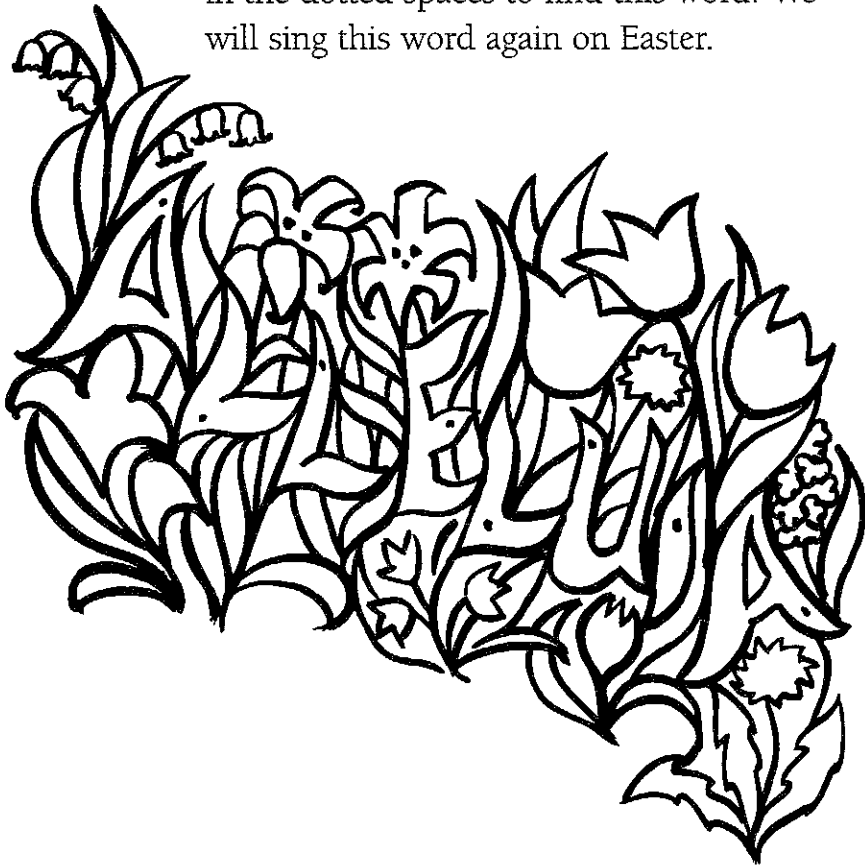


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The word is out

During Lent, we give up something during worship. We put away a happy word. Color in the dotted spaces to find this word. We will sing this word again on Easter.



Dear God, please help me to pray each day as I wait for Easter—the best springtime surprise of all. Amen

This week

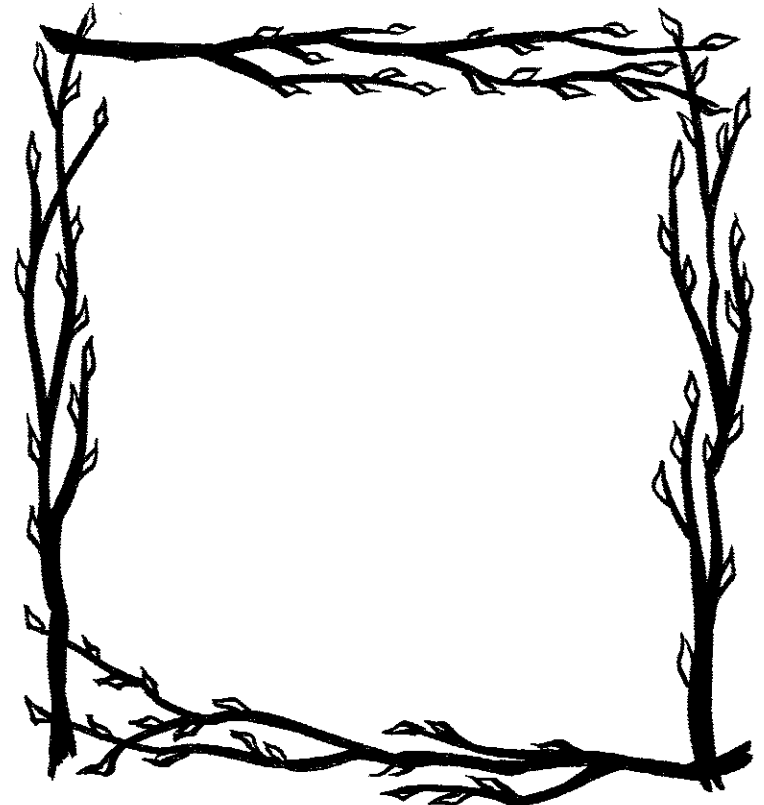
Save coins during the 40 days of Lent. Bring them to church for offering on Easter Sunday.

Kids Celebrate

First Sunday in Lent

gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the first Sunday in Lent. The word Lent comes from the word lengthen because the springtime days in Lent grow longer. During the long winter people in cold places look forward to springtime. During Lent, Christians look forward to Easter. Draw your favorite signs of spring.





Jesus is tempted by the devil




Luke 4:1-13



The church season of Lent is 40 days long. Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness. Write the word God inside each stone. Have an older person help you quietly read the story.


Jesus spent 40 days in the desert with the devil. In all that time, Jesus ate nothing and was hungry. The devil said to Jesus, "If you are 's Son, turn this stone into bread."

But Jesus said, "People cannot live on bread alone. They need 's word."

Then the devil said, "I will give you all of the kingdoms of this world if you worship me."

Jesus said, "Worship the Lord your ."

Then the devil took Jesus to Jerusalem. He set Jesus on the highest part of the temple and said, "If you are 's Son, throw yourself down from here. 's angels will protect you."

Jesus said, "Do not test ."

The devil gave up and went away.

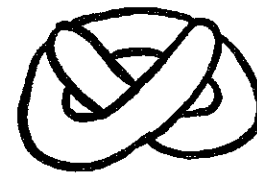
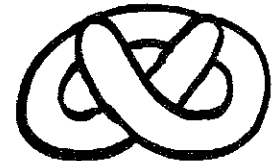


Prayers and pretzels

A long time ago, some Christians prayed like this. Try it! During Lent, people twisted bread into the shape of arms crossed in prayer. They were called pretzels. People gave pretzels to each other as reminders to pray during Lent.

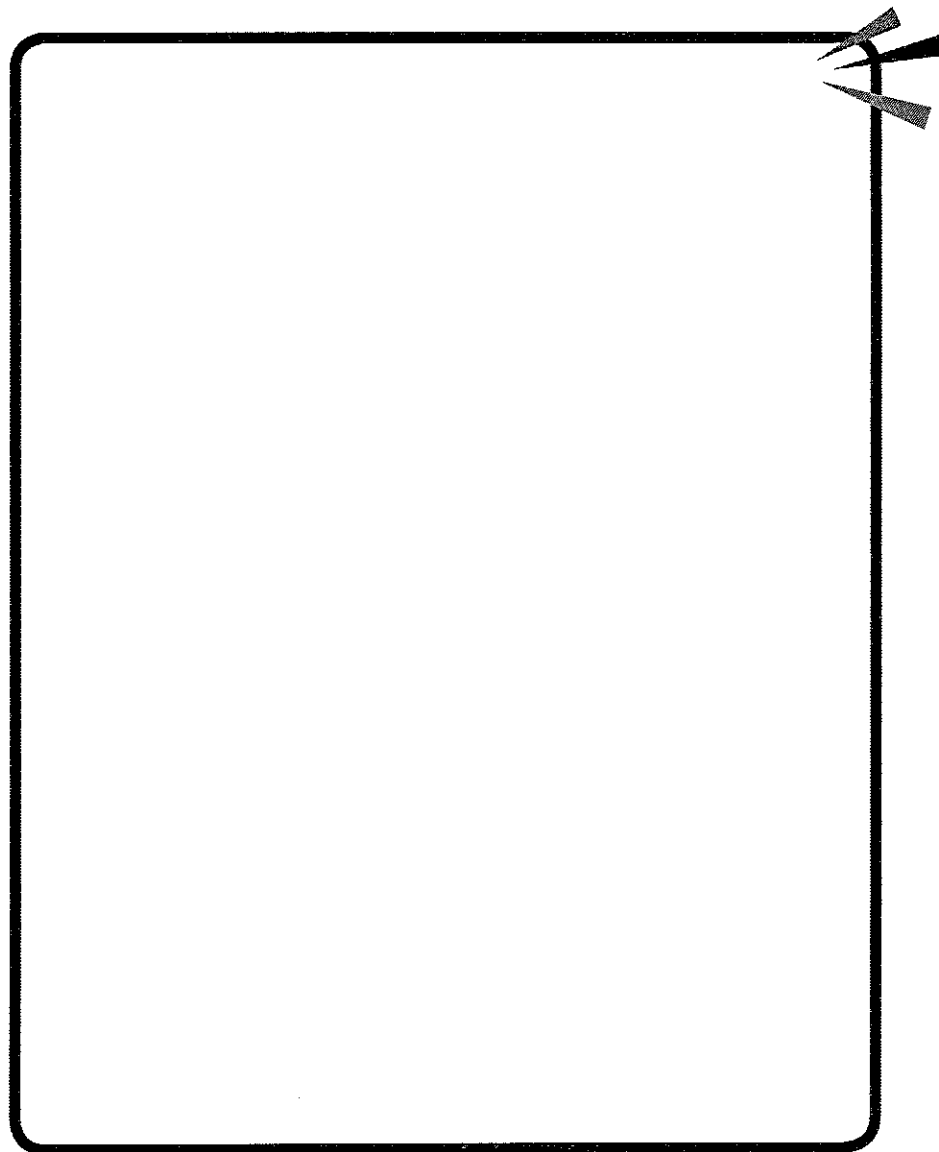


Turn these pretzels into praying people.



On Wednesday, a new church season began. It's called Lent. The colors of your worship space have probably changed!

Draw a picture of all the purple things you see around you.

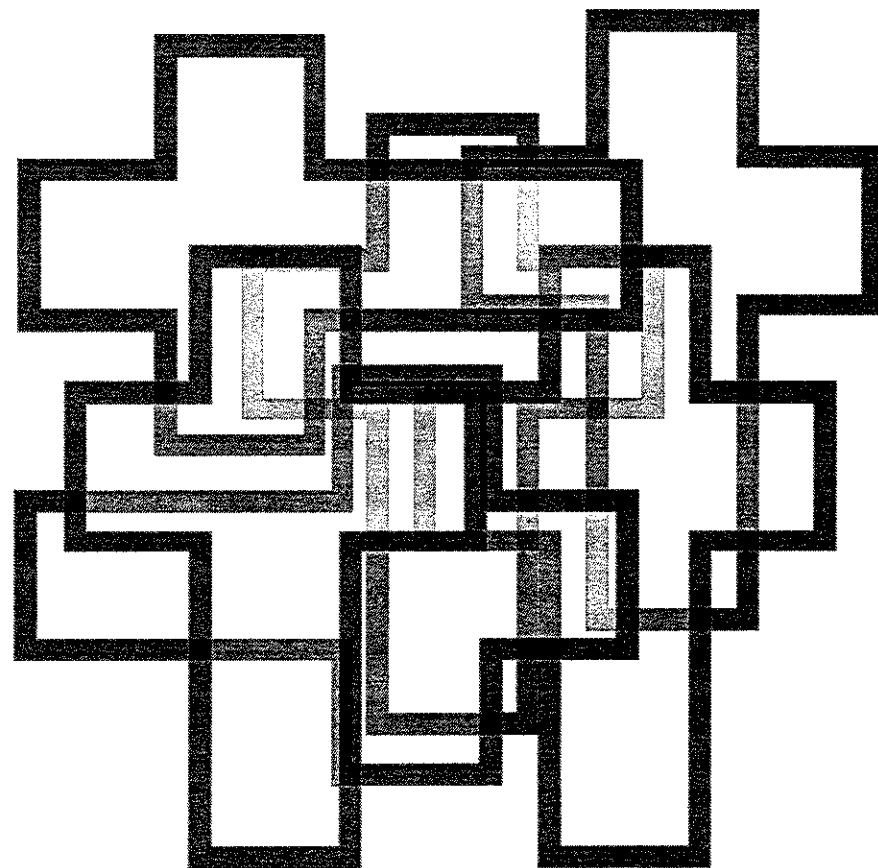


PRE-READER

Lent I

- Today is the **1st Sunday** in Lent.
- Lent is when we **get ready for Easter**.
- The color of Lent is **purple**.

**One symbol of Lent is a cross.
How many crosses can you count?**

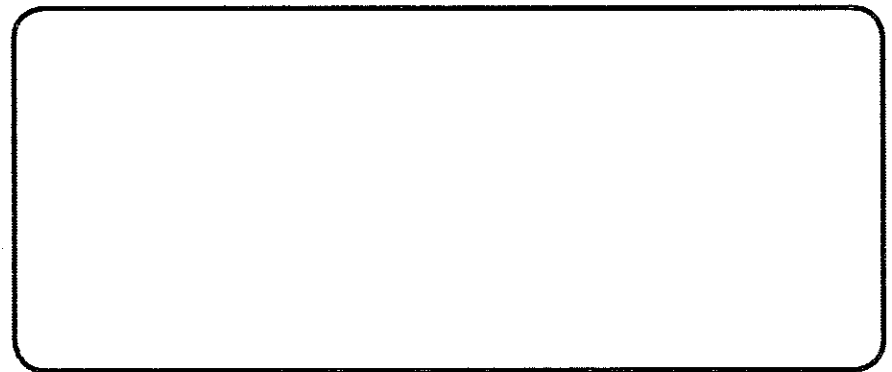




Jesus got very hungry. His stomach was rumbling!

Jesus told the devil, "One does not live by bread alone."

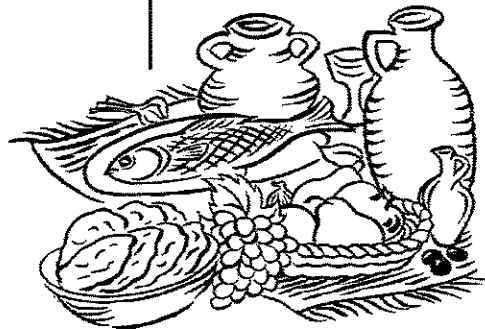
Circle the things that you need to live.
Then draw your own idea in the space below.



Food for Thought

In today's Gospel, Jesus says, "One does not live by bread alone." Food is still a very important part of our lives. What are some foods and drinks that make you think of your church? Of your home? Of your school? Write some of them in this chart.

	FOODS	DRINKS
CHURCH		
HOME		
SCHOOL		



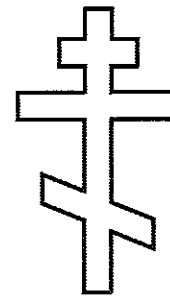
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Lent 1

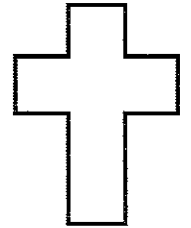
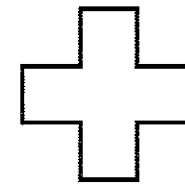
- Today is the **First Sunday in Lent**.
- Lent is a time of **preparation for Easter**.
- The color of Lent is **purple**.

Kinds of Crosses

The symbol of Lent is a cross. Did you know there are many styles of crosses? Check out the key above the words LENT and CROSS. Use the symbols for these letters to discover the names these types of crosses.

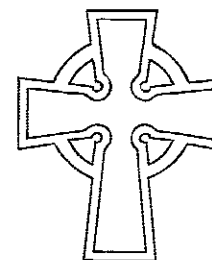


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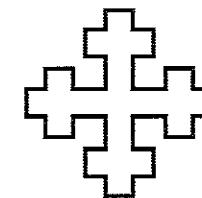


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Say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust." – Psalm 91:2

Memory Verse

The memory verse says that God is like a fortress. A fortress is a safe and secure place. Draw a picture of a place where you always feel safe. Where is God in that place?

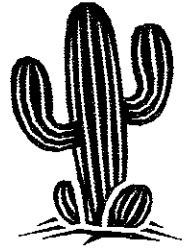
MY REFUGE AND MY FORTRESS

Yield Not!

In today's Gospel story, Jesus goes to the desert to fast. (That means he didn't have anything to eat.) While he was there, the devil tempted him by offering food and earthly power. What tempting things do you find hard to resist? Remember that emotions and actions can be tempting, not just objects!

Things that tempt me:

What I can do to resist temptation:



The 40s

Jesus spent **40** days alone in the desert. Forty is an important number in the Bible! See if you can fill in these other stories of **40s**.

It _____ for **40** days after _____ built the ark.
(Genesis 7:11-12)

Moses and the _____ spent **40** years in the desert. (Acts 13:17-18)

_____ waited on Mount Sinai for **40** nights before God gave him
_____. (Deuteronomy 9:7-10)

Jonah said that the city of _____ would be destroyed in **40** days.
(Jonah 3:3-4)

_____ ascended to heaven **40** _____ after his
resurrection. (Acts 1:1-3)