

New lesson plans each Sunday

GRACE UNITED METHODIST VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

WELCOME TO
CELEBRATE WONDER

March 14, 2021

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The Last Supper



The Last Supper is a special meal Jesus ate with the disciples. It is a celebration of Passover. The Passover is celebrated every year to remember the Israelites' freedom from slavery. During this meal, Jesus and his friends ate and drank together.

While they were eating and sharing, Jesus began to break bread and to pass the cup. While doing so, he recited words many of us are familiar with today: "Do this in remembrance of me." This ritual is practiced by many Christians and is known as Communion.

During Communion, we recite these familiar words and share the bread and cup to remember the life and death of Jesus. We all might practice and participate in Communion differently; however, we can remember Jesus and his example by simply sharing a meal. Whether we share a meal with friends and family or come forward to receive the elements in worship, we have the opportunity to remember Jesus and our faith traditions.



Wonder Question

How do you
remember Jesus?

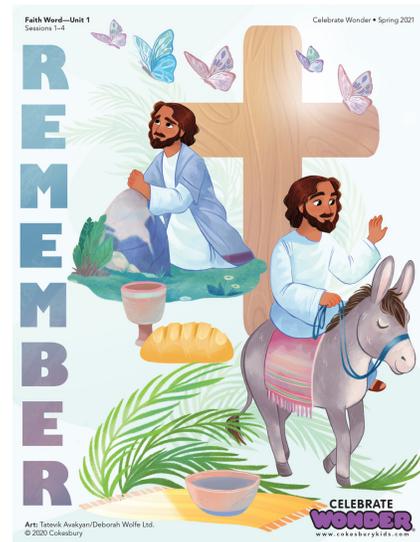
Spiritual Practice



Remembering Jesus is sometimes hard in our fast-paced lives.

This week invite Jesus to dinner with your family. During the meal, light a candle to remind you of the presence of Jesus. Eat Slowly and speak softly. Thank God for meals together that remind us Jesus is with us.

Faith Word



Although we can't gather together, we can still gather with Christ.

We do miss our church family but the church is WHERE WE ARE!

Follow along in our Bible Story time then roll your wonder cube to answer questions with your family.

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Mark 14:12-26

Jesus' disciples asked him where they should prepare the special Passover meal. Jesus told two of the disciples what to do: "Go into the city of Jerusalem. A man carrying a water jar will meet you. Follow him. When he goes into a house, tell the owner that the teacher and his disciples will eat in his guestroom. That's where you will prepare the Passover meal." The disciples did what Jesus said, and they prepared the Passover meal.



That night, Jesus and his friends arrived for the Passover meal. During the meal, Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his friends. Jesus said, "Take; this is my body." Jesus took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. Jesus said, "This is the cup of the new covenant." Jesus and the disciples finished the meal, sang songs of praise, and then went out to the Mount of Olives.

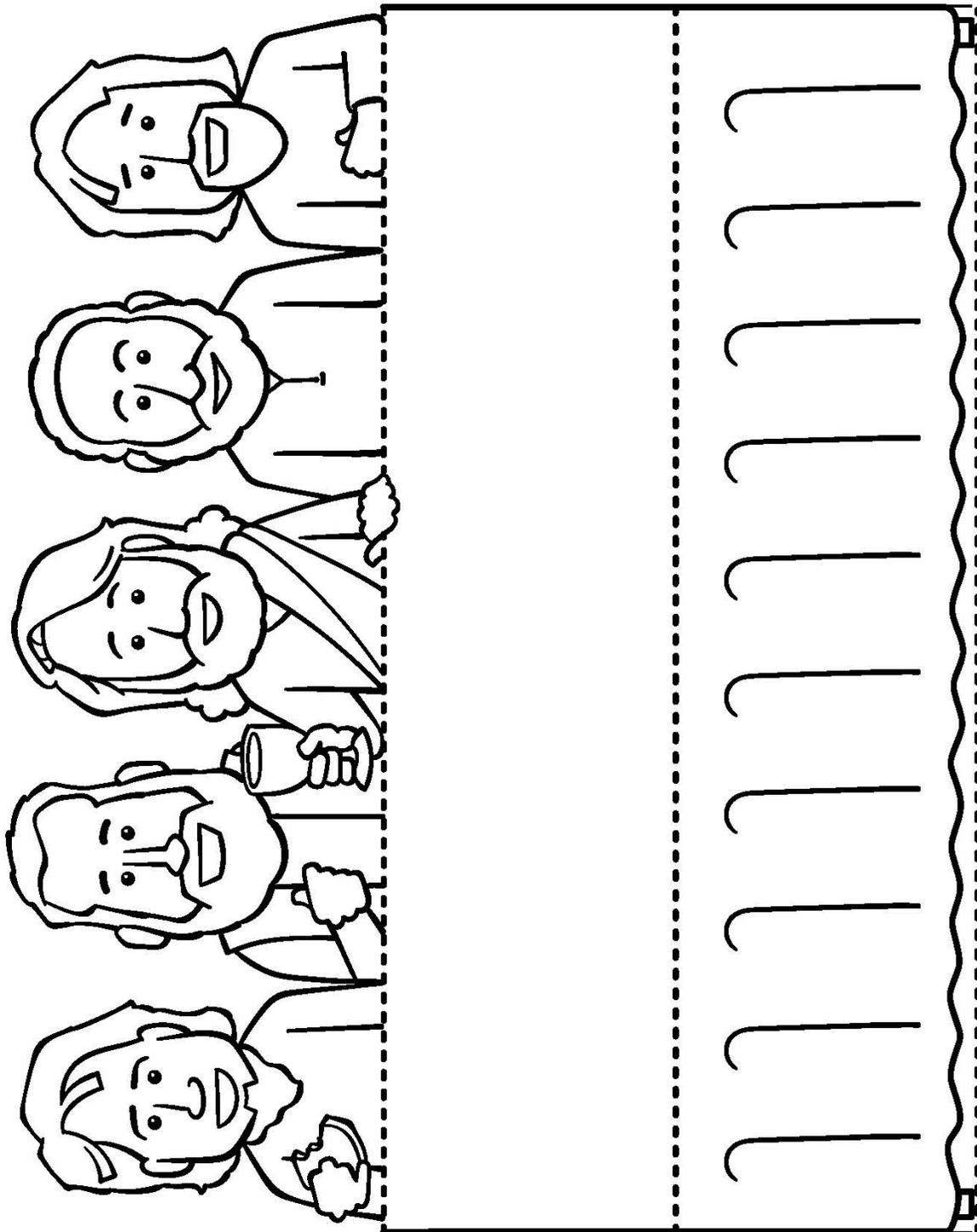
I wonder: Why do you think Jesus shared bread like this with his friends?

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Setting the Table

CELEBRATE
WONDER

Session 2 • Ages 3-5



Instructions:

Color the Illustration, and draw the bread and cup on the table.

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Seder Meal



The Passover seder is a traditional meal shared with friends and family. The seder takes place on the first night of Passover, after sunset. During the meal there are stories, questions, conversation, special foods, and games. Kids participate in the seder too. Families have many ways of celebrating. The Passover seder has 15 different activities, or steps, but it can be divided into 5 parts.

Lighting the Candles: The holiday begins with lighting candles. The light of the candles stands for hope and freedom.

Reciting the Order: At the seder, there are a lot of activities such as reading, talking, and singing about the Exodus story. Reciting the steps lays out the order like a program at a play or a menu at a meal.

The Story: The longest section of the seder is called *Magid*, which means "tell." In this section, the Passover story is told and questions are asked about it.

Time to Eat: After much waiting, it is time to eat the symbolic foods and a big festive meal. Families eat together and remember their freedom.

Celebrating: The Jewish people escaped from Pharaoh, and the story was told. Now, it's time to sing and celebrate together.



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Retelling

Narrator: It was time for the Passover meal. Jesus joined his friends at a table.

Jesus: I am happy to join you for a meal before I die. I want to eat with you before I go to help make God's dream come true. I am helping create God's kingdom.

Narrator: Jesus passed a cup to the disciples.

Jesus: I want to share this food with everyone. This meal connects us to one another and to God.

All: I will share and remember you.

Narrator: After the meal, Jesus ate some bread, said thank you to God for the bread, and then shared it with his friends.

Jesus: I share this bread so you can know I am a part of you.

All: I will share and remember you.

Narrator: After the meal, Jesus drank some juice, said thank you to God for the juice, and passed the cup to his friends.

Jesus: This is a special cup. It is a sign that I love you and will always be with you.

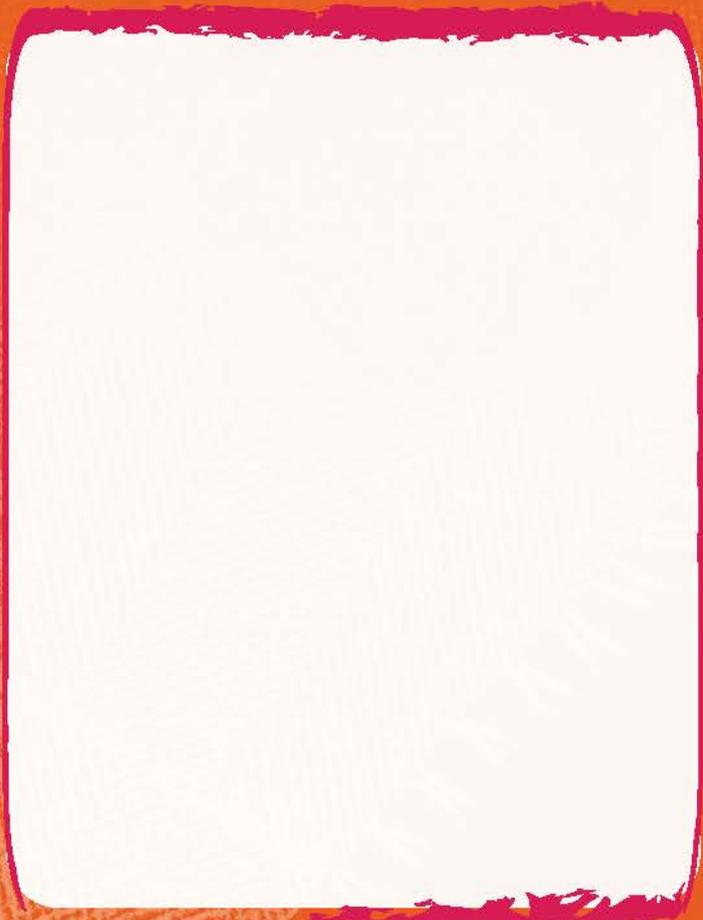
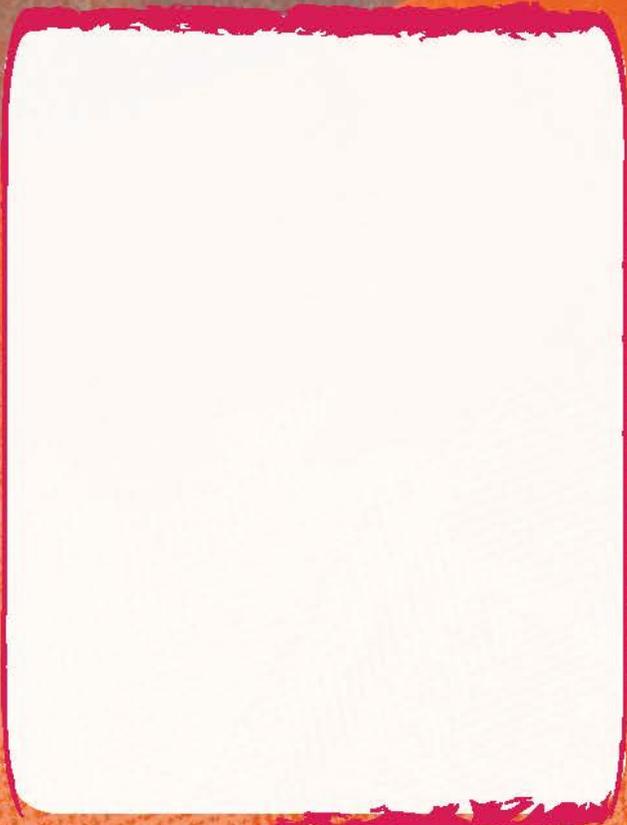
All: I will share and remember you. Amen.



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In the Disciples' Shoes

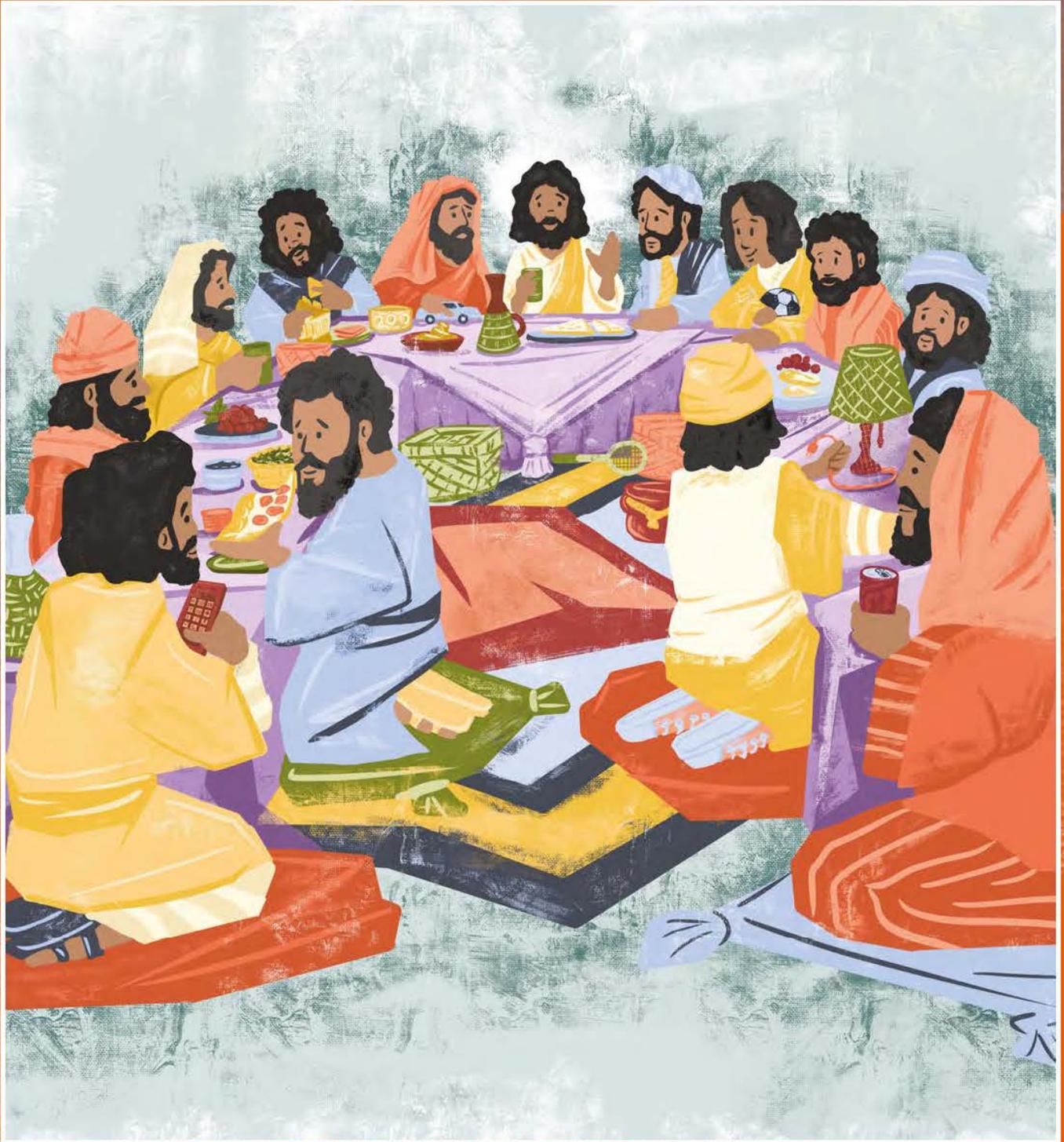
Imagine you are one of the disciples at the Last Supper. They must have been confused about what was happening. Read Luke 22:14-20, and then write in the spaces three questions you would have asked Jesus at the Last Supper.



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What's Wrong with This Picture?

Find and circle the items that do not belong in this picture.



Holy Week Activity Day

Faith Family Club **Fun**

Sunday, March 28,

Sunday, March 28th is Palm Sunday; the beginning of Holy Week, and the last week of Lent. We invite you and your family to join us after Palm Sunday worship for Crafts and Games in our Grace UMC Backyard. Activities begin at 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



We will provide a premade kit of Crafts, and snacks representing each day of Holy Week and planned social distanced outdoor games for Preschool- 5th Grade. Students will be able to join together to Play and Pray with these activities.

We are asking families to share with their children in this special time together and Youth are encouraged to volunteer as extra hands. Some activities can be messy but covers will be provided and there will be no cost to attend.

Registration will be open this week at Gracesiouxcity.org or email our ministry at Christianed@gracesiouxcity.org, of how many kits your children will be needing.

Whether you worship in person or online, we want all members of the church to feel connected within the community with each other. if you would to still register, a take-home kit can be picked up.

ACTIVITIES PLANNED

Palm Sunday Palm Craft

Easter Week Word Search Puzzle

Jesus Washes Disciples Feet

(Family Activity with Washable Paint,
Walk the Path with Jesus Collage)

Last Supper

Fish Crackers & Grape Juice Box
Snack Together

Jesus in the Garden

Prayer Together

Social Distanced Game

Good Friday

Three Cross Canvas Painting

Holy Saturday

Shadow Game Finding hope

Easter Sunday Take-Home Surprise

AT HOME WEEKLY CHILDRENS MINISTRY

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Bourek**



**Tamera
Albert**

Spiritual Practice for Adults

This week, make or serve your favorite meal. Enjoy this meal with friends and family. As you share the meal, go around the table and invite each person to choose away she or he can be a blessing to others.

The Lenten Season

Our Journey continues into week 4 of Lent. Each week you will receive Lenten Activities in your Sunday School newsletter. If you know someone who would enjoy participating in our Journey please feel free to share.

We are keeping our student's names each day within our prayers and our hearts that they too are finding God in their reflections..



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 6-11, 2021 from 5:30 pm- 8:00pm

At Vacation Bible School: Knights of North Castle, kids will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time as they go on a quest in search of the King's Armor. They will become Knights and discover how to serve God and God's mission for their lives.

Pre-K through 5th Grade students are invited to participate and Youth are invited to volunteer.

SAVE THE DATE

At this time we are planning to meet in person in a small group setting, but are making preparations for a similar program virtually if needed.

Week 4 Lenten Activity

A Lenten Journey Week 4

Nature Prayer Walk

There are many ways you can go on a nature prayer walk- choose one that works for you. As you begin your walk, say a prayer. Ask God to show you the unique and ordinary in creation.

Quiet Walk-ask everyone to walk in silence, saying their own quiet prayer as they walk.

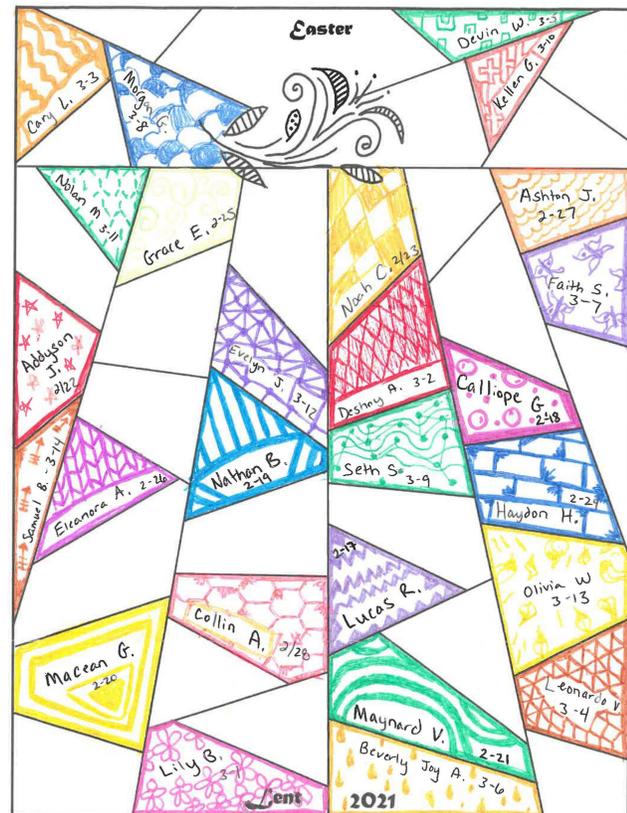
Pray As you Go- Walk together when you come to something that catches your eye, say a prayer. It could be as simple as "Thank you God for this thing" or "Thank you God for this thing because it reminds me of ____"

Find Objects- Use the Prayer Walk handout to pray for specific things upon finding objects in nature. For younger ones, collect leaves, sticks, and other natural objects by sticking them on a piece of tape around their wrist. Instant prayer bracelet!

Can't go outside? Check out one of these virtual hikes in nature: buzzfeed.com/laurenkeary/virtualhikes-visit-nation-parks-online-quarantine.

Shouting Prayer! We often think of being quiet with prayer, but we can use our big voices too! You can Shout for Joy! You can Shout Praise! You can Shout a Sadness. You may want to use instruments like a tambourine or shakers or drum. Example: Thank you, God! I love you, God! You could shout a Psalm: " Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth" Psalm 98:4. NIV

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-  Grass/Snow/Sand: Pray for teachers
-  Flower: Pray for those who care for others
-  Leaves: For your family
-  Evergreen Tree: Pray for leaders
-  Bug: Pray for whatever - you choose!



Week 4:

- 3/8 Morgan G
- 3/9 Seth S.
- 3/10 Kellen G.
- 3/11 Nolan M.
- 3/12 Evelyn J.
- 3/13 Olivia W.
- 3/14 Samuel B.



We'd love to see pictures of you and your family participating in any of our ministries.

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