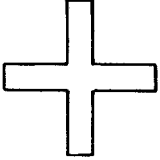



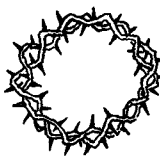
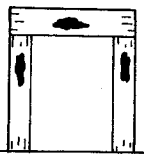
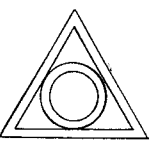



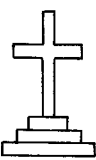
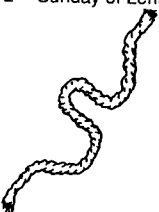

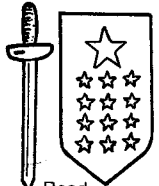
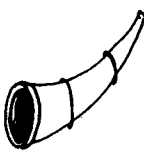

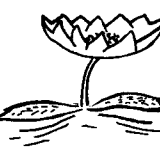

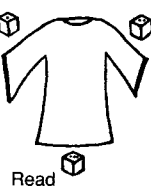



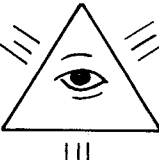


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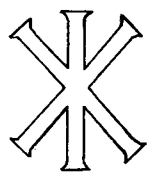


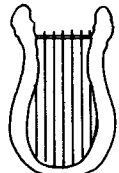
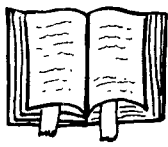
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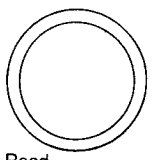
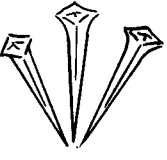
Day 3 Friday  Hear II Cor. 5:20b-6:2	Day 4 Saturday  Read Matt. 6:19-21	1st Sunday of Lent  Read Psalm 91:14-16	Day 5 Monday  Read Deut. 16:1-8
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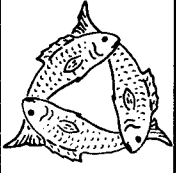



Day 6 Tuesday  Memorize Psalm 91:14	Day 7 Wednesday  Read Luke 4:1-13	Day 8 Thursday  Memorize Luke 4:8	Day 9 Friday  Hear Romans 10:8b-13	Day 10 Saturday  Memorize Romans 10:10	2nd Sunday of Lent  Read Psalm 127
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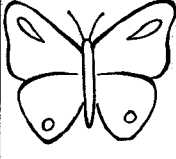
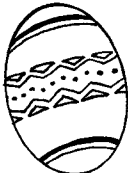
Day 11 Monday  Pray for the children	Day 12 Tuesday  Read Gen. 15:1-6, 18-21	Day 13 Wednesday  Read Luke 13:31-35	Day 14 Thursday  Hear Luke 13:32	Day 15 Friday  Read Phil. 3:17-4:1	Day 16 Saturday  Ask God for strength	3rd Sunday of Lent  Read Psalm 103:1-13	Day 17 Monday  Read Exodus 3:1-15
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Day 18 Tuesday  Hear I Cor. 10:1-13	Day 19 Wednesday  Memorize I Cor. 10:9a	Day 20 Thursday  Hear Luke 13:1-5	Day 21 Friday  Forgive someone	Day 22 Saturday  Read Luke 13:6-9	4th Sunday of Lent  Say Psalm 34:1-8	Day 23 Monday  Read Joshua 5:9-12	Day 24 Tuesday  Thank God for freedom
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Day 25 Wed.  Read Luke 15:1-3, 11b-24	Day 26 Thursday  Read Luke 15:25-32	Day 27 Friday  Hear II Cor. 5:16-21	Day 28 Saturday  Thank God for Jesus	5th Sunday of Lent  Pray Psalm 126	Day 29 Monday  Read Isaiah 43:16-21	Day 30 Tuesday  Praise God	Day 31 Wednesday  Memorize Isaiah 43:18
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Day 32 Thursday  Read John 12:1-8	Day 33 Friday  Do something for someone	Day 34 Saturday  Read Phil. 3:8-14	Palm Sunday  Hear Luke 19:28-40	Day 35 Monday  Read Psalm 118:19-29	Day 36 Tuesday  Read Isaiah 50:4-9a
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Day 37 Wednesday  Hear Phil. 2:5-11	Day 38 Maundy Thursday  Read Luke 22:7-22	Day 39 Good Friday  Read Luke 23:13-56	Day 40 Saturday  Feel Isaiah 52:13-53:12
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Easter Sunday  Hear Acts 10:34-43	Easter Monday  Let Jesus live in you
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Do the suggested activity for each day and color the picture

LENT CALENDAR (YEAR C)

Explanation of seasons, pictures, and symbols

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. The 40 days of Lent symbolize the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness fasting and praying, and recall the tradition of his 40 hours in the tomb. Lent is a season of spiritual preparation during which we remember the whole life, teachings, and ministry of Jesus. Sundays are not counted as part of Lent, because early Christians considered **every** Sunday a "Little Easter".

Ash Wed.	GREEK CROSS – Since early Christian times ashes of palm branches from the previous year have been used to make the mark of the cross on the forehead as a sign of repentance of sin.
Day 2	DOVE – Symbol of purity, the Holy Spirit and presence of God.
Day 3	TORCH – Symbol of witnessing for Christ.
Day 4	ALPHA AND OMEGA – First and last letters of the Greek alphabet symbolizing that Christ is the beginning and end.
1 st Sun. of Lent	CROWN OF THORNS – Symbol of humility and suffering imposed on Jesus.
Day 5	DOORPOSTS AND LINTEL – Blood-sprinkled to symbolize God's protection in Egypt as celebrated in the Passover Festival.
Day 6	CIRCLE AND TRIANGLE – Symbolizes the eternity of the Trinity.
Day 7	LAMP – Symbol for the Word of God.
Day 8	BELL – Calls us to worship and symbolizes the need to prioritize things of God over secular.
Day 9	PELICAN – Symbol of the Atonement.
Day 10	CALVARY CROSS – The three steps from the top down stand for Faith, Hope, and Love.
2 nd Sun. of Lent	ROPE – Symbolizes the betrayal and arrest of Jesus.
Day 11	CENSER – Symbol of prayer.
Day 12	ABRAHAM – Patriarch's symbol is the sacrificial knife and blue shield with stars and one large star for the Messiah.
Day 13	TRUMPET – Symbol for the day of judgement, the resurrection, and the call to worship.
Day 14	GRIFFIN – Suggests the two-fold nature of Christ, the Divine and the Human.
Day 15	LOTUS – Suggests that the life of the Christian may rise through and above unlovely and evil influences.
Day 16	THE OX – Symbol of Our Redeemer, suggesting strength, patience, and sacrifice.
3 rd Sun. of Lent	SEAMLESS COAT – Symbol of the Passion.
Day 17	THE BURNING BUSH – Symbolizes the call of Moses as he recognized that God was speaking to him in that unusual place.
Day 18	CROSS ON ROCK – Symbol of our Lord, rock of our salvation.
Day 19	ALL-SEEING EYE OF GOD looks out from Triangle of Trinity.
Day 20	APPLE – Symbol of the fall of humankind.
Day 21	HANDS CLASPED – Symbol of brotherhood / sisterhood / marriage.
Day 22	BIRDS AND GRAPES – Symbolizes the faithful feeding on the blood of Christ.
4 th Sun. of Lent	BASIN AND EWER – Symbolizes the humility of Christ's love and greatness.
Day 23	CLUSTER OF GRAPES – Signifies entry into Canaan, the Promised Land.
Day 24	OLIVE BRANCH – Symbol for peace, harmony and healing.
Day 25	THE SHEPHERD – Symbol of the loving care of Jesus.
Day 26	COCKLE – Symbolizes the wickedness that may spring up in fellowship of Christians.
Day 27	BALANCE – Symbol of justice.
Day 28	IX MONOGRAM – Symbol for Jesus Christ (from initial letters in Greek).
5 th Sun. of Lent	PRETZEL – Lenten bread symbolizing arms crossed in prayer.
Day 29	HAND OF GOD – Symbol of God as Blessor.
Day 30	HARP – Symbol for music especially given as praise to God.
Day 31	OPEN BIBLE – Symbol for the Word of God.
Day 32	MONEY BAG AND SILVER COINS – Reminds us of Judas' role in the betrayal of Jesus.
Day 33	FOOT – Symbol of humility and voluntary servitude.
Day 34	SOULS OF RIGHTEOUS – Symbolizes that "The souls of righteous are in the hand God."
Palm Sunday	PALM LEAF – Symbol of triumphant entry and rejoicing.
Day 35	CIRCLE – Symbolizes the eternity of God.
Day 36	NAILS – Symbols of physical suffering of Jesus on the cross.
Day 37	THREE FISH IN A CIRCLE – Symbol of salvation that comes from the Triune God.
Maundy Thurs.	CUP AND CROSS – Symbol of suffering of Christ in Gethsemane and on the cross.
Good Friday	PASSION CROSS – Pointed ends symbolize Christ's suffering.
Day 40	LAMB STANDING WITH BANNER OF VICTORY – Symbolizes the victorious nature of Christ's sacrifice.
Easter Sunday	BUTTERFLY – Symbol of resurrection and eternal life.
Easter Monday	EASTER EGG – Symbol of resurrection and new life.

Eastertide begins on Easter Sunday and lasts until Pentecost. Easter celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. This transformation began the journey of all disciples who would carry Christianity throughout the earth.

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