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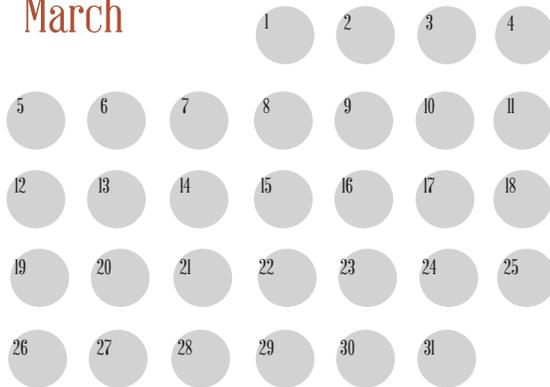
The goal of the Season of Lent (3/1-4/15) is to prepare ourselves for Easter. Throughout Lent we are reminded of why Easter is so necessary, and why Easter is so exciting! Our goal in creating this guide is to provide one more way for the entire family to grow together in their excitement for Easter. Inside you will find suggested activities, memory verses, songs, and devotional readings to guide you through the next 40-plus days. We hope these materials may even give birth to new traditions in your family, as you seek to cultivate the deep joy that comes with the resurrection of our Lord.

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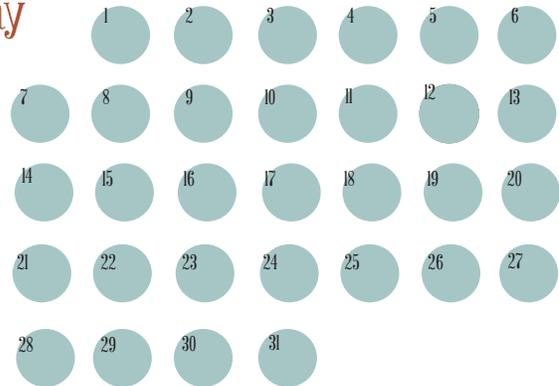
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WHAT IS LENT?

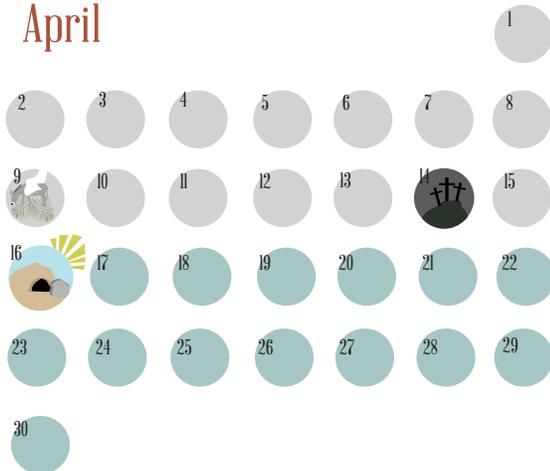
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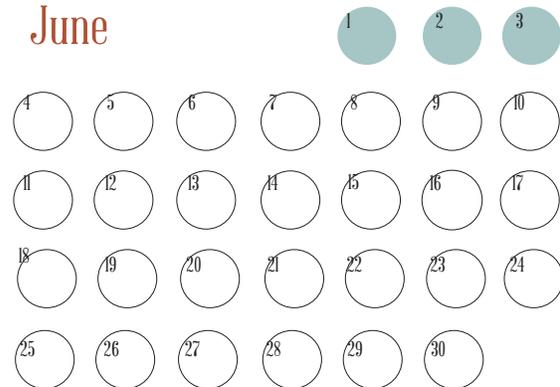
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The Lenten season begins on Ash Wednesday and continues until Easter. It lasts for 40 days (not including Sundays). The season developed from the biblical stories of the people of Israel being tested in the wilderness for 40 years, as well as from Jesus' 40-day fast in the wilderness. The Church has often adopted this 40-day period as a season of preparation and repentance in anticipation of the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday.

Many of the activities and ideas in this guide are intended to help us remember our need for the salvation that Jesus purchased for us. And that is our hope during Lent — that we will remember more and more just how much we needed (and need) Jesus to rescue us!

All the days shaded in grey on the calendar are part of Lent. Then, on Easter (4/16) and the season that follows (marked in blue), we CELEBRATE the Good News that Jesus died and rose again, so that we could be forgiven and live with God forever!

ACTIVITIES

DURING THE SEASON OF LENT

Prayer Chain

Make a construction paper link chain of 40 prayer requests for our city, church, and world and pray for one each day.

Prayer Jar

Write prayer requests on popsicle sticks and place them all in a jar. Grab one at bedtime each night and pray for the person on the popsicle stick.

Cemetery Walk

Walk through Palmer Cemetery or Laurel Hill Cemetery and talk about how Jesus' death brings us life.*

By Name Campaign

The By Name Campaign is a commitment to pray for unbelieving loved ones through the season of Lent. Choose a family member that you'd like to pray for as a family through the season of Lent.

Baking for Neighbors

As we think about our need for Jesus in these weeks, we begin to see others' need for Jesus too. Take an afternoon to care for the people on your blocks.

Giving Away Old Toys

Take some time to gather toys that you'd love to pass on for someone else to enjoy.

Family Service Project

Join in on a Philly neighborhood clean-up day or bring the kiddos along to what mercy events your home meeting is doing this season.

Easter Outreach

Go to a packing day at a distribution center or bring the whole family along on delivery day!

MEMORY VERSES

TIPS FOR SCRIPTURE MEMORY

Below we've prepared some ways that you and your kids can work on Scripture memory as a family. We hope these tools are helpful and allow your kids to store up God's Word in their hearts.

And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

-- Deuteronomy 6:6-9

Paper Placemats

Using construction paper, cardstock or poster board, have each person create a placemat with the verse on it. Use the placemats at meal times and review the verse together.

Dry Erase Marker on Mirror

Draw it on a mirror. Use dry erase markers or bath crayons to write the verse on your bathroom mirror. Read the verse out loud each time you brush your teeth.

Make Up a Song

Use the words of the verse to create a song. You can either make up a brand new melody or simply change the words of a song you already know.

Create Motions

Take the major words in the verse and make up motions for them. Do the motions as you say the verse out loud.

Funny Accents

Repeat the verse using different accents. Examples include British, French, robot, Western, Valley girl, etc.

HOLY WEEK

DEVOTIONALS



Bible Story: Jesus Enters Jerusalem

Scripture Reading: Mark 11: 1-11

Prayer Starters: Heavenly Father, help us to see you as our True King. Help us to cry “Hosanna” to your Son, who can save us truly...

PALM SUNDAY



Bible Story: The Alabaster Jar Poured Out in Love

Scripture Reading: Mark 14: 3-9 (“Washed with Tears”)

Prayer Starters: Heavenly Father, help us to see your beauty, majesty, and worth as clearly as this woman did...

MONDAY

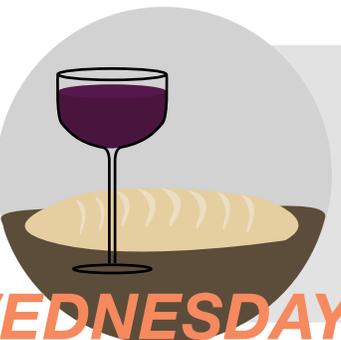


Bible Story: Jesus Washes the Disciples Feet

Scripture Reading: John 13:1-20

Prayer Starters: Heavenly Father, help us to love others as you do, willing to serve them...

TUESDAY



Bible Story: The Lord's Supper

Scripture Reading: Mark 14:22-25

Prayer Starters: Heavenly Father, thank you for the reminder of your presence with us. Help us to remember that you're present with us even now...

WEDNESDAY

In Parentheses are titles of corresponding passages in The Jesus Storybook Bible.
We encourage you to show where in the Bible these passage are found if you choose to read this version.

HOLY WEEK

DEVOTIONALS



Bible Story: Jesus Prays in Gethsemane

Scripture Reading: Mark 14:32-42 (“A Dark Night in the Garden”)

Prayer Starters: Heavenly Father, help us to be watchful and constant in prayer...

MAUNDY THURSDAY



Bible Story: The Crucifixion

Scripture Reading: John 19:1-30 (“The Sun Stops Shining”)

Prayer Starters: Heavenly Father, I’m sorry that my own sin led you to suffer...

GOOD FRIDAY



Bible Story: Jesus is buried

Scripture Reading: John 19: 31-42

Prayer Starters: Heavenly Father, help us to trust You when we’re confused about where you are and don’t know your plans...

HOLY SATURDAY



Bible Story: Jesus’ Resurrection & the empty tomb!

Scripture Reading: John 20 (“God’s Wonderful Surprise”)

Prayer Starters: Heavenly Father, thank you for raising Jesus from the dead so we could live with you forever...

EASTER!

MEMORY VERSES

Preschool:

Come now let us reason together,
says the Lord:
though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.
-- Isaiah 1:18

No one can take my life from me. I sacrifice it voluntarily. For I have the authority to lay it down when I want to and also to take it up again. For this is what my Father has commanded.”
--John 10:18 (NLT)

By this we know love,
that he laid down his life for us,
and we ought to lay down our lives
for the brothers.
-- 1 John 3:16

He is not here, for he has risen, as he said.
Come, see the place where he lay.
-- Matthew 28:6

Elementary:

He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem. Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering,
-- Isaiah 53:2b-4b (NIV)

And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless and you are still guilty of your sins. In that case, all who have died believing in Christ are lost! And if our hope in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world.
-- 1 Corinthians 15:17-19 (NLT)

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.
-- John 3:16-17

And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.”
-- Luke 24:2-7

GOOD FRIDAY

NEW CITY CATECHISM QUESTIONS

Q 24

Why was it necessary for Christ, the Redeemer, to die?

Since death is the punishment for sin, Christ died willingly in our place to deliver us from the power and penalty of sin and bring us back to God. By his substitutionary atoning death, he alone redeems us from hell and gains for us forgiveness of sin, righteousness, and everlasting life.

Q 49

Where is Christ now?

Christ rose bodily from the grave on the third day after his death and is seated at the right hand of the Father, ruling his kingdom and interceding for us, until he returns to judge and renew the whole world.

Q 50

What does Christ's resurrection mean for us?

Christ triumphed over sin and death by being physically resurrected, so that all who trust in him are raised to new life in this world and to everlasting life in the world to come. Just as we will one day be resurrected, so this world will one day be restored. But those who do not trust in Christ will be raised to everlasting death.

Q 51

Of what advantage to us is Christ's ascension?

Christ physically ascended on our behalf, just as he came down to earth physically on our account, and he is now advocating for us in the presence of his Father, preparing a place for us, and also sends us his Spirit.

Q 52

What hope does everlasting life hold for us?

It reminds us that this present fallen world is not all there is; soon we will live with and enjoy God forever in the new city, in the new heaven and the new earth, where we will be fully and forever freed from all sin and will inhabit renewed, resurrection bodies in a renewed, restored creation.

HE IS RISEN!

HE IS RISEN, INDEED!

Q 25

Does Christ's death mean all our sins can be forgiven?

Yes, because Christ's death on the cross fully paid the penalty for our sin, God graciously imputes Christ's righteousness to us as if it were our own and will remember our sins no more.

Q 26

What else does Christ's death redeem?

Christ's death is the beginning of the redemption and renewal of every part of fallen creation, as he powerfully directs all things for his own glory and creation's good.

Leader:

Christ the Lord is risen!

Whole Family:

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

EASTER SONGS

Alive, Alive

Alive, alive, alive forevermore.
My Jesus is alive, alive forevermore.

Alive, alive, alive forevermore.
My Jesus is alive.

Sing alleluia, sing alleluia,
My Jesus is alive forevermore.
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia
My Jesus is alive.

by Cedarhurst Kids, Available on iTunes

Because He Lives

God sent His son, they called Him, Jesus;
He came to love, heal and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone,
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
And feel the pride and joy he brings;
But greater still the calm assurance:
This child can face uncertain days
because He Lives!

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!

And then one day, I'll cross the river,
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then, as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives!

He Lives!

I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today
I know that He is living, whatever men may say
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer
And just the time I need Him He's always near

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today
He walks with me and talks with me
Along life's narrow way
He lives, He lives, Salvation to impart
You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart

In all the world around me I see His loving care
And though my heart grows weary I never will despair
I know that He is leading, through all the stormy blast
The day of His appearing will come at last
He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today
He walks with me and talks with me
Along life's narrow way

He lives, He lives, Salvation to impart
You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian Lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ, the King
The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find
None other is so loving, so good and kind

LENT SONGS

Were You There?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh!
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh!
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Oh!
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh!
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

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Worthy is the Lamb

Thank you for the cross Lord
Thank you for the price You paid
Bearing all my sin and shame
In love You came
And gave amazing grace

Thank you for this love Lord
Thank you for the nail pierced hands
Washed me in Your cleansing flow
Now all I know
Your forgiveness and embrace

Worthy is the Lamb
Seated on the throne
Crown You now with many crowns
You reign victorious
High and lifted up
Jesus Son of God
The Darling of Heaven crucified
Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb

Once Again

Jesus Christ, I think upon your sacrifice
You became nothing, poured out to death
Many times I've wondered at your gift of life
And I'm in that place once again
I'm in that place once again

And once again I look upon the cross where you died
I'm humbled by your mercy and I'm broken inside
Once again I thank you
Once again I pour out my life

Now you are exalted to the highest place
King of the heavens, where one day I'll bow
But for now I marvel at your saving grace
And I'm full of praise once again
I'm full of praise once again

Thank you for the cross
Thank you for the cross
Thank you for the cross, my friend



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