

## Sunday School Home Activities - Week of April 3, 2022



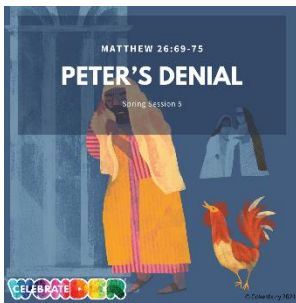
Weekly home activities, great for the whole family, are designed to guide children from Nursery thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade and their families in Bible stories, engaging experiences, spiritual practices, and opportunities for reflection. Pick one to two activities to do with your family each week.

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### Welcome to Wonder

**Wonder Table** - Prepare Ahead: As a family, create a Wonder Table. Find a small table or area in your home. On the table place a candle, a plant or flower, and any other special items you want to include. Use this space while gathering as a family to engage in the lesson or online worship together.

**Wonder Box** - The Wonder Box is a special place to hold a special item that connects to the Faith Word and to the Bible story. Place items or symbols related to each week's Bible story in the Wonder Box. You may want to keep your Wonder Box on your family's Wonder Table. You can make your own Wonder Box to be any shape or size, but it's best if it has a lid. Include your whole family in the creation process.



**Wonder with Me - READ the Bible Story** - Read the Bible story, Matthew 26:69-75.

- Read from the Bible or the Celebrate Wonder Bible Storybook or attached handout. The story is also in the Lent Kits.

### WATCH the Bible Story and Sing with the Celebrate Wonder Music Videos

Watch this week's Celebrate Wonder Video on Amplify Media:

Amplify Media is a new resource for our congregation! This will make it easy for you and your families to access 1000's of videos for adults, youth and children. To receive the log in info and our congregation's access code, email [kschmucker@faithumchurch.org](mailto:kschmucker@faithumchurch.org) or text Kathy at 330-224-

6138. Once you have logged into Amplify Media search Celebrate Wonder to watch this week's Celebrate Wonder Video and view the Celebrate Wonder Music Videos! Amplify Media has also recently added a section called, Cokesbury Kids, to make it easier for you to find all the great resources available for children!

**This week's video is Celebrate Wonder Spring 2022 Session 5 Peter's Denial.**

**SAY:** This month we will continue to hear stories about Jesus that lead us closer to his death and resurrection. In today's story, we will hear how his friend Peter responded to Jesus' arrest.

**WONDER:** What do you do when you are afraid?

**PRAY:** Dear God, help us be brave when we are scared. Amen.

### How Might It Have Gone (Improv)

**SAY:** In our Bible story, Peter denies knowing Jesus.

**ASK:** What might have happened if Peter had said he did know Jesus?

**SAY:** We're going to act out how the story might have gone if Peter hadn't denied Jesus.

- Invite everyone to be the different people in the story: Peter, Jesus, the three people who talk to Peter, and others in the courtyard. Then act out how it could have gone.

**SAY:** We may never know why Peter denied Jesus, but we know that he goes on to lead the church. Anyone can grow and learn, just like Peter.

### Learning from Mistakes

*Supplies: Page 5E, colored pencils*

**SAY:** In our Bible story, Peter makes a mistake! We will hear a story in a few weeks about what he learns from this mistake. We all make mistakes and they give us a chance to learn and do better next time.

**ASK:** Would you like to tell us a story about a time when you made a mistake?

**SAY:** We're going to fill in these boxes about mistakes and learning from them. You can write or draw your answers.

**ASK:** How do you grow and learn?

## Examine the Bible Verse

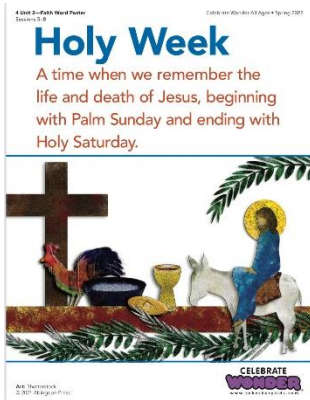
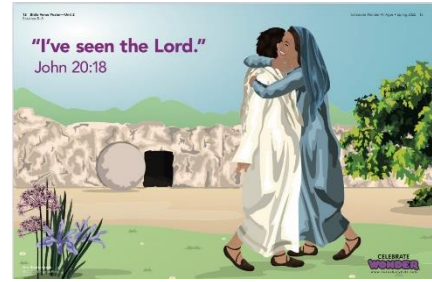
SAY: Our Unit 2 Bible verse is John 20:18. Find it in your Bibles.

ASK: Is the Book of John in the Old or New Testament? (New) Where is John located in the New Testament? (in the gospel books) In what chapter of John is our verse located? (20) What is the verse number? (18)

Read the Bible verse together.

ASK: What is the reference for our verse? (John 20:18)

SAY: Our Bible verse is from the Easter story. Mary of Magdalene went to Jesus' tomb, but he was not there. He was alive!



## SHARE the Faith Word: HOLY WEEK

Holy Week is a time when we remember the life and death of Jesus, beginning with Palm Sunday and ending with Holy Saturday.

WONDER together:

- Why did Peter follow Jesus and the guards?
- What might have happened if Peter said he did know Jesus?
- Why do you think it mattered to the people in the courtyard whether or not Peter knew Jesus?

## Additional Activities Attached for this Week:

- Peter's Denial Coloring Page, Rooster Color by Number, Learning from Mistakes, Feelings of Guilt, Lent Wonder Cube and Calendar

## Spiritual Practice—Exploring Holy Week through Discipleship

- Gather together.

SAY: A spiritual practice is something we do to help us connect to and spend time with God. During the church season of Lent, we will do the same practice each week—a special Lenten movement prayer. A movement prayer uses words and movements to connect our minds, bodies, and hearts to God.

- Invite everyone to stand up and spread out so everyone has enough space for the prayer.
- Encourage the children to repeat your words and mirror your movements.

PRAY: Dear Loving God, (*praying hands*) we have made it (*arms overhead and jump in the air*)  
to the season of Lent— (*point to wrist like you would to a wristwatch*)  
the time we each prepare for Easter. (*tap wrist like you would to a wristwatch*)  
Please prepare our hearts, (*point to your heart*) our minds, (*point to your head*)  
and our bodies (*flex your muscles*)  
to do your work in our world. (*march in place*) Help us connect to you (*clasp your hands*)  
so we can connect with others. (*reach arms out to the side*) Amen. (*praying hands*)

SAY: This week spend some time with God.

- Bless everyone. Touch each person as you say this blessing: “May you always feel connected to God. Amen.”

## FAMILY SPIRITUAL PRACTICE - BIBLE PASSAGE: Matthew 26:69-75

**Wonder:** After reading the story from the Bible or from the Celebrate Wonder Bible Storybook, wonder together.

Ask: What part of this story do you wonder about?

**Do:** Practice a growth mindset this week. What things are you still learning?

Pray: Dear God, we will make mistakes. Thank you for showing us love and grace while we learn. Amen.

Use the Lenten Wonder Cube or one of the Lent Calendars in the Lent Kits for ideas you can do with your family.

**Celebration Chart:** Place the chart on your refrigerator, kitchen table, or in an easy-to-access place. Throughout the week, have your child mark a space each time he or she completes an item on the chart. When a vertical, horizontal, or diagonal line is completed, celebrate together! A *Celebration Chart for Spring* is included in the *March 6 Sunday School Home Activities* and in the *Lent Family Kits*.

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## Additional Family Activities:

### • Lent: Full to the Brim Sunday School Activities

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT:** Brazen Acts of Beauty

**Scripture:** John 12:1-8

**Affirmation:** I share love and beauty.

**Bible Story Paraphrase:** On his way to celebrate Passover in Jerusalem, Jesus stopped at the house of Mary and Martha and their brother Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. The three siblings hosted a dinner for Jesus and his disciples. After dinner, Mary brought a large jar of very expensive perfume to the table and began to anoint Jesus' feet with it. The whole house was filled with the beautiful smell of perfume.

Judas saw this and was angry. He complained to Jesus, "That perfume could have been sold for a year's wages! Imagine how many poor people we could help with that money!" But Jesus knew that Judas wasn't really thinking about the poor, but about how much money he could sneak out of the money bag.

Jesus told Judas, "Leave her alone. This perfume is for taking care of the dead when they are buried, and that is how Mary has chosen to use it. I'll soon be buried, and you will always have the poor to care for. She is sharing her gifts with me while I am still here."

#### **Wonder Questions:**

- Why do you think Mary used the perfume on Jesus? What do you think she was feeling that led her to do that?
- Are you surprised that Jesus didn't agree with Judas that they should sell the perfume and give the money to the poor?
- Have you ever felt like you were wasting time, money, or supplies on something, even though it brought joy and beauty and love? What made you feel that way?
- How do you share love and beauty with others?

#### **Suggested Activities:**

- Maybe Something Beautiful by F. Isabel Campoy and Theresa Howell, illustrated by Rafael López. Find a read-along on YouTube [here](#).

#### **Questions:**

- Have you ever seen a mural? How did it make you feel?
- Were you worried that the policeman was going to tell everybody to stop painting? Has anyone ever told you to stop doing something that was bringing joy and beauty to the world? How did it make you feel?
- What ways do you like to share beauty? (Drawing and painting? Sculpting with play dough or building blocks? Taking pictures? Dancing? Singing? Playing pretend? Going on walks and looking at nature?)

**Art Prompt:** Use the included handout to create a beautiful jar to remind you to share the gifts of love and beauty with the world. What's inside your jar?

**Prayer:** Dear God, thank you for the gifts that others share with us. Remind us that our gifts are always good when they bring more beauty, joy, and love into the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Paraphrase by Anna Strickland | A Sanctified Art, LLC | [sanctifiedart.org](http://sanctifiedart.org)

**Vase –** Our Lent theme, Full to the Brim, invites us to explore abundant, expansive grace during this season of Lent. The Bible is brimming with the gospel of grace and so during Lent we are invited into a full life, a radically different life. We are invited to be who we are, to counter scarcity and injustice, and to spread love lavishly. Lent Kits contain a vase. Decorate the vase together as a family. You may even want to use some paint or glue to add some glitter to your vase. Place the vase at your dinner table where you will see it often. Talk about where you see God's love and grace overflowing and how God wants you to spread this overflowing love and grace. Write ideas and place them in the vase. Then, read them together on Easter Sunday. Or add a symbol to the vase each week of Lent that helps you to remember that we are filled to the brim with God's amazing love. We'd love to see pictures of your family's vase!



**Lent Calendar –** Hang where you can see it and do the daily suggestions as you prepare for Easter.



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### Peter's Denial – Matthew 26:69-75

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While Jesus prayed in the garden, a crowd came and arrested him. There were people who wanted Jesus to get into trouble for all of the things he was teaching about God. The crowd took him to the person who decided what to do with troublemakers, the high priest. Peter followed the crowd to see what would happen to Jesus.

While Jesus was being questioned by the high priest, Peter stood in a courtyard. Peter tried to blend in. But a woman saw him and said, "You were with Jesus."

"No, I wasn't with Jesus," replied Peter.

Peter moved to a different spot in the courtyard and tried not to draw any attention to himself. But another woman saw Peter and said, "You were with Jesus."

"No, I don't know that person! I wasn't with Jesus!" Peter shouted.

Peter again tried to blend in, but the people there said, "You talk like someone from Galilee. You have a Galilean accent. You must be one of Jesus' friends."



Peter shouted loudly, "I DO NOT KNOW HIM!"

Just then a rooster crowed.

Peter remembered what Jesus had said, "Peter you will deny knowing me three times before the rooster crows."

Peter burst into tears and ran out of the courtyard while he cried deeply.

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#### Family Spiritual Practice

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# I share love and beauty.

*Create a beautiful jar to remind you to share the gifts of love and beauty with the world.*

*What's inside your jar?*



5A

## Peter's Denial – Coloring Page

Jesus was arrested and was accused of doing bad things even though he hadn't. Peter was in the courtyard waiting to see what would happen to Jesus. Some people asked him if he was friends with Jesus. What do you think he told them?



5E

## Learning From Mistakes – Social-Emotional Activity

In our Bible story, Peter makes a mistake! We will hear a story in a few weeks about what he learns from this mistake. We all make mistakes and they give us a chance to learn and do better next time.



Something I am really good at:



Something I am still learning:

Something I want to learn:



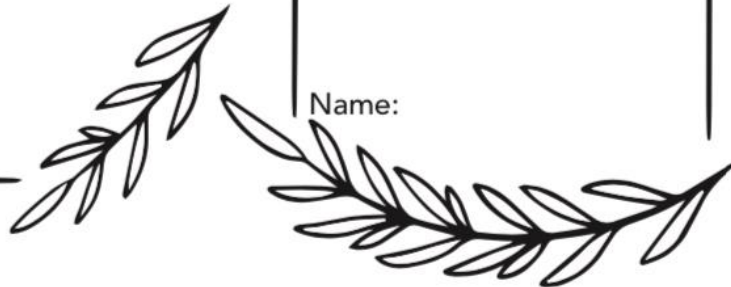
My talent is:



Five things that  
make me great:

(portrait)

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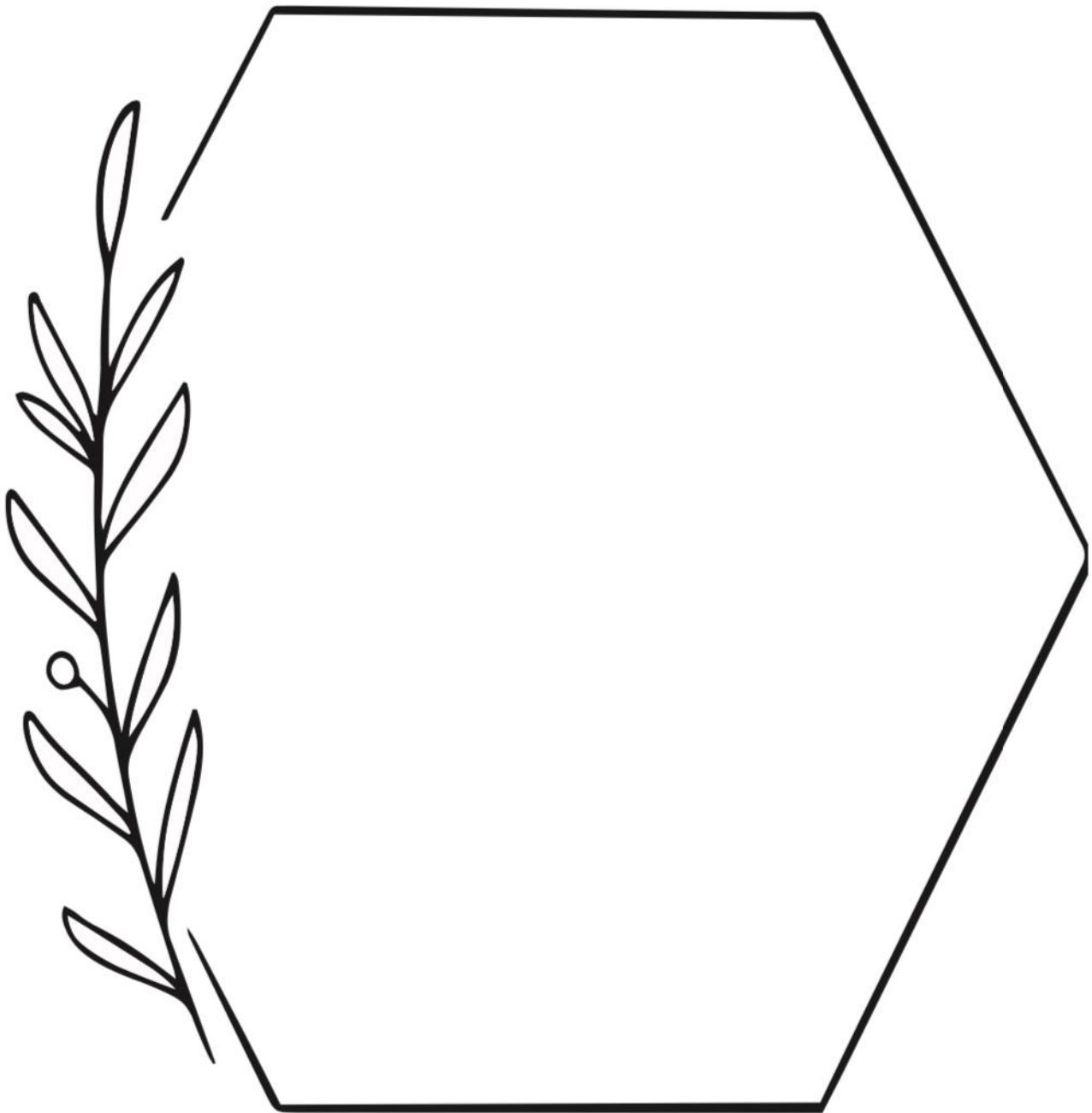


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## Feelings of Guilt

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Do you wonder why Peter said he wasn't friends with Jesus? Peter denied they were friends and he felt so guilty he cried. Have you ever done something that made you feel guilty? How did you respond to that feeling? What did you do to make it right? Journal or draw about it below.





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## Peter's Rooster – Color by Number

Jesus told Peter that Peter would deny knowing him three times by the time the rooster crowed. What do you think Peter did?

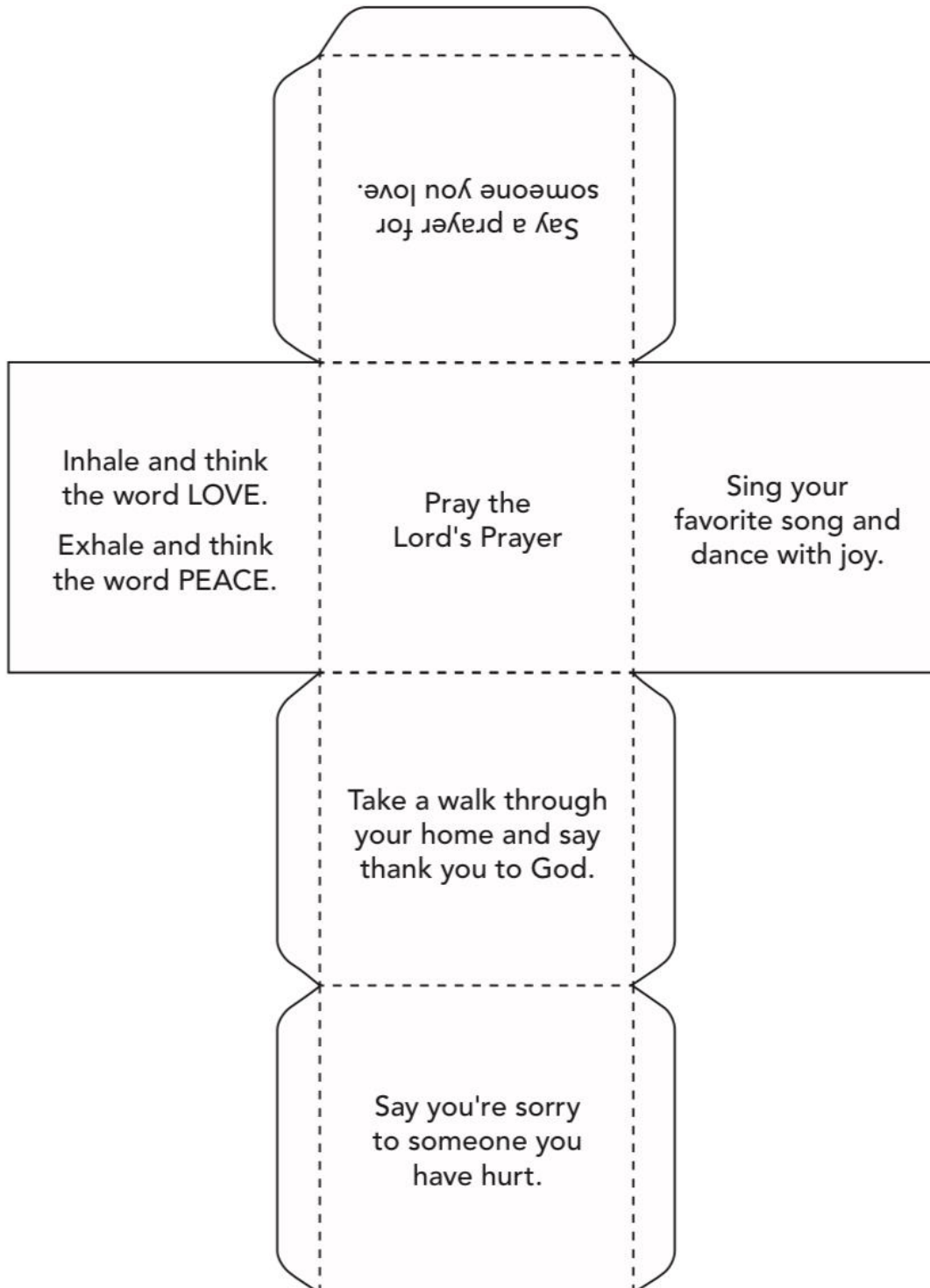
- 1=Yellow
- 2=Orange
- 3=Red
- 4=Brown
- 5=Black
- 6=Blue



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## Lenten Wonder Cube – Home Activity

Lent is the church season where Christians prepare their hearts for Easter for forty days. Use this Lenten Wonder Cube with your family as a way to help you prepare.



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## Lenten Calendar – At-Home Activity

Lent is a church season that lasts from Ash Wednesday until Easter. It's forty days, excluding Sundays, of reflection and growing closer to God in preparation of Easter. Use this countdown calendar to track Lent together as a family.



## Lenten Calendar 2022

Color a square **purple** when you pray.

Color a square **yellow** when you do something kind for someone.

Color a square **blue** when you notice God (God Sighting).

Color a square **green** when you give up something (dessert, TV, video game, etc) to make room for God.

Color a square **red** when you attend worship (in person or online).

Color a square **orange** when you give to help others.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			2 Ash Wednesday MARCH	3	4	5
6 Mini Easter	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Mini Easter	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Mini Easter	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Mini Easter	28	29	30	31	1	2
3 Mini Easter	4	5	6	7	APRIL 8	9
10 Mini Easter	11	12	13	14 Holy Thursday	15 Good Friday	16 Holy Saturday
17 EASTER						