

**Shadyside Presbyterian Church  
Kids' Worship Guide  
10 March 2024  
Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**What is this season called "Lent?"**



This is the fourth Sunday in the season of *Lent*.

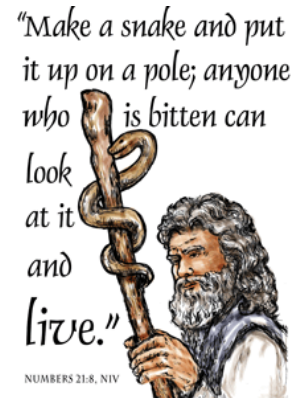
Christians observe Lent during the 40 days before Easter. Well, except for the Sundays. Sundays are not part of the total 40 days.

Lent and Easter are the most important seasons of the church year. Lent is the time leading up to Easter. During Lent, we are encouraged to reflect on our relationship with God and to pray. During the season of Easter, we celebrate the hope and promise of Jesus' resurrection.

**Where in the Word is the Word?**

"The Word" can mean many things:

- The Word = God's messages for God's people
- The Word = Jesus, God's Son
- The Word = The Bible, the story of God's people
- The Word = A sermon or homily spoken



Where in the Bible do we find the scripture readings for today?  
(Hint: the answers are in the bulletin)

Book of the Bible	Chapter	Verses
Numbers		
John		

**A Snake that Heals**

According to the Bible, Nehushtan was a metal snake attached to a staff Moses made, by God's command, to cure the Israelites of snake bites while wandering in the desert. The symbol of snakes on a staff or pole is a theme that continues to represent medicine and healing throughout the world.

You can read about Moses and the healing snake in the Hebrew Scriptures' book of Numbers.

Have you ever seen any of these symbols anywhere?



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**How Did We Get the Bible?**

The Bible is God's Word – God's message to us. But how did we get the Bible? (Reinsma, 1998)

- There are 66 different books in the Bible, but they are all part of one story, the story of God's people
- The 66 books were written by about 40 different writers
- Not every book was written at the same time, but God guided all of the writers
- We can be sure that what the Bible says is exactly what God wants us to know

**Of what was the original Bible made?**

- Most of the books of the Bible were written on scrolls made of *papyrus*
- Thin strips of the papyrus plant were placed together into the shape of a long page
- The pieces dried in the sun and stuck together
- The long page was rolled up into a *scroll*

**Why is it called "Bible?"**

By about A.D. 500, church leaders put all 66 books together and called it the Bible. The word "Bible" comes from the Greek word that means "book."

**How did we go from the first Bible to what we have today?**

The original Bible wasn't ready for *you* to read. That's because it wasn't written in English.

Of the 66 books, some of them were written in the Hebrew language, and others were written in Greek or Aramaic.

First, the Bible was translated into Latin. Then, about 640 years ago, in 1382, the Bible was translated into English. Back then, though, every copy had to be made by hand. Each one was hand-written!

The first printed English Bible was published around 1455. That was 569 years ago – a really long time for us, but not a really long time when think back in history.

Of course, not everyone in the world reads and speaks English, so the Bible has been translated into many other languages. Although there are many translations, there is still work to do because there are still groups of people who do not have the Bible in their own language.

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**Where are we now?**

*Place an X next to each part of the worship service after we have done it  
You can find each of these in the Worship Bulletin*

Part of Worship Liturgy	Done
PRELUDE	
CALL TO WORSHIP	
HYMN IN PROCESSION #425	
PRAYER OF ADORATION	
PRECES	
PRAYER OF CONFESSION	
SILENT CONFESSION	
KYRIE ELEISON	
ASSURANCE OF PARDON	
GLORIA PATRI	
<i>Children may leave with their teachers for Chapel Worship &amp; Class</i>	
WELCOME	
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION	
HEBREW SCRIPTURE	
ANTHEM	
GOSPEL	
SERMON	
HYMN OF RESPONSE #366	
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	
PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER	
OFFERING ANTHEM and COLLECTION OF OFFERING	
DOXOLOGY	
OFFERTORY PRAYER	
HYMN #148	
BENEDICTION	
POSTLUDE	

## SPC Fourth Sunday Worship Words

D M M L A S P L H S H T I M S R O T S A P Z Z  
 N I C C L I V E E O A R N S Z F K I H H W B S  
 Y J I L L P P P B L P V M G D O E M Y G I B U  
 S S K O I O A R R B F D E O U U T P U V L E M  
 E A G V G I S E E R S E D D L R E A R Y D L E  
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 N F G G U O H E R W N E F K S U L N C O E E I  
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 T Q N O F O O D E I X E L B I B G O S P E L J  
 O N V S N A K E Y L N E V A E H T N H O J U W

Find the following words in the puzzle.

Words are hidden     and .

ASCENDED	EGYPT	IMPATIENT	LOVED	POISONOUS	SNAKE
BELIEVE	ETERNAL	ISRAEL	MOSES	POLE	WILDERNESS
BIBLE	EVIL	JESUS	NICODEMUS	PRECES	
BRONZE	FOURTH	JOHN	NO FOOD	PSALM	
CANAANITES	SUNDAY	JUDGMENT	NO WATER	REDEEMED	
CONDEMN	GOD	LENT	NUMBERS	SACRIFICES	
DARKNESS	GOSPEL	LIGHT	PASTOR	SAVED	
DESCENDED	HEAVENLY	LIVE	HEBERT	SERPENTS	
	HEBREW		PASTOR		
	SCRIPTURE		SMITH		