Pray-Fast-Give dice for school or church

Background

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a time when Christians really intentionally prepare for the celebration of Easter. In the Catholic tradition, we do this in three ways: We <u>pray</u> and spend time with God, we make room for God by <u>fasting</u> from things that usually fill our time, attention or our bellies; and <u>give</u> to others through alms-giving which puts our love for others into action.

These PRAY-FAST-GIVE dice are a fun way to engage the children in your class or children's ministry in these three pillars of Lent, as you journey together towards Easter!

To make these dice just follow the instructions below:

You will need:

- Printouts of the following pages (We suggest printing them on card)
- Scissors
- Glue/Tape
- Optional: To make your dice bigger, print on A3 card

Instructions:

- 1. Print the attached pages of the dice
- 2. Cut around the dice outlines, being careful not to cut off any flaps.
- **3.** Fold the dice template along all the lines.
- 4. Fold and glue the sides together, ensuring that the flaps go inside the die.
- 5. Roll the die to see how you might PRAY-FAST-GIVE today
- 6. If you want to create die with you own ways to PRAY-FAST-GIVE use the blank die templates. Just remember to write your PRAY-FAST-GIVE ideas on the die template before you fold and glue!

You have two options to choose from:

- Make one dice with all three pray, fast and give
- Make three dice that each focus on just one of these pillars of Lent.



Have everyone be very still, close your eyes and all say 'Come Holy Spirit' 10 times

Pray the Sign of the Cross slowly 3 times 'In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



Take turns to say 'thank you' God for something, after each person, all say 'THANKS GOD!'



Everyone lie down and listen to some gentle music with no words. Think about God's BIG love

God made our amazing world! Take turns to say what



you love the most

about creation

Have everyone be very still, breathe gently, close your eyes and picture Jesus for 1 minute



Fast from treats go without one
yummy thing today

Fast from noise stay still and quiet for five minutes

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Fast from screens - read a book or play outside instead

Fast from being first let someone else have their preference instead of you.

Fast from play for 10 minutes - do something to make your school beautiful instead



Fast from fancy drinks - just choose water today



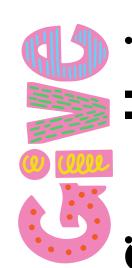
Give each other the Sign of Peace at the end of your time together: 'Peace be with you!'

Give a smile to someone in your class or church



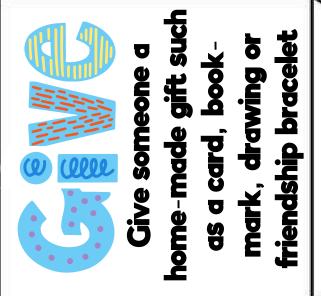


Give your teacher or leader a hand to tidy up the classroom or kids area



Give a gold coin to charity

(If you don't have one, ask you parents for a job to earn a gold coin)





Give someone a piece of Creation - a flower or leaf, or point to something beautiful like a bird or sunset

