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Lessons we learn from Easter

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The Easter season is here and many of us are excited about the long weekend as well as the festivities that come with it.

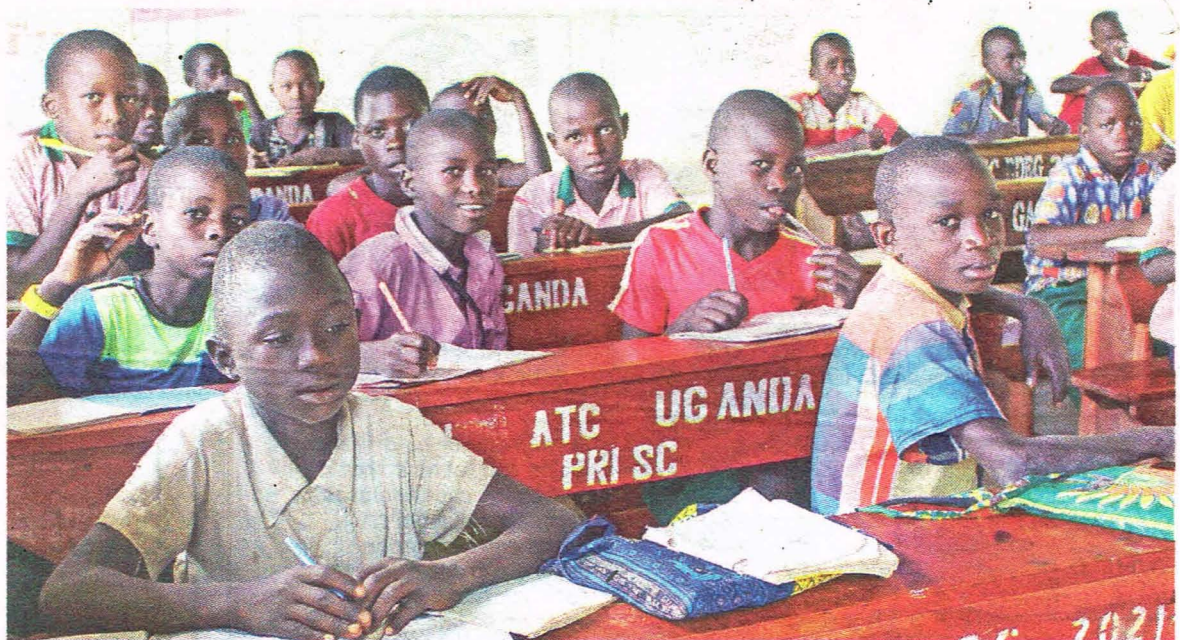
The season marks the end of a 40-day fasting period called lent which starts on Ash Wednesday for many Christians.

Lent is a period of self-discipline, sacrifice, repentance and spiritual renewal in remembrance of Jesus' 40-day fast in the wilderness amidst several temptations from the devil. At the end of the period, Jesus made a triumphant entry into Jerusalem. However, He is soon betrayed, arrested and crucified during the holy week ending with Easter, the day He resurrected from the grave.

Leah, a Primary Seven pupil of Namalu Mixed Primary School in Nakapiripirit district, says she fasted during the lent period to renew her Christian walk.

"Our pastor emphasises the need to live a Christian life at all times. None of us knows the hour or minute when Jesus will come, so we must always be ready," Leah says.

Aaron, a Primary Seven learner at Karenga Boys Primary School



Primary Four pupils of Kibanda Primary School in Kaliro district attend a lesson. Easter season is a time to reflect, do away with bad habits and adopt good ones. PHOTO BY GEORGE BITA

in Karenga district, says the Easter season is a reminder to do away with bad habits like jealousy and betrayal.

"Our teacher taught us that Judas Iscariot was probably jealous of Jesus when a woman poured an expensive perfume on His feet. He openly wondered why the precious perfume had been wasted and it

was no wonder that he betrayed Jesus," Aaron says.

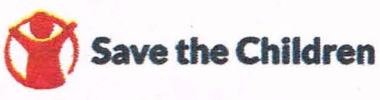
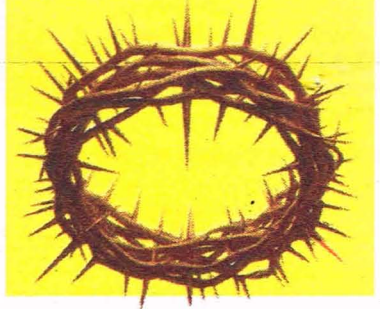
Sarah, a Primary Seven pupil of Orwamuge Primary School in Abim district, adds that the Easter season reminds us that we must repent of our sins, behave well and seek the resurrected Jesus.

"Jesus resurrected during the Easter season. This is a testimony

that our Saviour is alive and we follow His example and do good to achieve victory in our lives too," Sarah, says.

WHAT THE EASTER SEASON TEACHES US

- Lead a life of good character and do not be corrupt. Judas betrayed Jesus for 30 silver coins that ruined his life.
- Honour parents as they stand with us at all times. Jesus' mother never left His side. She stood at the foot of the cross showing true solidarity, courage and sorrow.
- We should help those in need like Simon of Cyrene who assisted Jesus to lift the heavy wooden cross to Golgotha.
- Learn to forgive like Jesus forgave those who crucified Him as well as a repentant thief whom He was crucified with.



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Good habits that we are adopting

	Samuel, P1: Loving my peers
	Brooklyn, P4: Being obedient and respectful
	Janet, P6: Being honest
	Jovan P1: Being kind