transformed by people we had never met.

Our challenge was to ask the person who does the shopping in our house to buy Fairtrade goods whenever possible, and to bring in the little stickers or labels to show how we have begun to transform the lives of the workers.

WEEK FIVETREASURE

We were surprised that this wasn't about pots of gold. We learned that we were asked by God to look after and TREASURE the environment we live in.

As a school, we already have a gardening club which meets after school. This club was busy last term planting spring bulbs and tidying up the flower beds as well as making sure there wasn't any litter in the school gardens.

We learned that we all have to look after the world around us and the beautiful creation that surrounds us in our village. This challenge is ongoing and we are looking forward to seeing the rest of the bulbs coming up after Easter.

We are all going to make sure we look after and treasure the world we live in and make it a good place to be.

Treasuring our school gardens.....





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**We have really enjoyed being challenged
through Lent 2018 by
Bishop Stephen
and hope you like what we have done.**

