

Children's Liturgy of the Word

First Sunday of Lent Year B

Leader's Notes

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Introduction

(Sign of the cross in Noongar language)

Yirra Maaman, Ngank, Kwobadak, Wirn

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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Leader: For the times I might have been unkind to a friend.

All: Jesus, I am sorry.

Leader: Jesus, you love us even when we do something wrong.

All: Jesus, I am sorry.

Collect

Let us pray.

Jesus, help us to be prayerful and loving as we prepare for Easter.

We pray this prayer in Jesus' name.

All: Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel

Mark 1:12-15 (CEV)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Right away God's Spirit made Jesus go into the desert.
He stayed there for forty days while Satan tested him.
Jesus was with the wild animals,
but angels took care of him.
After John was arrested,
Jesus went to Galilee and told the good news that comes from God.
He said, "The time has come!
God's kingdom will soon be here.
Turn back to God and believe the good news!"
The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection on the Word

Jesus' 40 days in the desert was a time for him to pray and think about what was important to him. What do you think was important to him? What things are important to you? Why?

In the desert Jesus had to be strong about doing the right thing.

How do you choose to do the right thing?

(Choose to speak kind words rather than hurtful words, be grateful for what you have rather than want you do not have, share what you have with others who are in need, forgive others when they hurt us).

Activity

Banner. Add to it each week of Lent (see attached instructions).

Draw a picture of Jesus praying in the desert or a picture of something that is important to you.

General Intercessions

Leader: In this season of lent, let us bring our prayers to Jesus.

Reader: That all God's children look after each other. Jesus, hear us.

All: Jesus, hear our prayer

Reader: That we always try to do the right thing. Jesus, hear us.

All: Jesus, hear our prayer.

Leader: Loving Father, hear our prayers as we wait for Easter.

All: Amen.

Dismissal

As we go back into the church, we carry God's word of love in our hearts.
May Jesus help us to look after each other.

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The gospel today is the story of the Transfiguration.

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All: Jesus, I am sorry.

Leader: Jesus, you love us even when we do something wrong.

All: Jesus, I am sorry.

Collect

Let us pray.

Jesus, help us to be prayerful and loving as we prepare for Easter.

We pray this prayer in Jesus name.

All: Amen

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
This is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Mark 9:2-10 (CEV)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Jesus took Peter, James, and John with him.
They went up on a high mountain,
where they could be alone.
There in front of the disciples,
Jesus was completely changed.
And his clothes became much whiter
than any bleach on earth could make them.
Then Moses and Elijah were there talking with Jesus.
Peter said to Jesus, "Teacher, it is good for us to be here!
Let us make three shelters,
one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."
But Peter and the others were terribly frightened,
and he did not know what he was talking about.
The shadow of a cloud passed over and covered them.
From the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, and I love him.
Listen to what he says!"
At once the disciples looked around, but they saw only Jesus.
As Jesus and his disciples were coming down the mountain,
he told them not to say a word about what they had seen,
until the Son of Man had been raised from death.
So they kept it to themselves.
But they wondered what he meant by the words "raised from death."
The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection on the Word

Ask the children what they recall about today's Gospel.
Explain that the gospel today is the story of the Transfiguration. The Transfiguration is a mystery.
Discuss what is meant by a mystery (something that is difficult to understand or explain).

Talk about what they do know and understand about the gospel story and what each may mean.

Some things to consider:

Jesus was on a mountain (a place where sacred encounters with God occur) with three special friends Peter, James, and John.

Moses and Elijah appeared, holy men who lived long before Jesus.

Jesus changed and his clothes became very white.

God announced that Jesus was his Son and that the disciples must listen to him.

Jesus told his disciples that they were not to say anything about what happened on the mountain until the Son of Man was raised from the dead (hint of what was to happen to Jesus).

Activity

Banner. Add to it each week of Lent (see attached instructions).

This week draw something about the Transfiguration.

General Intercessions

Leader: In this season of Lent, let us bring our prayers to Jesus.

Reader: That all God's children look after each other. Jesus, hear us.

All: Jesus, hear our prayer.

Reader: That we always try to do the right thing. Jesus, hear us.

All: Jesus, hear our prayer.

Leader: Loving Father, hear our prayers as we wait for Easter.

All: Amen.

Dismissal

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Collect

Let us pray.

Jesus, help us to be prayerful and loving as we prepare for Easter.

We pray this prayer in Jesus name.

All: Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Rid yourselves of all your sins

and make a new heart and a new spirit.

Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel

John 2:13-22 (CEV)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Not long before the Jewish festival of Passover,
Jesus went to Jerusalem.

There he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves in the temple.

He also saw moneychangers sitting at their tables.

So he took some rope and made a whip.

Then he chased everyone out of the temple,
together with their sheep and cattle.

He turned over the tables of the moneychangers and scattered their coins.

Jesus said to the people who had been selling doves,

"Get those doves out of here!

Don't make my Father's house a marketplace."

The disciples then remembered that the Scriptures say,

"My love for your house burns in me like a fire."

The Jewish leaders asked Jesus,

"What miracle will you work to show us why you have done this?"

"Destroy this temple," Jesus answered,

"and in three days I will build it again!"

The leaders replied, "It took forty-six years to build this temple.

What makes you think you can rebuild it in three days?"

But Jesus was talking about his body as a temple.

And when he was raised from death,

his disciples remembered what he had told them.

Then they believed the Scriptures and the words of Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection on the Word

Ask the children what they recall about today's Gospel. Why was Jesus angry? Is it ever acceptable to be angry?

The house of God requires respect. It is a place to be close to God in a special way.

Jesus spoke about how he would build up the temple that was destroyed in three days.

What does the gospel say he meant? This was another hint at what was to come, Jesus' death on the cross and then his resurrection to new life with his father. Jesus is the temple. His body was the temple that would be rebuilt in three days.

How can we show respect to Jesus' church?

Activity

Banner. Add to it each week of Lent (see attached instructions).

Draw an image from this week's Gospel of how we can show respect to Jesus.

General Intercessions

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All: Jesus, hear our prayer.

Leader: Loving Father, hear our prayers as we wait for Easter.

All: Amen.

Dismissal

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Collect

Let us pray.

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All: Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel

John 3:16-17 (CEV)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus told Nicodemus:

"God loved the people of this world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him will have eternal life and never really die.

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn its people.

He sent him to save them!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection on the Word

Ask the children what they heard in today's Gospel.

God loved us so much that he gave us his only Son. Jesus was a gift to us.

God loves us. God does not want to get angry with us but wants to help us, to save us. Jesus is a gift that bring us joy and hope.

Can you think of how you have brought joy to someone?

How can we show our love for others?

How can we thank God for his gift of Jesus to us?

Activity

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Draw an image from this week's gospel or of God's great love for us.

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All: Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;

and where I am, my servant will also be.

Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel

John 12:24-26 (CEV)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples:

"I tell you for certain that a grain of wheat that falls on the ground will never be more than one grain unless it dies.

But if it dies, it will produce lots of wheat.

"If you love your life, you will lose it.

If you give it up in this world, you will be given eternal life.

"If you serve me, you must go with me.

My servants will be with me wherever I am.

If you serve me, my Father will honour you.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection on the Word

Ask the children what they heard in today's Gospel.

What do you think Jesus meant by a grain of wheat needs to die to produce lots of wheat? Wheat must be planted to change and become new wheat. This is how Jesus saw his life. Much goodness comes from his death.

Putting aside our selfishness is like losing our lives and doing things for others is the new life.

How can we serve Jesus?

Activity

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Draw an image of wheat from this week's gospel or of how we can serve Jesus.

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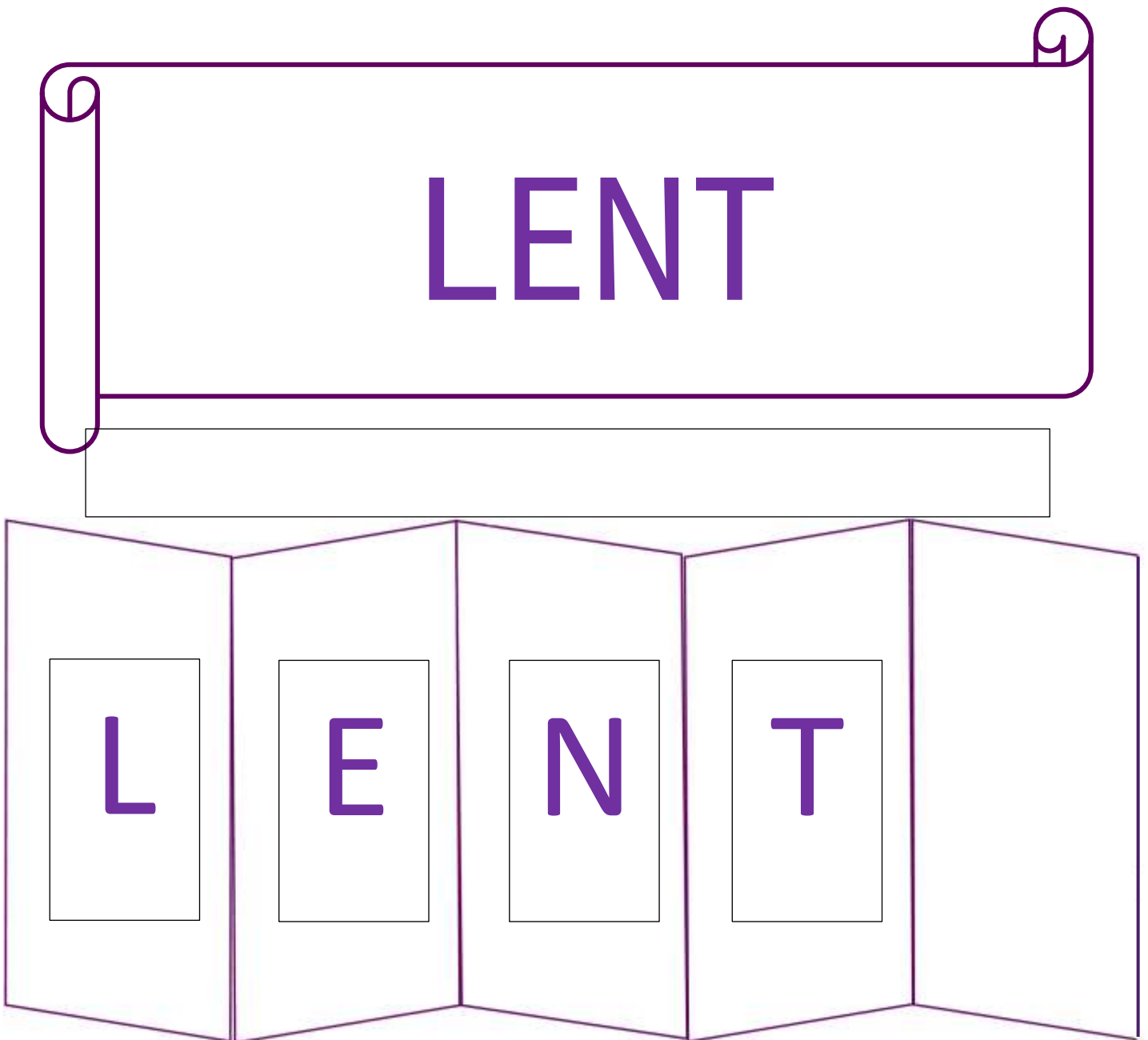
Activity Instructions

Lent Banner

Lent is a special time when we think of all the things that Jesus does for us and we say sorry for the things we do wrong.

Make a scroll, a banner or a piece of card that can be folded into five. Make sure there is enough room for the five weeks. On the banner the word Lent can be added down the side or in the middle.

An image or word is added each week of Lent



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