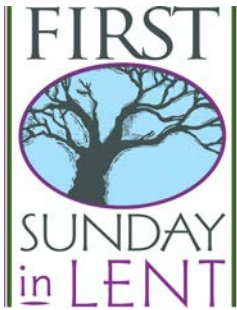


Kids' Worship Guide
Sunday, 21 February, 2021
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What is Lent?



Today is the first Sunday in the season of Lent. Lent is the forty days (not counting Sundays) leading up to the celebration of Easter. It is a time when we remember all Jesus has done for us. We will hear stories from the bible during Lent about Jesus's ministry, from the beginning up until the day he died. Lent helps us remember the events leading to Jesus' death, but even more importantly, Lent helps us get ready to celebrate Easter.

Lent is a good time to get closer to God and to promise to be a follower of Jesus.

Our bible readings are from two New Testament books:

- 1 Peter 3:18-22
- Mark 1:9-15



How quickly can you find these passages in your bible?

Do you remember the baptism of Jesus? Let's see how much we can remember about the baptism of Jesus (answers are on the last page).

- Who baptized Jesus? _____
- Where was Jesus baptized? _____
- As Jesus came out of the water, what happened? _____
- A voice was heard from heaven. What did it say? _____
- Do you know what happened next? _____



You know, a lot of people don't know what happened next, but our Bible lesson today tells us what happened next. The Bible tells us that immediately after Jesus was baptized, the Spirit led him out into the wilderness. What does that mean? A wilderness area is an area where there are no towns, no people, no roads, few trees or plants, and, in this particular case, it was very hot and dry. That doesn't sound like a very good place to be, does it? Well, it wasn't, but that's not all! The Bible tells us that Jesus was there for forty days and while he was there, he was tempted by Satan and was surrounded by wild animals but angels took care of him.*

Jesus went into the wilderness to pray and get read to start his ministry. God was with him and Jesus was protected and safe. God keeps us safe too.

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Listening to the Music

I wonder if you have ever listened to our choir sing. I wonder if you sing along when there are hymns. I wonder if you ever pay attention to what the words mean.



Sometimes the words in the anthems and songs can seem old-fashioned. Sometimes we don't understand them or we don't know how to pronounce them. Don't worry, adults feel that way too with some of the words.

"Listening to the Music," means not just listening to the sounds. Listen to the words because they usually tell a story. Most of the songs we sing in church are from stories in the bible or are inspired by the bible.

CIRCLE the words as you hear them in each of these songs today:

Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake

Mercy Sins Forty Days Heart

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Forty Days Fast Pray Penitence

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Mercy Grace Rescue Love

Jesus the Very Thought of Thee

Jesus Savior Hope Eternity

Thy Mercy and Thy Truth, O Lord

Mercy Truth Refuge Justice

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Sacred Peace Cross Blessings

Mercy is a word we hear a lot today. Listen for it in the music, prayers, and words we speak. I wonder what mercy means. How many times do you hear the word "mercy" in our worship service? _____

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Carrying the Message

"The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!" Mark 1:15 (NIV)

Choose the word that best completes the sentence.

Answers can be found in Mark 1:9-15 (NIV)



- ___ 1. Jesus proclaimed the _____ news of God. (vs.14)
A. good B. old C. bad D. late
- ___ 2. The Spirit descended on Jesus like a _____.(vs.10)
A. eagle B. cloud C. dove D. voice
- ___ 3. Jesus was tended to by _____. (vs.13)
A. servants B. angels C. Satan D. doves
- ___ 4. The Spirit led Jesus into the _____. (vs.12)
A. valley B. water C. mountains D. desert
- ___ 5. Jesus was baptized in the _____ River. (vs.9)
A. Danube B. Tigris C. Jordan D. Nile
- ___ 6. Jesus asked people to repent and _____. (vs.15)
A. teach B. preach C. deny D. believe
- ___ 7. Jesus said, "The _____ of God is near." (vs.15)
A. kingdom B. prison C. heaven D. love
- ___ 8. Jesus was tempted by _____. (vs.13)
A. John B. Satan C. angels D. animals
- ___ 9. Jesus was _____ by John. (vs.9)
A. drowned B. repent C. baptized D. sent
- ___ 10. Jesus was in the desert for _____ days. (vs.13)
A. forty B. fourteen C. four D. seventy

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1. John 2. Jordan River 3. The Spirit came down like a dove and rested on Jesus 4. "This is my Son. I love Him. Listen to Him. 5. This answer is explained in Pastor's sermon today.

The Season of Lent Begins

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