

# MARCH YOUTH NEWS

## BIBLE VERSE COMPETITION

March is here and sorry to say that the kids are not in the lead with their bible verses. The adults are in the lead, but barely! It isn't over yet. Don't forget to tell me your bible verses so you can get punch in the punch card. You can also tell me any bible verses that you have missed. You can still get punches for them! 😊

**March 5:** *Imitate God, therefore in everything you do, because you are His dear children.* Ephesians 5:1

**March 12:** Puppets ....Tell me any verse!!!

**March 19:** *Love your neighbor as yourself.* Matthew 22:39

**March 26:** *I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from Your commands.* Psalm 119:10



# LENT



Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Lent is a time when many Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline.

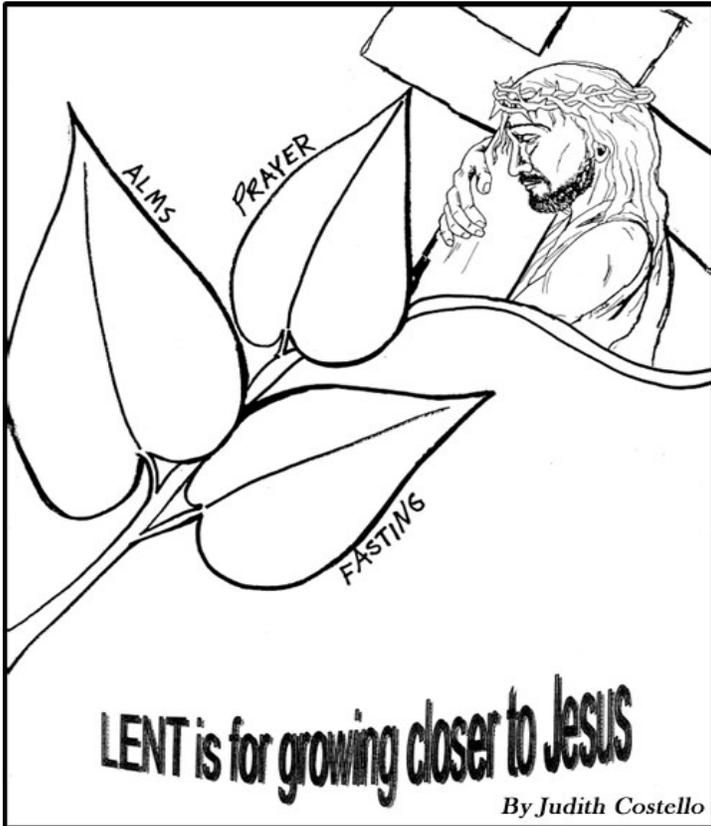
Ash Wednesday emphasizes two themes: our sinfulness before God and our human mortality. The service focuses on both themes, helping us to realize that both have been triumphed through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

During the Ash Wednesday service, Pastor Deb will lightly rub the sign of the cross with ashes onto your forehead. The use of ashes as a sign of mortality and repentance has a long history in Jewish and Christian worship. Historically, ashes signified purification and sorrow for sins.

Lent is a time to prepare for Easter and to think about your relationship with God. It represents the 40 days when Jesus was tempted by the Devil in the desert. During this time he didn't eat or drink anything. Because of this, some Christians give up some food or 'fast' for Lent. For some people this is giving up all food and just drinking, but for others, they just give up luxury food like chocolate or soda pop! But the best of all you should give up sin. You can also do something positive for Lent. For example you can make an effort to not to argue with your siblings or friends, or to not talk back to your parents or even do a good deed a day. Doing any of these things will please God and help you to prepare for celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

I am including a chart for you to do during Lent. Put it on your fridge and look at it each morning and see what the task is for the day. When you've done the task you can put a sticker on it.

# Activity Page



## HOW TO: CATCH A LEPRECHAUN

STORYBOTS

### TRAP TYPES

Here are a few trap types to get you started. Remember, the trickier the trap, the harder it's going to be for the leprechaun to escape!!! Add as many ladders, doors, and types of bait as you can!



### PIT TRAP

Cover a jar with paper. Then, make a ladder to reach the top. Cover it with paper and leave some bait. The leprechaun will climb the ladder and fall through!

### Box Trap

Decorate a box and prop it up with a twig. Leave some bait underneath, with a sign, and a leprechaun won't be able to resist!



### Surprise Trap

Decorate a box and leave some bait. Now hide somewhere and check on your trap. When a leprechaun gets in, be quick and close the box!



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## St. Patrick's Day Word Search Puzzle

Y F O P G O L D X Q  
M P G S C V G Y C C  
S A E O D G R R O L  
A T G L U C K Y G O  
I R L Y A H O Z Z V  
N I M A G I C M Y E  
T C R A I N B O W R  
M K X S L H O R B E  
M A R C H I R I S H  
Z F Z A Z G R E E N

### Word List

SAINT  
PATRICK  
LUCKY  
MAGIC  
IRISH  
GREEN  
GOLD  
MARCH  
RAINBOW  
CLOVER

Search the puzzle for the words shown in the word list. Circle each word that you find until you find all of the words in the whole puzzle!



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**HOLY WEEK**

**5th Sunday of Lent**

Pray for your teachers and kids at school. 29

Make a bracelet for someone. 30

Read Peter 1:3 and discuss. 31

Pray for God to protect you. 32

Send postcards to someone. 33

Bake cookies for the firefighters. 34

**Palm Sunday**

Pray for your family and you. 35

Read Matthew 26:1-4 and discuss. 36

Pray for your thankfulness for God's sacrifice of Jesus. 37

Read John 13:1-17 and discuss. 38

Read John 18:1-12 and discuss. 39

Watch an Easter movie. Example: Son of God, The Miracle Maker, Passion of the Christ. 40

Go visit someone who might be lonely. 28

Read John 12:24 and discuss. 27

Paint kind words on rocks and leave them around in parks. 26

**Easter Sunday!**

He is Risen!

**Lent**

**4th Sunday of Lent**

Pray for self control. 25

Donate food, toys or cloths. 24

Read 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 and discuss. 23

Write a letter to a loved one. 22

Encourage a friend. 21

Do not eat anything that has sugar. 20

Read John 3:16 and discuss. 19

Pray for something your Thankful for. 18

Give someone a Hug. 17

**3rd Sunday of Lent**

Help with a community project. 15

Read Mark 11:9 and discuss. 14

Leave a thank you note for your teacher. 13

Pray for our president and leaders. 12

Forgive someone and pray for them. 11

Read Matthew 28:10 and discuss. 10

**2nd Sunday of Lent**

Take a flower to a neighbor. 10

**40 days**

**Walking the Lenten Path...**

**1st Sunday of Lent**

Repent of your sins + ask Jesus to guide you. 7

Draw a picture for someone. 8

Read John 11:25 and discuss. 9

Pray for God's blessing on the church. 6

Smile and say "Hi" to a stranger. 5

Make a new friend. 3

Read Mark 1:1-8 Discuss with someone. 4

Begin day with prayer of thanks. 2

**Ash Wednesday** 1