

#### What is Lent?

Lent is a 40 day journey (not counting Sundays) to focus on God and prepare to remember and celebrate Jesus dying on the cross and rising from the grave to save each of us. Many people decide to "give up" things for Lent to help them remember that Jesus gave his life for us, but you can also "take on" doing good things, just like Jesus did.

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### First Sunday in Lent

Remembering the Birth of Jesus

### Scriptures:

Matthew 1:21 "She will give birth to a son and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

Luke 2:11 "Today in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you: he is Christ the Lord"

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life"

#### WHY DO WE LIGHT ONE CANDLE?

The first candle is a reminder that God sent his Son into the world as a baby to be our Savior.

### Second Sunday in Lent

Remembering the Boyhood of Jesus Learning Psalm 23

#### **Scriptures:**

Luke 2:52 "And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and men."

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life"

#### WHY DO WE LIGHT TWO CANDLES?

The **first** candle is a reminder that God sent his Son into the world as a baby to be our Savior.

The **second** candle is a reminder that Jesus grew as a young boy obeying both God and his earthly parents

# **Third Sunday in Lent**

Remembering the Baptism of Jesus

### Scriptures:

Matthew 3:16-17 "As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, This is my Son, who I love; with him I am well pleased."

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life"

#### WHY DO WE LIGHT THREE CANDLES?

The **first** candle is a reminder that God sent his Son into the world as a baby to be our Savior.

The **second** candle is a reminder that Jesus grew as a young boy obeying both God and his earthly parents

The **third** candle is a reminder that Jesus was baptized as an example for us to repent and be cleansed from our sin.

### Fourth Sunday in Lent

Remembering the Calling of the Disciples of Jesus

#### Scriptures:

Luke 6:12-13 "When morning came, Jesus called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles: Simon (whom he named Peter), his brother Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James the son of Alpheus, Simon who was called the zealot, Judas son of James and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor."

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life"

#### WHY DO WE LIGHT FOUR CANDLES?

The **first** candle is a reminder that God sent his Son into the world as a baby to be our Savior.

The **second** candle is a reminder that Jesus grew as a young boy obeying both God and his earthly parents

The **third** candle is a reminder that Jesus was baptized as an example for us to repent and be cleansed from our sin.

The **fourth** candle is a reminder that just as Jesus called the 12 disciples, we are all called to follow him, too.

### Fifth Sunday in Lent

Remembering the Teachings of Jesus

#### Scriptures:

Matthew 11:1 "And when Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in their cities."

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life"

#### WHY DO WE LIGHT FIVE CANDLES?

The **first** candle is a reminder that God sent his Son into the world as a baby to be our Savior.

The **second** candle is a reminder that Jesus grew as a young boy obeying both God and his earthly parents

The **third** candle is a reminder that Jesus was baptized as an example for us to repent and be cleansed from our sin.

The **fourth** candle is a reminder that just as Jesus called the 12 disciples, we are all called to follow him, too.

The **fifth** candle reminds us that Jesus taught people what it meant to be children of God.

### Sixth Sunday in Lent (Palm Sunday)

Remembering the Triumphal Entry of Jesus

#### Scriptures:

Matthew 21:8-9 "A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of Jesus and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David." "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." "Hosanna in the highest!"

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life"

#### WHY DO WE LIGHT SIX CANDLES?

The **first** candle is a reminder that God sent his Son into the world as a baby to be our Savior.

The **second** candle is a reminder that Jesus grew as a young boy obeying both God and his earthly parents

The **third** candle is a reminder that Jesus was baptized as an example for us to repent and be cleansed from our sin.

The **fourth** candle is a reminder that just as Jesus called the 12 disciples, we are all called to follow him, too.

The **fifth** candle reminds us that Jesus taught people what it meant to be children of God.

The **sixth** candle reminds us that Jesus was both humble and a king.

### **EASTER Sunday**

Remembering Holy Week and the Resurrection of our Lord

#### Scriptures:

Luke 24: 1-9 "On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' "Then they remembered his words. When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others.

#### WHY DO WE LIGHT SEVEN CANDLES?

The **first** candle is a reminder that God sent his Son into the world as a baby to be our Savior.

The **second** candle is a reminder that Jesus grew as a young boy obeying both God and his earthly parents

The **third** candle is a reminder that Jesus was baptized as an example for us to repent and be cleansed from our sin.

The **fourth** candle is a reminder that just as Jesus called the 12 disciples, we are all called to follow him, too.

The **fifth** candle reminds us that Jesus taught people what it meant to be children of God.

The **sixth** candle reminds us that Jesus was both humble and a king.

The EASTER candle is at the center of the Lenten cross and reminds us that Jesus' saving love is at the center of everything we do.