

How are we called to repentance today?

Lesson 24



Lent

**“Faith, hope, love remain, these three;
but the greatest of these is love.”**

1 Corinthians 13:13

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Gathering Prayer

Leader: O God, in this season of Lent, help us to know more about the love that Jesus has given us. Thank you for sending Jesus to us.

(Fold hands.)

All: I will sing of your love forever.

Leader: O God, thank you for the joy in our hearts that is the love of Jesus.

(Fold hands.)

All: I will sing of your love forever.

Leader: Jesus, you showed your love for us in many ways. We remember you now with the Sign of the Cross.

All: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Activity

What does Jesus give us in our hearts? Connect the dots to spell the answer.

LOVE

Lent is a time to grow in love for God.

Lent is a time to grow. God helps us to grow in love. We show love in the things we do during Lent. We show love when we pray, when we thank Jesus for all he did for us, and when we help the poor.



One way to show love for God during Lent is through prayer. We can pray by ourselves, with our families, or with the whole Church. We can also do good things to help others. We can help those who are poor. To show our love for others, we give to the Church.

Lent is also a time to say we are sorry to God for times we did not follow his laws of love.

Lent

Did You Know?



Ash Wednesday reminds us to love God more.

Activity

Work with a friend to make sentences about different ways we grow closer to God during Lent. Use the Word Bank to help you.

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Lent Prayer Ritual



"Christ Be Our Light,"
Bernadette Farrell/OCP

Leader: Lent is a time for us to think about Jesus' love for us. God loves us so much that he gave us his Son. The Cross reminds us how much Jesus loved us. When we make the Sign of the Cross on ourselves, our whole body becomes a cross.

When each of us was baptized, the priest or deacon made the Sign of the Cross on our forehead, a sign that we were sealed in the love of the Father; his Son, Jesus; and the Holy Spirit. Let us come forward now to the water and make the Sign of the Cross on our foreheads.

Leader: Lord Jesus, help us see you in ourselves, in one another, and in the world.

Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Christ Jesus, help us thank you for always loving us.

Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: Lord Jesus, help us to never forget how much you love us.



Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: We will now pass a cross from one to another.
As we do that, we will thank Jesus for his love.

(After all have held the cross and offered thanks, we pray:)

Leader: Let us fold our hands and close our eyes.

Lord, Jesus Christ, there is no greater love in the world than the love you have for us. By dying on the Cross, you gave of yourself to save us from our sins. Help us to remember this each time we make the Sign of the Cross.

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

Lent

How can I grow in love?

Mini-Task

The season of Lent is a time for us to grow closer to Jesus. During Lent, we think about everything Jesus did for us. We prepare ourselves for his Resurrection.

You are going to design a Lent trading card. Think about the season and the ways we prepare our hearts for Easter. Use words and pictures to design your card.

Show your trading card to your family. Tell about your drawing.

celebrates Lent.

Name of season:

Color of season:

What we celebrate:



Want to do more? Go to your Portfolio to continue this activity.

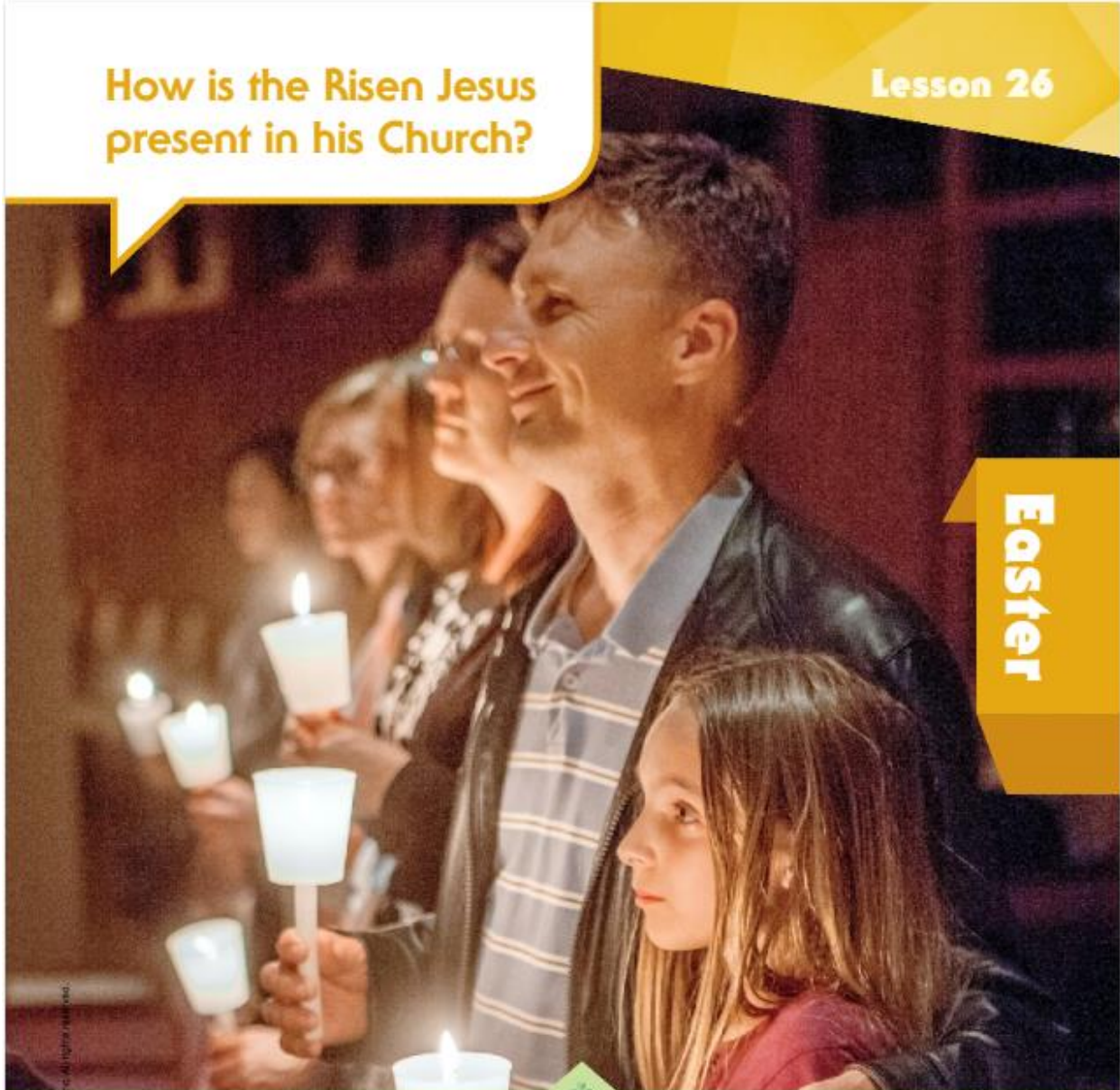
At Home

Have each family member name a way he or she has said "I love you" with actions or words.

How is the Risen Jesus present in his Church?

Lesson 26

Easter



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“I am the resurrection and the life.”

John 11:25

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Prayer

Gathering Prayer

Leader: We celebrate Easter, when Jesus rose from the dead. Let us live in the light of the Risen Lord. Sing “Alleluia,” for Christ is alive!

All: Forever we will sing “Alleluia.”

Leader: Christ Jesus, your Death on a Cross was not the end for you. And because of your Resurrection, we will live with you forever!

All: Forever we will sing “Alleluia.”

Leader: Lord Jesus, our hearts are filled with love. It is the love of your light in us.

All: Forever we will sing “Alleluia.”

Leader: We share the light of the Risen Jesus with our families and friends.

All: Forever we will sing “Alleluia.”

Activity

Unscramble the word to complete the sentence.

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We share the _____ of Jesus at Easter.

Tell a friend one way we do this.

God fills our hearts with Easter joy.

The Easter season lasts for fifty days. It begins on Easter Sunday. During the Easter season, we are glad because Jesus is risen. We sing “Alleluia!” to show our joy. The priest wears white vestments. White is the Easter color.

A special Paschal candle is blessed during the Triduum at the Easter Vigil. All through the season, this candle is lit. The candle reminds us of Jesus. He is the Light of the World.

We give thanks to God because Jesus is risen. We decorate the church with plants to remind us of new life. Easter is a joyful time.



Easter

Did You Know?

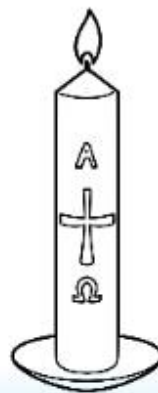


Creation is a part of the Easter celebration.

Activity

Decorate the Paschal candle.
Draw the symbols and write
the year on your candle.

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Readers Theater

Jesus Is Risen!

Matthew 28:1–10

Roles: Narrator 1, Narrator 2, Narrator 3, Narrator 4, Angel, Jesus

Mary Magdalene and another Mary have good news to share.

Narrator 1: Mary Magdalene and another Mary went to the tomb of Jesus.

Narrator 2: They wanted to visit the place where Jesus was buried.

Narrator 3: Suddenly, the earth shook!

Narrator 4: An angel came from heaven.

Narrator 1: The angel rolled back the stone from the tomb.

Angel: “Do not be afraid!” (Matthew 28:5)

Narrator 2: The angel knew they were looking for Jesus.

Narrator 3: The angel said to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary:

Angel: “[Jesus] is not here, for he has been raised just as he said” (Matthew 28:6).

Narrator 4: Mary Magdalene and Mary looked into the tomb. Jesus was not there.

Narrator 1: They ran to tell the other disciples what happened.

Narrator 2: Mary Magdalene and Mary met someone on their way home. It was Jesus!

Narrator 3: They knelt before Jesus.

Jesus: “Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me”
(Matthew 28:10).

Narrator 4: Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were so happy!

Narrator 1: They ran to tell the other disciples the good news about Jesus.

All: Jesus is risen from the dead!



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Easter

Mini-Task

At Easter, we remember that Jesus' Resurrection means that we, too, can live forever with God in heaven.

As you plan your trading card, think about the ways we celebrate Easter. Use words and pictures in your trading card.

Show your trading card to a friend. Tell about your drawing.

celebrates Easter.

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At Home

Ask family members what they would have said to Jesus if they had been there with the women at the empty tomb.