

ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY FOR CHILDREN

Say the words in italics and ask the children to join in the bold type words. As they say their line, encourage them to dip their finger in the ash mixture and make the sign of the cross or a fingerprint on the large cross shape.

*Thank you Lord that you love us and hear us when we pray
We are sorry for things we have done that have hurt you and others.*

We have not loved you or others as much as we could

Lord, we are sorry

We have not helped others as Jesus helped us

Lord, we are sorry

We have been impatient

Lord, we are sorry

We have been angry

Lord, we are sorry

We have been jealous of others

Lord, we are sorry

We have told lies

Lord, we are sorry

We have forgotten to pray

Lord, we are sorry

Imposition of ashes on forehead (if this is something you and the children would like to do)

(Light a candle)

Hear us and help us, Lord

Work through us so that we can share your goodness and love in the world

Show us the joy and new life that Jesus brings.

(Children wash fingers in the water and draw a cross on the scratch art card as a sign of the hope and light of Jesus in the world)

(Take a heart and exchange it with someone else)

If God loves us so much

We ought to love one another

If we love one another

God lives in us.

You will need:

Ashes mixed with oil, a large cross shape made of card or paper, a bowl of water, a candle, paper hearts, scratch art cards and cocktail sticks (or substitute with markers/crayons and paper)