



GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER
GIFT



LENT CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Ash Wednesday! Go with your family to church to receive a cross of ash.	2 Each choose something you will do less of throughout Lent.	3 Each choose something you're going to do more of throughout Lent.	4 Find all your Lent/ Easter themed books and DVDs. Put them in a special place to be used.
5 Make up a jar or box to fill with money over Lent and then donate it to a charity or put on the offering plate.	6 Work out something kind you could do for someone and then do it when you get a chance.	7 Talk about what Easter rituals and traditions you have as a family.	8 Watch the You Tube clip called 'Lent cartoon Jesus in the desert' http://youtu.be/O5bfXGNM	9 Contact a local community group and find out how you can help them.	10 Have fish for your evening meal and find out why some people do this during Lent.	11 Fill a pot with soil and grass seeds. As they grow during Lent, talk about how we are like the seeds.
12 Go for a walk in a park or reserve and look for items in nature that have an Easter theme, e.g. rock.	13 Find a twiggly tree branch and put it in a vase supported by stones. Leave it bare till Easter.	14 Role play different situations when you need to say sorry.	15 Discuss having a day or time without screen tech like TV, computers, video games. Give it a go.	16 Find out how other countries celebrate Lent/Easter.	17 Pray for someone who hurt you.	18 Play some games together as a family.
19 Get a big box and go through each room in your house looking for things to put in it, to donate to charity.	20 Find some Easter pictures to colour in.	21 Try going the next 24 hours without any arguing or fighting.	22 Read or tell an Easter story.	23 Think of an Easter song you know and sing it together.	24 Make an Easter display on a plate using natural items.	25 Do some cleaning together and talk about how we are cleansed in Christ.
26 Make an Easter poster together and put it up at Easter time.	27 Light a candle and watch it in silence for a minute or two and then pray together.	28 Make crosses for your Easter display.	29 Bless each other with the sign of the cross and say 'May God be with you in your daily trials'.	30 Go out into your garden and pray together.	31 Put on a puppet play with an Easter theme.	32 Make some Easter cards and messages to give out.
33 Decorate Easter eggs together.	34 Make a list of what ingredients you need to do some Lent/Easter cooking.	35 Make some butterflies to decorate your house with on Easter Sunday.	36 Invite each person to write a letter to Jesus thanking him for his sacrifice on the cross.	37 Play Easter themed word charades.	38 Go for a walk outside and look for signs of new life.	39 Do some Lent/Easter cooking together as a family.
Palm Sunday Act out Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey or read about it in the Bible. Luke 19:28-38	41 Give some Easter treats or messages to your neighbours.	42 Have an Easter drawing and reflection time	43 Wash each other's feet remembering how Jesus washed the feet of the disciples. John 13:1-17	Maundy Thursday Attend church. Read Luke 22:1-65	Good Friday Attend church. Read Luke 22:66-71, 23:1-56	Easter Saturday Prepare any last things ready for the great day tomorrow.

Easter Sunday
Cover your Easter tree in bright decorations and butterflies. Go to church to celebrate God's great victory. Read Luke 24:1-12 Say to each other, "Jesus is alive" and then reply "and we are alive in Him".

Lent is a time of renewal, reflection and repentance in preparation for the coming Easter celebrations. We can walk with Jesus to the cross and remember all that He went through for us. We are then better prepared to fully understand and celebrate Jesus' great victory at Easter and what it means for us.