

# Gather

[Call to worship based on Psalm 118](#)

Ask for three volunteers. Give the rest of the congregation a few minutes to make them into a wonderful new creature using junk modelling resources. When the time is up ask the creators of each creature to name them, explain what they can and cannot do, and how best to care for them

Encourage the congregation to gather in small groups to help each other to make palm crosses from [palm leaves](#) or strips of green paper. There are lots of different sets of instructions on the internet, but [this Youtube video](#) seems the simplest to follow.

As everyone holds their completed crosses say (and do) the following prayer

*Wave it like a branch*—Thank you for this wonderful planet: for the sea, sky, plants and animals. Creator God help us look after your creation

*Hold it like a sword* - We pray for all those who are caught up in conflict and war. Jesus, Prince of Peace, help us to be peace bringers too

*Curl fingers around the centre or hug it to your chest*— We pray for all those that are lonely, worried or unwell. Holy Spirit, Jesus called you the comforter, help us to bring comfort to those around us too

# Respond

Genesis 1:24-31

# Engage

This week's verses from Genesis remind us that God made human beings and asked them to look after his creation. The Bible is full of stories that show that God looks after human beings too, despite the fact that they keep messing up and don't always do their best to care for what he has given them.

The Passover celebrates God's rescue in response to the cries of the people of Israel enslaved in Egypt hundreds of years before Jesus was born. This week we remember Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover Festival with his friends (Matthew 21:1-11).

Philippians 2:5-11 sums up God's big rescue plan. Having made humans and watch them mess up over and over again, God knew the only way to really help them understand the love, grace and mercy he has for them, was to become one. So he gave up all the glory and wonder of being God, and became a weak and frail human being who was put to death on the cross. The people who were waving palm leaves the week before Jesus' crucifixion, didn't know the end part of God's plan but they did recognize that Jesus was something worth celebrating. How quickly they forgot this. How quickly do we forget the wonders of God's creation and his friendship with us too?

Talk about what #Livelent Challenges you are going to carry on throughout the year

Encourage families to visit the [GodVenture website](#) for ideas on how they can explore the significance of Passover at home

# Send

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CARE for GOD'S CREATION



HUMANS & ANIMALS