

LENT CALENDAR (YEAR C)

Explanation of seasons, pictures, and symbols

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. The 40 days of Lent symbolize the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness fasting and praying, and recall the tradition of his 40 hours in the tomb. Lent is a season of spiritual preparation during which we remember the whole life, teachings, and ministry of Jesus. Sundays are not counted as part of Lent, because early Christians considered **every** Sunday a "Little Easter".

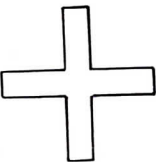


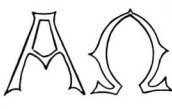

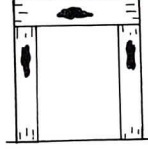
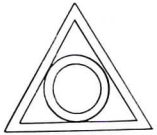



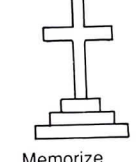
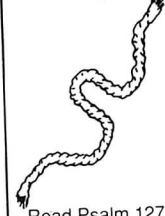

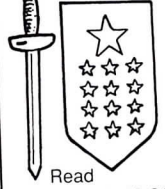


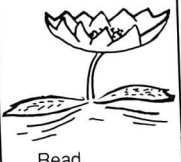

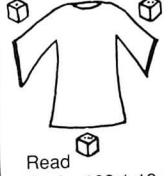

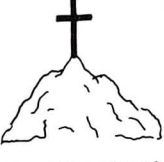
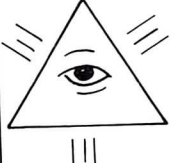









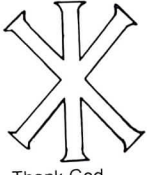


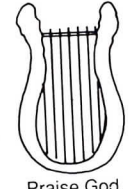
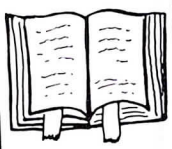




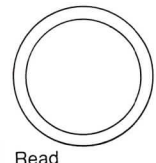
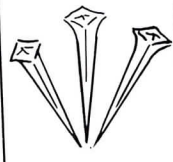




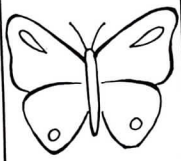

Ash Wed.	GREEK CROSS – Since early Christian times ashes of palm branches from the previous year have been used to make the mark of the cross on the forehead as a sign of repentance of sin.
Day 2	DOVE – Symbol of purity, the Holy Spirit and presence of God.
Day 3	TORCH – Symbol of witnessing for Christ.
Day 4	ALPHA AND OMEGA – First and last letters of the Greek alphabet symbolizing that Christ is the beginning and end.
1 st Sun. of Lent	CROWN OF THORNS – Symbol of humility and suffering imposed on Jesus.
Day 5	DOORPOSTS AND LINTEL – Blood-sprinkled to symbolize God's protection in Egypt as celebrated in the Passover Festival.
Day 6	CIRCLE AND TRIANGLE – Symbolizes the eternity of the Trinity.
Day 7	LAMP – Symbol for the Word of God.
Day 8	BELL – Calls us to worship and symbolizes the need to prioritize things of God over secular.
Day 9	PELICAN – Symbol of the Atonement.
Day 10	CALVARY CROSS – The three steps from the top down stand for Faith, Hope, and Love.
2 nd Sun. of Lent	ROPE – Symbolizes the betrayal and arrest of Jesus.
Day 11	CENSER – Symbol of prayer.
Day 12	ABRAHAM – Patriarch's symbol is the sacrificial knife and blue shield with stars and one large star for the Messiah.
Day 13	TRUMPET – Symbol for the day of judgement, the resurrection, and the call to worship.
Day 14	GRIFFIN – Suggests the two-fold nature of Christ, the Divine and the Human.
Day 15	LOTUS – Suggests that the life of the Christian may rise through and above unlovely and evil influences.
Day 16	THE OX – Symbol of Our Redeemer, suggesting strength, patience, and sacrifice.
3 rd Sun. of Lent	SEAMLESS COAT – Symbol of the Passion.
Day 17	THE BURNING BUSH – Symbolizes the call of Moses as he recognized that God was speaking to him in that unusual place.
Day 18	CROSS ON ROCK – Symbol of our Lord, rock of our salvation.
Day 19	ALL-SEEING EYE OF GOD looks out from Triangle of Trinity.
Day 20	APPLE – Symbol of the fall of humankind.
Day 21	HANDS CLASPED – Symbol of brotherhood / sisterhood / marriage.
Day 22	BIRDS AND GRAPES – Symbolizes the faithful feeding on the blood of Christ.
4 th Sun. of Lent	BASIN AND EWER – Symbolizes the humility of Christ's love and greatness.
Day 23	CLUSTER OF GRAPES – Signifies entry into Canaan, the Promised Land.
Day 24	OLIVE BRANCH – Symbol for peace, harmony and healing.
Day 25	THE SHEPHERD – Symbol of the loving care of Jesus.
Day 26	COCKLE – Symbolizes the wickedness that may spring up in fellowship of Christians.
Day 27	BALANCE – Symbol of justice.
Day 28	IX MONOGRAM – Symbol for Jesus Christ (from initial letters in Greek).
5 th Sun. of Lent	PRETZEL – Lenten bread symbolizing arms crossed in prayer.
Day 29	HAND OF GOD – Symbol of God as Blessor.
Day 30	HARP – Symbol for music especially given as praise to God.
Day 31	OPEN BIBLE – Symbol for the Word of God.
Day 32	MONEY BAG AND SILVER COINS – Reminds us of Judas' role in the betrayal of Jesus.
Day 33	FOOT – Symbol of humility and voluntary servitude.
Day 34	SOULS OF RIGHTEOUS – Symbolizes that "The souls of righteous are in the hand God."
Palm Sunday	PALM LEAF – Symbol of triumphant entry and rejoicing.
Day 35	CIRCLE – Symbolizes the eternity of God.
Day 36	NAILS – Symbols of physical suffering of Jesus on the cross.
Day 37	THREE FISH IN A CIRCLE – Symbol of salvation that comes from the Triune God.
Maundy Thurs.	CUP AND CROSS – Symbol of suffering of Christ in Gethsemane and on the cross.
Good Friday	PASSION CROSS – Pointed ends symbolize Christ's suffering.
Day 40	LAMB STANDING WITH BANNER OF VICTORY – Symbolizes the victorious nature of Christ's sacrifice.
Easter Sunday	BUTTERFLY – Symbol of resurrection and eternal life.
Easter Monday	EASTER EGG – Symbol of resurrection and new life.

Eastertide begins on Easter Sunday and lasts until Pentecost. Easter celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. This transformation began the journey of all disciples who would carry Christianity throughout the earth.

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Lent Day 1 Ash Wednesday		Day 2 Thursday					
							
Pray Psalm 51:1-12		Memorize Psalm 51:10					
Day 3 Friday	Day 4 Saturday	1st Sunday of Lent	Day 5 Monday				
							
Hear II Cor. 5:20b-6:2	Read Matt. 6:19-21	Read Psalm 91:14-16	Read Deut. 16:1-8				
Day 6 Tuesday	Day 7 Wednesday	Day 8 Thursday	Day 9 Friday	Day 10 Saturday	2nd Sunday of Lent		
							
Memorize Psalm 91:14	Read Luke 4:1-13	Memorize Luke 4:8	Hear Romans 10:8b-13	Memorize Romans 10:10	Read Psalm 127		
Day 11 Monday	Day 12 Tuesday	Day 13 Wednesday	Day 14 Thursday	Day 15 Friday	Day 16 Saturday	3rd Sunday of Lent	Day 17 Monday
							
Pray for the children	Read Gen. 15:1-6, 18-21	Read Luke 13:31-35	Hear Luke 13:32	Read Phil. 3:17-4:1	Ask God for strength	Read Psalm 103:1-13	Read Exodus 3:1-15
Day 18 Tuesday	Day 19 Wednesday	Day 20 Thursday	Day 21 Friday	Day 22 Saturday	4th Sunday of Lent	Day 23 Monday	Day 24 Tuesday
							
Hear I Cor. 10:1-13	Memorize I Cor. 10:9a	Hear Luke 13:1-5	Forgive someone	Read Luke 13:6-9	Say Psalm 34:1-8	Read Joshua 5:9-12	Thank God for freedom
Day 25 Wed.	Day 26 Thursday	Day 27 Friday	Day 28 Saturday	5th Sunday of Lent	Day 29 Monday	Day 30 Tuesday	Day 31 Wednesday
							
Read Luke 15:1-3, 11b-24	Read Luke 15:25-32	Hear II Cor. 5:16-21	Thank God for Jesus	Pray Psalm 126	Read Isaiah 43:16-21	Praise God	Memorize Isaiah 43:18
Day 32 Thursday	Day 33 Friday	Day 34 Saturday	Palm Sunday	Day 35 Monday	Day 36 Tuesday		
							
Read John 12:1-8	Do something for someone	Read Phil. 3:8-14	Hear Luke 19:28-40	Read Psalm 118:19-29	Read Isaiah 50:4-9a		
Day 37 Wednesday	Day 38 Maundy Thursday	Day 39 Good Friday	Day 40 Saturday				
							
Hear Phil. 2:5-11	Read Luke 22:7-22	Read Luke 23:13-56	Feel Isaiah 52:13-53:12				
Easter Sunday	Easter Monday						
							
Hear Acts 10:34-43	Let Jesus live in you						

Do the suggested activity for each day and color the picture