

From Dust to Dust

What does it mean that we come from dust and will return to dust? Dust is usually stuff that collects on old bookshelves or tables when we don't clean them! So what does it mean that you are dust? Ask three people after worship what they think this means and write their answers here:



READER

Ash Wednesday

- Today is **Ash Wednesday**.
- Today marks the beginning of the **season of Lent**.
- Lent lasts for **40 days**.
- During Lent we remember that our God is full of **grace and compassion**.

40 Days

In the Bible, there are many stories about things happening for **40** days. Look at the pictures below and see if you can name these Bible stories where something happened for **40** days. Then color them.



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2. _____

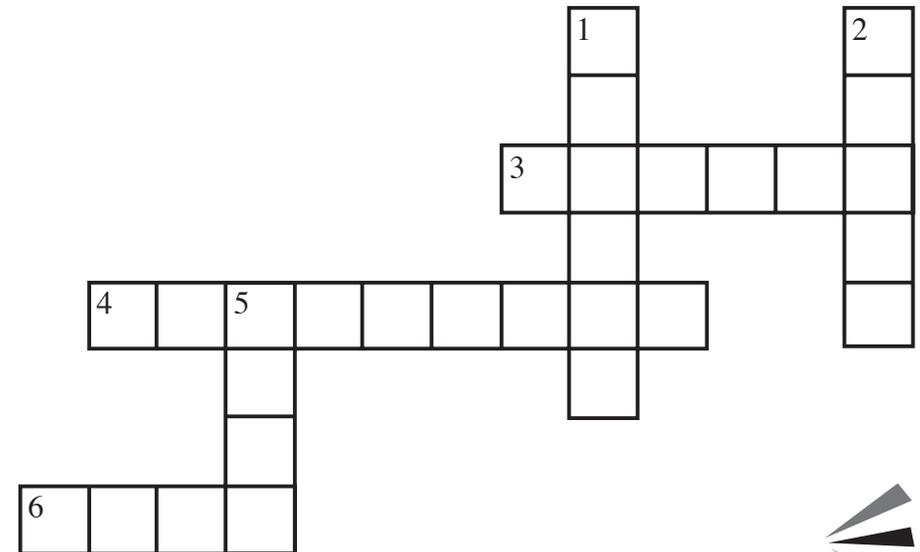
3. _____

Who is God? Who are you?

Today's reading from Joel talks about God being slow to anger and abounding in love, wonderful characteristics that describe our loving God. Below is a box of characteristics that can describe people. Circle all of the ones you think God is. Then underline all of the ones you are. Be honest!

Forgiving	Selfish	Picky
Proud	Awesome	Brave
Generous	Impatient	Musical
Caring	Powerful	Shy
Serious	Lazy	Polite
Funny	Tolerant	Passionate
Dishonest	Gentle	Unwilling
Artistic	Smart	Surprising
	Rude	

Ash Wednesday Crossword



ACROSS

- The way we talk to God, an important part of Lent.
- The day of the week.
- The church season that begins today.

DOWN

- A word that means we can't live forever. The opposite is immortal.
- The number of days in this church season.
- The stuff that collects on tables or shelves when we don't clean.



Look it Up!

One of today's readings is Psalm 51:1-17. Check out versus 10-12. Do you recognize those words? Do you know a song with those words? These are well-known verses from the Bible. They ask God to take us and make us new. What do you think those words mean?