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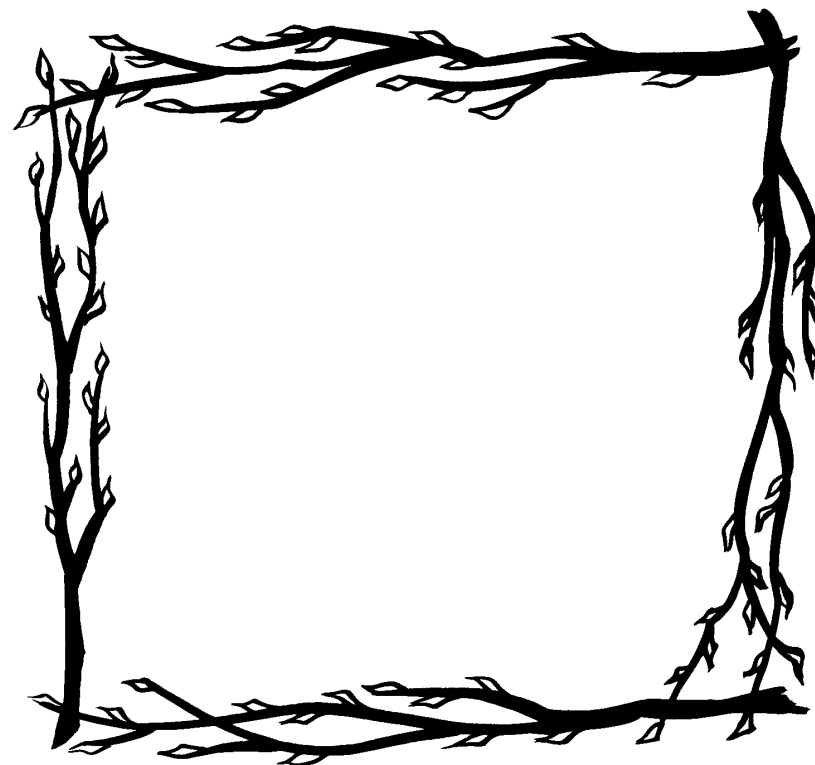
Is there a sign outside of your church welcoming everybody in? If so, draw a picture of it here. If not, draw what such a sign could look like. Then decorate it with colors and shapes until it is the most wonderfully welcoming sign around!



gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the third Sunday in Lent. Lent means *spring*. During Lent, people living in cold, snowy places wait for the new life of spring, while Christians everywhere wait for the new life of Easter.

What signs of spring have you noticed? Draw them here.



Thanks, God, for showing us how to live in peace and love. Amen

This week

Turn the sidewalk outside of your home into a beautiful welcome mat with a little bit of sidewalk chalk and some creativity!

God's house is for worship

John 2:13-22, Exodus 20:1-17

It was a holiday time, and people from all over Israel were coming to Jerusalem's temple to celebrate Passover. Inside the temple, merchants were selling cows, sheep, and doves for use as offerings. Jesus came through the doors and noticed all the buying and selling that was going on and Jesus got mad! He forced everyone selling animals to leave the temple, then he reminded everyone that the temple is a welcome place for worshipping God.

Finish the illustration of Jesus' clearing out the temple. Draw cows, sheep, and doves near the tables. Draw Jesus coming through the doors. What does his face look like?



Who can worship in God's house? Write down the underlined letters from the story, in order, and figure it out.

_____ ,

 _____ !

Ten great ways to live

God wants all of us to live together in peace and love, and has given us a list of ten things we can do to make that happen. What do you know about these ten great ways to live, better known as the *Ten Commandments*?

Match the answers to the questions below.



Mt. Sinai



the Bible



Moses

Received the Ten Commandments from God.

The commandments were given out on this mountain.

The commandments are in this book.

One more commandment...

If you could create an eleventh commandment, what would it be?



Put out food for the early spring birds and welcome them back to your neighborhood!

Keeping the Sabbath

One of the Commandments tells us to remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. When you worship on Sunday, the Sabbath, you are following this commandment. You are honoring God by remembering the Sabbath and keeping it holy. Take a look at this list. It tells many different parts that are usually found in a worship service. What parts do you think help you honor God the most? Circle them, and write any parts on the list you think are missing.

HYMNS AND SONGS

SPECIAL MUSIC

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

PRAYERS

READINGS FROM THE BIBLE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

COMMUNION



READER

Lent 3

- Today is the 3rd Sunday in **Lent**.
- During Lent we focus on ways to **serve others**.
- Following the **Ten Commandments** helps us serve others.

The Golden Rule

Jesus taught us to love thy neighbor. Who are our neighbors? Everyone in the whole wide world! See if you can match the word for love with their languages.

liefde
dragoste
rakkaus
kärlek
ljubav
amour
amore
cinta
mapenzi
amor

Finnish
French
Romanian
Dutch
Swedish
Italian
Croatian
Indonesian
Swahili
Spanish



Bible Tip!

When the Bible uses LORD in capital letters, it stands for another Hebrew name for God, Yahweh.

Not Quite

Which of the rules below aren't in the Ten Commandments? Cross those out!

YOU SHALL HAVE NO OTHER GODS.

DO NOT TAKE THE NAME OF THE LORD IN VAIN.

REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY AND KEEP IT HOLY.

HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER.

HONOR YOUR COUSINS, UNCLAS, AND AUNTS.

YOU SHALL NOT MURDER.

YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.

DO NOT DEPART FROM THE WORDS OF MY MOUTH.

YOU SHALL NOT STEAL.

YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS AGAINST YOUR NEIGHBOR.

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.

YOU SHALL NOT COVET YOUR NEIGHBOR'S HOUSE.

YOU SHALL NOT COVET ANYTHING THAT BELONGS TO YOUR NEIGHBOR.



Look it Up!

There's another story about the Ten Commandments in the Bible, too. Check it out in Deuteronomy 5!

Memory Verse



Fill in the blank spaces to learn the verse.

"I _____ the LORD _____
M **UR**

God... _____ shall have _____
U ~~gods~~

_____ me."
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- Exodus 20:2-3

Some Rules Are Harder than Others

Some rules are easier than others to follow. Take a look at three rules below. For each one, draw a line to the place on the continuum that shows how hard or easy you think it is to follow it. Then write a few of your own rules and connect them to the continuum.

HARD

EASY

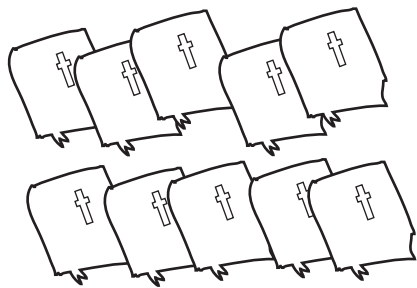
DON'T PLAY WITH FIRE.

FINISH YOUR VEGETABLES.

CLEAN YOUR ROOM.

God gave Moses the Ten Commandments. These were rules for the Israelites to follow. The Ten Commandments helped the Israelites live in a relationship with God. They also helped the Israelites live together peacefully.

Can you find 10 of these things in your worship space? Color them in when you find them.



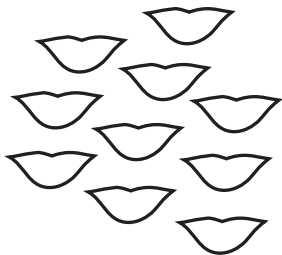
10 Bibles



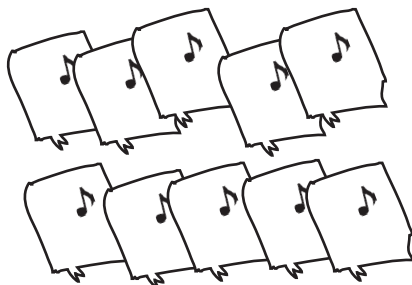
10 flowers



10 candles



10 smiles



10 hymnals



PRE-READER

Lent 3

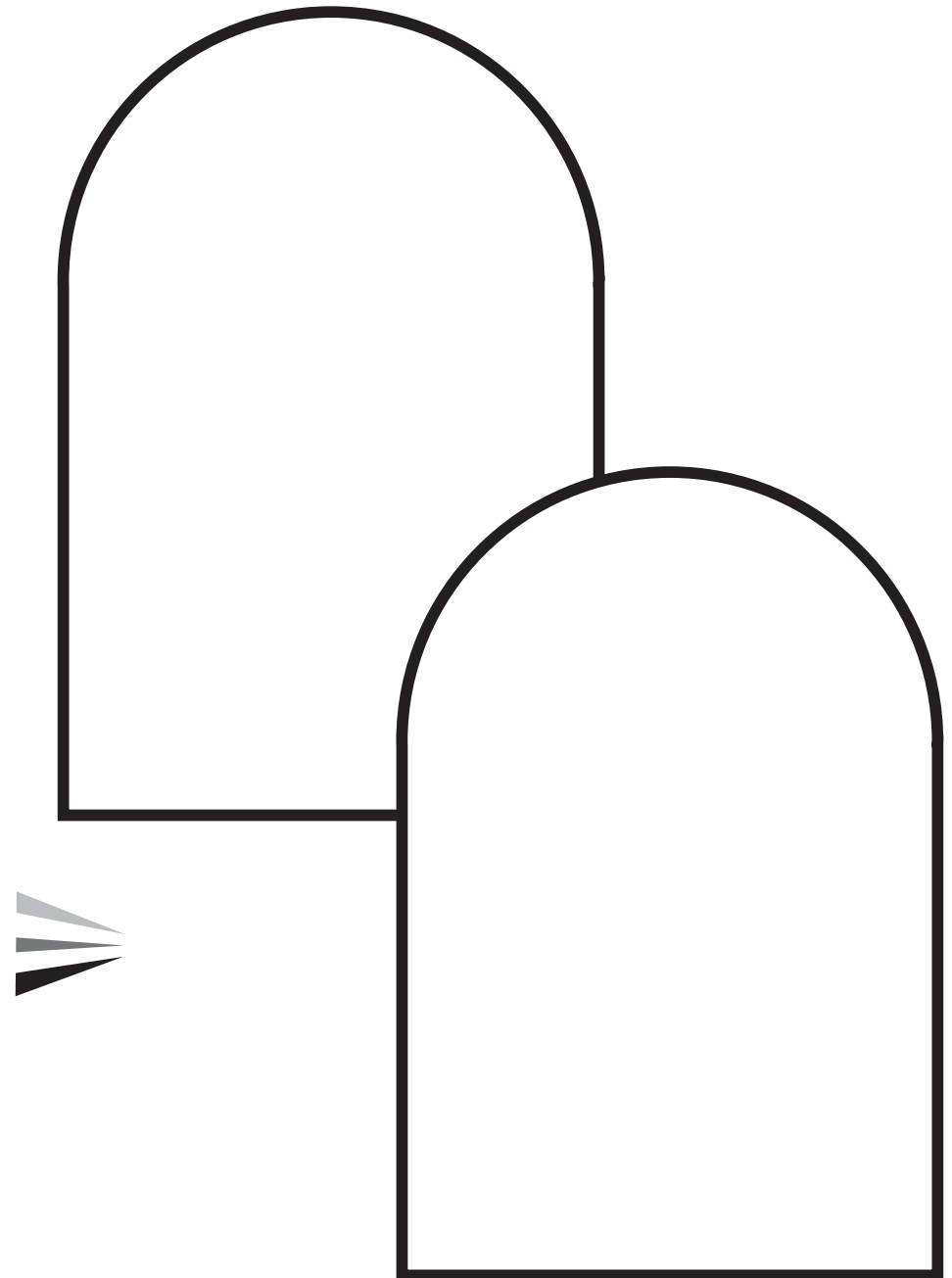
- Today is the 3rd Sunday in Lent.
- Lent lasts **40 days**.
- During Lent, we ask for **forgiveness**.
- Jesus **forgives** our **sins**.

Which week of Lent is it? Circle the correct sandal to show which week of Lent it is.





Use the tablets below to draw a time when you broke a rule and a time when you followed a rule.



“Do your best to follow this list. It won’t be easy, but I am with you and I love you.”