

Chapter 20 Lent

Advent

Christmas

Ordinary Time

Lent

Three Days

Easter

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Lent

Lent is a preparation for the celebration of Easter. For the Lenten liturgy disposes both catechumens and the faithful to celebrate the Paschal Mystery: catechumens, through the several stages of Christian initiation; the faithful, through reminders of their own baptism and through penitential practices.

(Norms Governing Liturgical Calendars, 27)

Overview

In this chapter the children will learn that Lent is a season of preparing.

For Adult Reading and Reflection

You may want to refer to paragraph 540 of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

Catechist Background

How have you observed Lent in the past?

Lent is the season of preparation for the celebration of Easter, the greatest feast of the Church year. For catechumens (those preparing for Baptism) and for all the faithful, it is a time to focus on Sacraments of Christian Initiation, the first of which is Baptism, the sacrament through which we die to sin and rise to new life in Christ. We remember that:

“The God of power and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
has freed [us] from sin
and brought [us] to new life
through water and the Holy Spirit.”
(Rite of Baptism, 62)

Lent is a penitential season, a time for ongoing conversion, not only for catechumens but also for all the baptized. We gradually turn our hearts more towards God and towards the needs of others. For forty days, from Ash Wednesday until the Evening

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Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, we pray, fast, and give alms to those in need. The forty days of this season remind us of the forty days Jesus spent in the desert, alone in prayer, totally dependent upon his God and Father.

We enter Lent knowing our need for a deeper turning, a deeper conversion, as disciples of the risen Lord. We enter Lent needing God's guidance amid myriad choices of modern life. We enter Lent with the mark of ashes on our foreheads. This ancient ritual of repentance helps us to “Remember how brief is my life,” (Psalm 89:48) and challenges us to proclaim the Gospel, in the time we have been given, with our lives.

How will you observe Lent this year? How will you help the children to celebrate the season?

Lesson Planning Guide

Lesson Steps

Presentation

Materials

1 WE GATHER

<p>page 171 Introduce the Season</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read the <i>Chapter Story</i>. • Introduce the season of Lent. • Proclaim words on a banner. 	
<p>page 172</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share responses to the directive and question. 	

2 WE BELIEVE

<p>pages 172–173 <i>Lent is a season of preparing.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present the text about what we remember during Lent. • Discuss how people in photos are following Jesus. 	
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3 WE RESPOND

<p>page 174</p>	 Work on the chart for Lent.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • purple crayons or colored pencils
<p>Text page 175 Guide page 175–176 We Respond in Prayer</p>	 Listen to a Scripture story.  Respond in song.	 “We Are Yours, O Lord,” Janet Vogt, #19, Grade 2 CD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • prayer space items: cross, Bible, purple tablecloth
<p>Text page 176 Guide pages 175–176, 176A Project Disciple</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete the Project Disciple activities. Discuss the <i>Take Home</i> activity. • Complete the Reproducible Master 20 activity. See guide pages 176A and 171C. • Discuss/send home Sharing Faith with My Family, guide page 176B. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cross patterns • crayons or colored pencils • brad fasteners, scissors, and glue • purple and other colors of construction paper • copies of Reproducible Master 20, guide page 176A • copies of Sharing Faith with My Family, guide page 176B

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