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Forty...

Forty days is a long time, and God is with us during all of our "long times." During the great flood, it rained for 40 days, and God was with Noah and his family. Jesus was in the wilderness for 40 days, and God was always with him. Lent is 40 days long, and God is always with us.

Circle the pictures that show something you might like to try doing each of the 40 long days of Lent, then draw some of your own ideas in the blank circles.

This week

Look at the globe each day and say a prayer for people in a far-away place.



Thank you, God, for being with me during my "long times." Amen

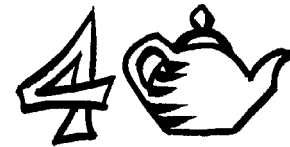
Kids Celebrate

First Sunday in Lent

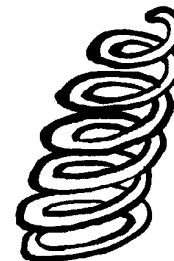
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Welcome to worship. Today is the first Sunday during the season of Lent, the season that goes from now until Easter. Let's discover a few things about this season. Use the clues to uncover some facts about Lent...

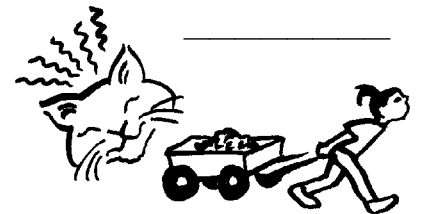
HOW MANY DAYS ARE THERE IN LENT? _____



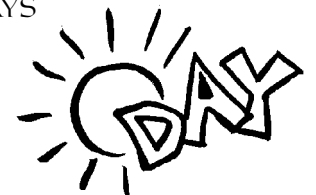
WHAT DOES THE WORD LENT MEAN?



WHAT COLOR IS USED IN THE WORSHIP SPACE?



WHAT DAY OF THE WEEK IS NOT COUNTED AS PART OF THE 40 DAYS OF LENT?



Tempted and cared for

Mark 1:9-15

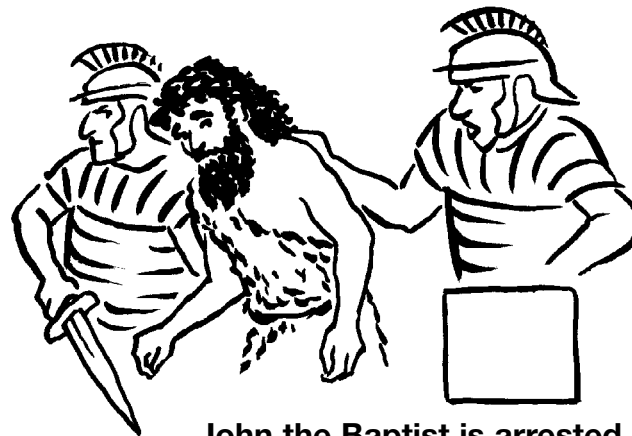
These pictures show five things that happened as Jesus was starting his ministry. Can you number them in the order they happened? (Today's gospel tells about all of them.)

"You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."



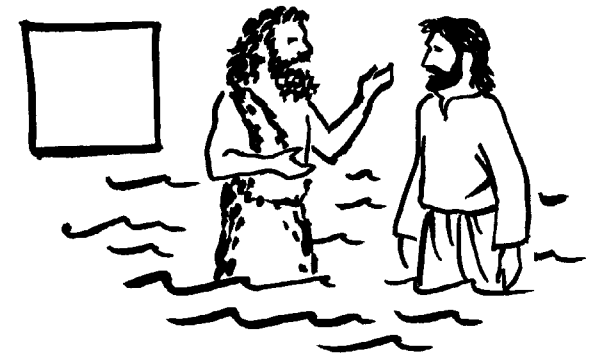
Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness.

"God's kingdom is coming soon!"



John the Baptist is arrested.

John baptizes Jesus in the Jordan.



Questions and Wonderings

(Think about these, even though no one knows the answers to all of them!)

Why were there angels in the wilderness with Jesus?

Why was John the Baptist arrested?

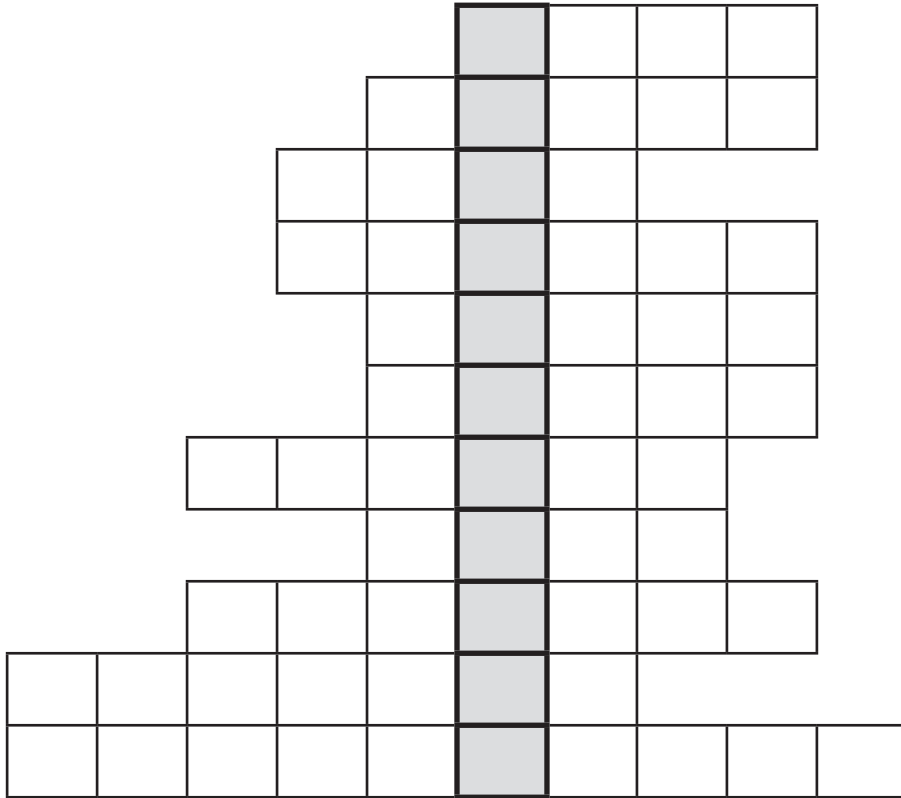
What does it feel like to be baptized in a river?



Plant grass seed in a bowl and watch it grow during these Lenten days.

Splash Locale

During Lent we remember our baptisms. Use the clues to fill in the missing words. Read the circled letters to find out where John baptized Jesus. Then use another piece of paper to try to make your own puzzle about the place where people are baptized in your church – the font!



- Row 1 Man who baptized Jesus (Mark 1:9)
- Row 2 John's favorite sweet (Mark 1:6)
- Row 3 Prepare the way of the ____ (Mark 1:3)
- Row 4 People came from the ____ countryside (Mark 1:5)
- Row 5 I have baptized you with ____ (Mark 1:8)
- Row 6 I am not fit to ____ the thong of his sandals. (Mark 1:7)
- Row 7 The ____ descended on him like a dove. (Mark 1:10)
- Row 8 John proclaimed a baptism for the forgiveness of ____ (Mark 1:4)
- Row 9 He saw the ____ torn apart (Mark 1:10)
- Row 10 Jesus was ____ by Satan (Mark 1:13)
- Row 11 Where the spirit drove Jesus (Mark 1:12)



READER

Lent 1

- Today is the 1st Sunday in **Lent**.
- The season of Lent lasts **40 days**.
- During Lent, we remember Jesus' time in the **desert**.
- After he was baptized, Jesus stayed in the desert for **40 days**.

Do the Math!

Color in every square that equals 40. The colored squares will show a symbol of Lent.

2×30	4×4	$27 + 13$	23×4	$52 \div 4$
$64 \div 8$	5×3	$56 - 16$	$45 \div 5$	$61 - 35$
$80 \div 2$	$2 \times 4 \times 5$	$77 - 37$	$68 - 28$	$64 - 24$
9×7	$72 \div 3$	8×5	$67 - 20$	9×9
4×2	$71 - 13$	2×20	$5 \times 3 \times 2$	5×6
7×7	$81 \div 9$	$16 + 24$	$90 - 1$	$24 - 17$
$49 \div 7$	$2 \times 4 \times 2$	$46 - 6$	$54 \div 9$	$17 + 24$

The symbol of Lent is a cross. Do you see crosses in your church? Do they look the same or do they look different?

Draw them below!



PRE-READER

Lent 1

- Today is the 1st Sunday in **Lent**.
- The color for Lent is **purple**.
- Purple represents **quiet**.
- Jesus was **lonely** in the quiet desert.

Trace the letters below to reveal what season we're in.



A Latin cross is a Christian symbol. It represents Jesus.

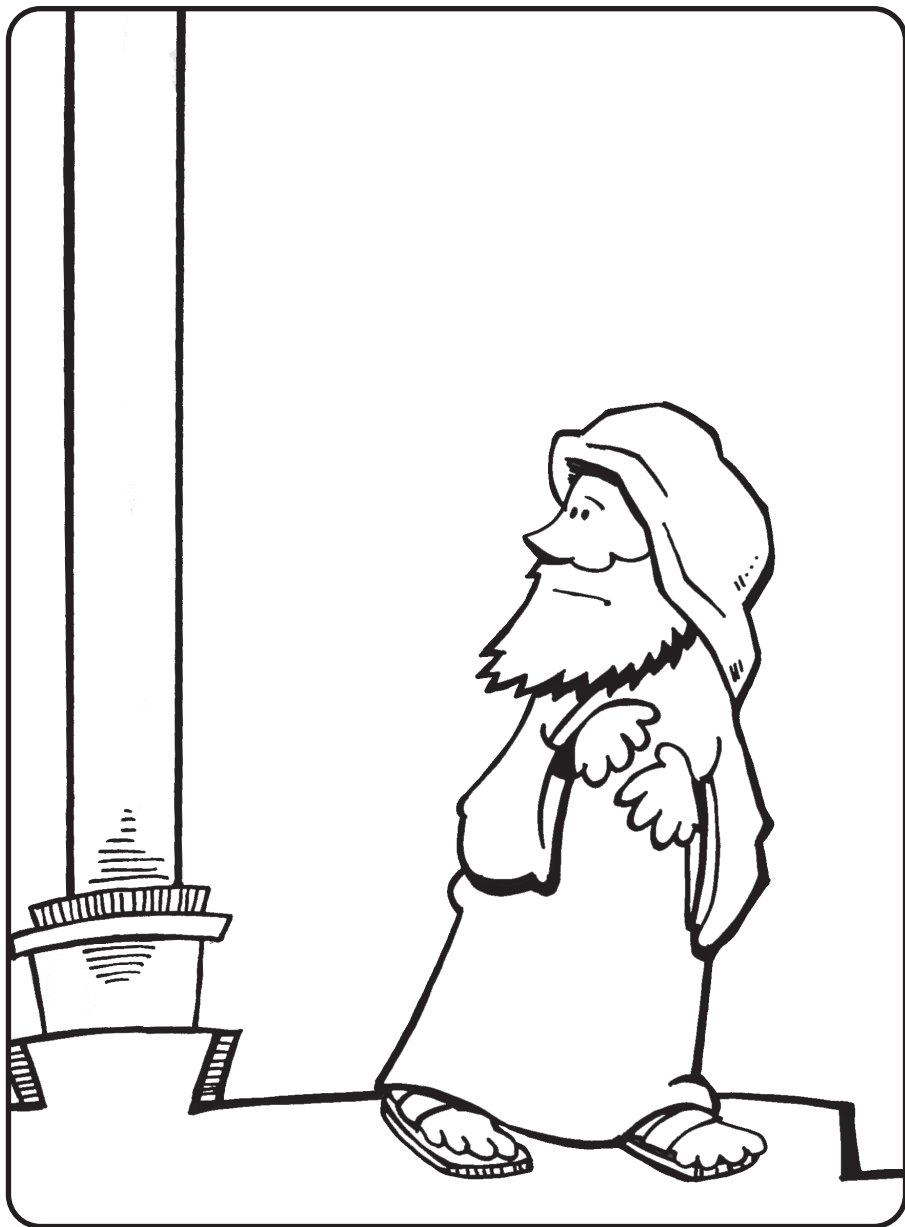


In a Greek cross, all four arms are the same length.



A crucifix shows Jesus' body on the cross. It helps us remember that Jesus died for us.





Jesus was happy that God was with him, especially when he was tempted to do wrong.

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LENT 1

Can you match the symbol to its church season?

LENT



EASTER



ADVENT



CHRISTMAS

