

A religious painting depicting three figures in a landscape. On the left, a figure in a brown robe stands with arms outstretched. In the center, a figure in a blue robe is bent over. On the right, a figure in a red and green robe is also bent over. A large, leafy tree is on the right, and a rocky hill is in the background. The scene is dimly lit, with a warm, golden light from the left.

# Sacrifice

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LENT / EASTER

# What is the hardest thing you have given up?

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# The cost of something...

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What's the cost of us driving to school (if we already live in Chesham)

What's the cost of not taking our education seriously?

What's the cost of having a smartphone?

What's the cost of us having brand new clothes once a month?

Watch this [video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zOe_M3GutdY) and discuss...



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# What is a sacrifice...?

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*“an act of giving up something valued for the sake of something else...which might be seen as more important or worthy”*

Do you think it is good to sacrifice things in our lives...why/why not?



**Literacy CHALLENGE:**

Can you think of other words that mean sacrifice?

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Do you think humans can solve these problems for good?

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Jesus was the **Son of God**... and for God to send

His son to earth to die is a sign of unconditional  
love for the rest of humanity

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A decorative graphic featuring the text 'He is RISEN' in a stylized font. 'He is' is in a cursive script, and 'RISEN' is in a bold, serif font. The text is surrounded by floral and leaf motifs, with small dots above 'He is' and 'RISEN'.



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5. How was Jesus's death an 'atoning sacrifice' for humans?





"This is love:  
not that we loved God,  
but that he loved us and sent  
his Son as an atoning sacrifice  
for our sins."

1 John 4:10

Reflect on areas of your life that you might need help with...relationships that might need fixing, friends that might be feeling lonely or anxious....what ways might you be able to help?

## Prayer

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Dear Lord God, we thank you that you are a forgiving God, who wipes out all the wrongs from the past, and starts anew with us today.

Bring healing and comfort to those who are anxious, upset, lonely, or ill today; encourage those who help and care for them. May all who suffer be led from pain to peace.

We give you thanks for your loving mercy shown to us in Jesus Christ, who endured the suffering of the cross to overcome all that separates us from you, and was raised up to new life.

Strengthen our faith in the victory of the cross and the hope of eternal life. Help us to grow in the life which does not end, in love and friendship with you, which lasts for ever; through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**