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Forty...

Forty days is a long time, and God is with us during all of our "long times." During the great flood, it rained for 40 days, and God was with Noah and his family. Jesus was in the wilderness for 40 days, and God was always with him. Lent is 40 days long, and God is always with us.

Circle the pictures that show something you might like to try doing each of the 40 long days of Lent, then draw some of your own ideas in the blank circles.

The activity area contains several illustrations: a boy with his hands clasped in prayer, a girl sitting on the floor reading a book, and two children talking. In the center, the number '40' is written in a large, bold font. Surrounding these are four large, empty circles intended for drawing.

This week

Look at the globe each day and say a prayer for people in a far-away place.



Thank you, God, for being with me during my "long times." Amen

Kids Celebrate

First Sunday in Lent

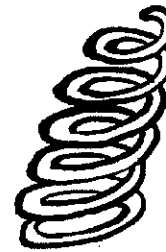
gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the first Sunday during the season of Lent, the season that goes from now until Easter. Let's discover a few things about this season. Use the clues to uncover some facts about Lent...

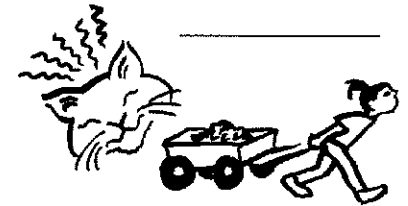
How many days are there in Lent? _____



What does the word LENT mean?



What color is used in the worship space?



What day of the week is not counted as part of the 40 days of Lent?



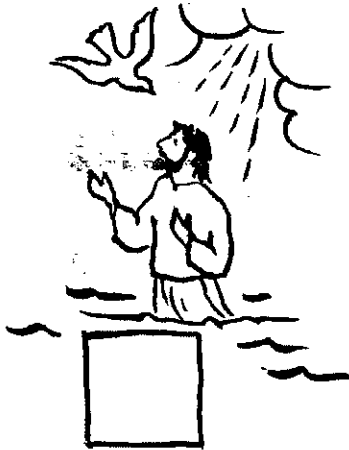
Hear & Celebrate

Tempted and cared for

Mark 1:9-15

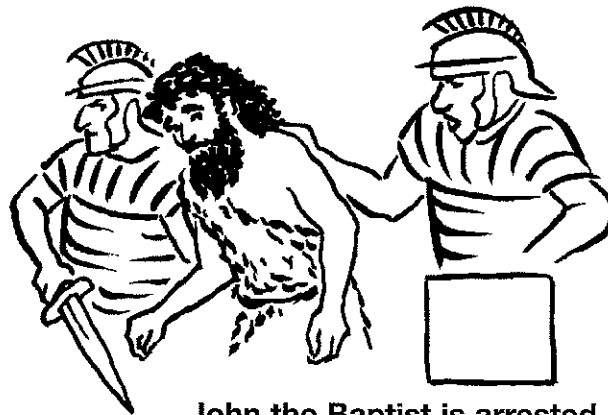
These pictures show five things that happened as Jesus was starting his ministry. Can you number them in the order they happened? (Today's gospel tells about all of them.)

"You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."



Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness.

"God's kingdom is coming soon!"



John the Baptist is arrested.

John baptizes Jesus in the Jordan.



Questions and Wonderings

(Think about these, even though no one knows the answers to all of them!)

Why were there angels in the wilderness with Jesus?

Why was John the Baptist arrested?

What does it feel like to be baptized in a river?



Plant grass seed in a bowl and watch it grow during these Lenten days.