

Children's Liturgy of the Word - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C

READ

FROM THE GOSPEL OF LUKE 4: 1 – 13

Jesus, filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan River. The Spirit led Jesus into the desert, where the devil tempted Jesus for 40 days. Jesus ate nothing during that time. When those days were ended, he was very hungry.

The devil said to Jesus, "If you are the Son of God, tell this rock to become bread."

Jesus answered,

"It is written in the Scriptures: 'A person does not live only by eating bread.'"

Then the devil took Jesus and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. The devil said to Jesus, "I will give you all these kingdoms and all their power and glory. It has all been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I wish. If you worship me, all will be yours."

Jesus answered,

"It is written in the Scriptures: 'You must worship the Lord your God. Serve only him!'"

Then the devil led Jesus to Jerusalem and put him on a high place of the Temple. He said to Jesus, "If you are the Son of God, jump off! It is written in the Scriptures:

'He has put his angels in charge of you.

They will watch over you.'

'They will catch you with their hands.

And you will not hit your foot on a rock.'"

Jesus answered, "But it also says in the Scriptures: 'Do not test the Lord your God.'"

After the devil had tempted Jesus in every way, he went away to wait until a better time.

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

PRAISE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST

REFLECT

ABOUT THE STORY

- Where is Jesus today?
- Who are the two characters in this Gospel story?
- Which one is on the side of good?
- A temptation is a false promise:
What did the devil promise Jesus?
- What weapon did Jesus use to stand up to the devil?
- Why do you think the devil left Jesus?
- Who grew strong?



ABOUT US

- What would you say to the devil if you were Jesus?
- Why is it important to stand up to those who offer you false promises?

RESPOND

As we begin our journey with Jesus for Lent, we pray that the Holy Spirit will help us and give us courage:

Response: **Give us your help Holy Spirit**

When we want to do things our way and not your way

Give us your help Holy Spirit

When we feel afraid and don't know what to do

Give us your help Holy Spirit

When we think that it's too hard to do the good thing

Give us your help Holy Spirit

When we get tired of being kind and doing what we know is right

Give us your help Holy Spirit



REST

During this season of Lent we can ask the Holy Spirit to help us stand up for what is right. A light will be passed around now, hold it in your hand and ask the Holy Spirit to help you share the light of Jesus.

Children's Liturgy of the Word – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C

READ From the Gospel of Luke 9: 28 – 36

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and went up on a mountain to pray. While Jesus was praying, his face was changed, and his clothes became shining white.

Then two men were talking with Jesus. The men were Moses and Elijah.

They appeared in heavenly glory, talking with Jesus.

Peter and the others were asleep.

But they woke up and saw that Jesus was filled with light.

They also saw the two men who were standing with him.

When Moses and Elijah were about to leave, Peter said,

"Master, it is wonderful that we are here."

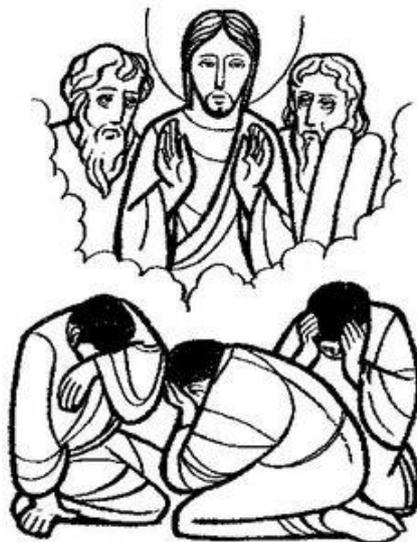
(Peter did not know what he was saying.)

While Peter was saying these things, a cloud came down all around them.

Peter, James, and John became afraid when the cloud covered them.

A voice came from the cloud.

The voice said, **"This is my Son. He is the One I have chosen. Listen to him."**



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REFLECT

ABOUT THE STORY

- Where is Jesus today?
- Who was with Jesus in this Gospel story?
- What happened when Jesus prayed?
- Why do you think Peter, James and John were sleepy?
- Why do you think they wakened up?
- What did Peter say to Jesus?
- What did the voice say from the cloud?

ABOUT US

- When have you ever been up a high mountain? What could you see? What was it like?
- What would you have said to Jesus if you had been on the mountain with Peter?

RESPOND

As we continue our journey with Jesus, let's ask God to fill us with the light of his love.

Lord give us the light of your love

When we are feeling sad or alone

Lord give us the light of your love

When we are running out of energy

Lord give us the light of your love

When we see someone who needs your help

Lord give us the light of your love

When we feel afraid and unsure

Lord give us the light of your love



REST

In this week of Lent we can ask Jesus to share the light of his love with us.

A light will be passed around now, hold it in your hand and ask Jesus to fill your heart with the light of his love.

Children's Liturgy of the Word – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C

READ

From the Gospel of Luke 13: 6 – 9

Jesus told this story:

"A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard.

He came looking for some fruit on the tree, but he found none.

So the man said to his servant who took care of his vineyard,

'I have been looking for fruit on this tree for three years, but I never find any.

Cut it down! Why should it waste the ground?'

But the servant answered,

'Master, let the tree have one more year to produce fruit.

Let me dig up the dirt around it and put on some fertilizer.

Maybe the tree will produce fruit next year.

If the tree still doesn't produce fruit, then you can cut it down.'"

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

PRAISE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST



REFLECT

ABOUT THE STORY

- Where is Jesus today in this Gospel?
- Who are the people in the story?
- What did the owner of the garden want to happen?
- How many years did he wait for the tree to bear fruit?
- How many figs grew on the tree?
- What did the owner want to do with the tree and why?
- Who did the owner send for?
- What did the servant say?
- What did they finally agree to do?

ABOUT US

- When have you ever planted a seed? How long did it take to grow?
- Can you remember when you were small, what helped you to grow strong?
- Imagine the tree is a person – YOU. God expects that you will grow in goodness, kindness, love, joy and peace. How have you are you growing these fruits in YOURSELF?

RESPOND

As we continue our journey with Jesus this Lent, let's ask him to help us grow the fruits of love, peace and kindness in our lives.

[Lord help us to grow](#)

Lord help us to grow in love by thinking more about other people

[Lord help us to grow](#)

Lord help us to grow in peace by saying sorry when we hurt someone

[Lord help us to grow](#)

Lord help us to grow in kindness by helping at home and not complaining

[Lord help us to grow](#)

Lord help us to grow in goodness by always thinking the best of others

[Lord help us to grow](#)

REST

In this week of Lent, we can ask Jesus to fill our hearts with his kindness and to help us grow the fruits of love everyday by our actions.

Children's Liturgy of the Word - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C

READ

From the Gospel of Luke 15: 1 – 3, 11 – 32

Then Jesus said, "A man had two sons. The younger son said to his father, 'Give me my share of the property.' So the father divided the property between his two sons. Then the younger son gathered up all that was his and left. He travelled far away to another country. There he wasted his money in foolish living. He spent everything that he had. Soon after that, the land became very dry, and there was no rain. There was not enough food to eat anywhere in the country. The son was hungry and needed money. So he got a job with one of the farmers there. The man sent the son into the fields to feed pigs. The son was so hungry that he was willing to eat the food the pigs were eating. But no one gave him anything. The son realized that he had been very foolish. He thought, 'All of my father's servants have plenty of food. But I am here, almost dying with hunger. I will leave and return to my father. I'll say to him: Father, I have sinned against God and against you. I am not good enough to be called your son. But let me be like one of your servants.' So the son left and went to his father.

"While the son was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. He felt sorry for his son. So the father ran to him, and hugged and kissed him. The son said, 'Father, I have sinned against God and against you. I am not good enough to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Hurry! Bring the best clothes and put them on him. Also, put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get our fat calf and kill it. Then we can have a feast and celebrate! My son was dead, but now he is alive again! He was lost, but now he is found!' So they began to celebrate.

"The older son was in the field. As he came closer to the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. So he called to one of the servants and asked, 'What does all this mean?' The servant said, 'Your brother has come back. Your father killed the fat calf to eat because your brother came home safely!' The older son was angry and would not go in to the feast. So his father went out and begged him to come in. The son said to his father, 'I have served you like a slave for many years! I have always obeyed your commands. But you never even killed a young goat for me to have a feast with my friends. But your other son has wasted all your money on prostitutes. Then he comes home, and you kill the fat calf for him!' The father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me. All that I have is yours. We had to celebrate and be happy because your brother was dead, but now he is alive. He was lost, but now he is found.'"

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

PRAISE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST

REFLECT

ABOUT THE STORY

- Who are the people in the story?
- Why did the younger son leave home?
- What happened to him?
- What did he decide to do?
- How did his father treat him?
- What about the other son, how did he feel?
- What do you think this story is really about?

ABOUT US

- Have you ever been lost? Where did it happen?
- Who found you? What did it feel like?



RESPOND

As we continue our Lent journey with Jesus, we pray for people in our world who feel lost and alone.

[Lord show us your loving kindness](#)

For all our family and friends that they will never feel abandoned or lost

[Lord show us your loving kindness](#)

For ourselves that we will always turn to you for help when we are in trouble

[Lord show us your loving kindness](#)

For the courage to own up when we have done something wrong

[Lord show us your loving kindness](#)

REST

In this week of Lent we can practice saying sorry when we have done something wrong, and we can ask for God's help by praying Lord have mercy. As we pass the candle round just thank God in your heart for his constant love and mercy.



Children's Liturgy of the Word – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C

READ From the Gospel of John 8: 1 – 11

Early in the morning Jesus went back to the Temple. All the people came to Jesus, and he sat and taught them.

The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought a woman there. She had been caught sinning. They forced the woman to stand before the people. They said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman is a sinner. The law of Moses says women like this should be stoned to death. What do you say we should do?"

They were asking this to trick Jesus so that they could have some charge against him.

But Jesus knelt down and started writing on the ground with his finger. They continued to ask Jesus their question.

So he stood up and said, "Is there anyone here who has never sinned? The person without sin can throw the first stone at this woman."

Then Jesus knelt down again and wrote on the ground.

Those who heard Jesus began to leave one by one. Jesus was left there alone with the woman. She was standing before him. Jesus stood up again and asked her, "Woman, all of those people have gone. Has no one judged you guilty?"

She answered, "No one has judged me, sir."

Then Jesus said, "So I also don't judge you. You may go now, but don't sin again."



REFLECT

ABOUT THE STORY

- Where is Jesus today in this Gospel?
- Who are the people in the story?
- Why was the woman brought to Jesus?
- What were the teachers trying to do to Jesus?
- What did the men want Jesus to do?
- How did Jesus respond?
- How do you think the woman felt?

ABOUT US

- When have you ever called someone bad names?
- How do you think that person felt?
- What do you think Jesus wrote on the ground?

RESPOND

Today as we continue to journey with Jesus we ask him to help us be kind to others at all times

Lord have mercy and help us

For the times when we have called others nasty names

Lord have mercy and help us

For the times when we are not kind to others

Lord have mercy and help us

For the times when we rush to judge another person

Lord have mercy and help us

For those in this world who are treated harshly in any way

Lord have mercy and help us

REST

In this week of Lent we can practice saying sorry when we are unkind or harsh, and we can ask for God's help by praying Lord have mercy. As we pass the candle round just thank God in your heart for his constant love and mercy.

