

# The Season of Lent

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

*Dear Families, This past Sunday, Class Hope explored the time Jesus spent in the desert. We learned or were reminded that Jesus spent 40 days in the desert and how he was tempted to follow the evil one 3 times but said, "No". The story emphasized that Jesus resisted temptation and continued to follow God. He went home to spread the good news to others. The children thought about if there was something they wanted to change about what they do. They all said they wanted to change and become better at various sports. I wish all a fruitful Lent. Teacher Connie*

*Class Hope*

## LENT ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN



### ***Lent in a Bag***

Symbols of the Season to help children & parents have conversation & prayer at home.

### ***Lent Calendar***

Count down the days to *Easter* with stories from scripture, feast day reflections, and simple activities for children to do at home with the family.





## Class Faith

*"Lenten Season for adults gives pause for time of reflection and spirituality audits, so to speak. How are we acting in our daily lives with reverence to God's will? Do we give to our neighbor as much as we possibly can or is there room in our lives for more? If we give up distracting indulgences, do we then realize what we really need to feel fulfilled is a strong and steady relationship with our Lord? With older children in the Faith class, we found we can ask these "big" questions as well. For the purpose of review and relevancy we remembered Jesus in the desert for 40 days and the three main temptations. We discussed Jesus' response to such temptations and how those responses help us choose to "give up" a distraction during Lent and "take up" an action that puts God in the center of our purpose. Many of the children chose to help around the house more. One child felt intent on "playing" with his mom more and connecting with her. Another child wrote "donate things that are important to me to someone who needs them more." We wrote down our intentions on all different colors, patterns, and textures of paper with the discussion that life has many layers and ways to get our attention. The result of the crafting and talking about our Lent intentions felt authentic and a strong connectivity to each other. The students of our Faith class have much to teach and an abundance of joy and integrity to share. Good Times!" Teacher Suzanne*



### SAVE THE DATE:

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July 29 to Aug. 2 -- 9AM -12NN

School age kids from PreK to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

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