

ASH WEDNESDAY

ASH WEDNESDAY is the beginning of the season we call LENT. LENT is the forty days that we think about how much we need God to love and forgive us. It is a time when we pray and do good things. On ASH WEDNESDAY we begin by having ashes put on our foreheads in the shape of the cross. The ashes say we are sorry for our sins, and the cross reminds us that Jesus died for our sins. Putting ashes on our forehead helps us remember that God created us out of dirt and that one day we will die. LENT ends with EASTER, when we celebrate that Jesus rose from death and that we will be too!

For Parents:

Demonstrate how the pastor puts ashes on our heads on Ash Wednesday. (If you use ashes, a little oil will help the ashes stick better.) Let the children do the same to you.

If you are able, bring your family to the CHPC Ash Wednesday service on February 22, 6:30 p.m.

Questions for Discussion:

- 1. What is happening with this little boy?
- 2. Why do you think he has his hands together?

