

TOTALLY LENT!



A CHILD'S
JOURNEY TO
EASTER 2023

For Primary Grades



TODAY'S GOSPEL » LUKE 9:22-25

On my journey with Jesus, I learned that I must carry a cross.



**Jesus
 said**

"Anyone who follows me must put others before themselves. They must take up their crosses every day" (9:23).

To take up your cross means to accept cheerfully the hard things in your life. Doing good works, praying, and fasting can be hard.

Here are some crosses you might have to bear. If the cross is a good work, write **GW in the box. If it is praying, write **P** in the box. If it is fasting, write **F** in the box.**

- 1 Sweep the kitchen without being told.
- 2 When you hear a siren, ask God to be with the people who need help.
- 3 Skip the popcorn at the movies.
- 4 Give your snack money to the missions.
- 5 Read or tell a bedtime story to your little sister.



Attitude Adjustments



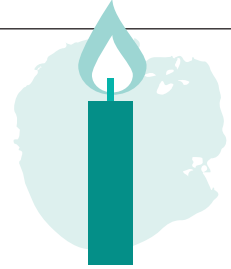

Look back at Page 11. Which attitude did you choose for Lent? Do you think you've stayed that way this past week? If you have slipped out of your Lenten attitude, maybe it's time for an attitude adjustment.

Making changes can be hard, but sometimes they can be fun!

Adjust these "Negative" attitudes to "Positive" ones.

Read each direction carefully.

➔ Negative *becomes* Positive ➔

<p>Change the first letter in MAD so the new word means a young boy.</p> <p>___ AD</p>	<p>Add one letter to the front of the new word so it changes to mean happy.</p>	 <p>___ AD</p>
<p>Change the first letter in WHINE so the new word means sparkle.</p>		<p>___ HINE</p>
<p>Change the first letter in FIGHT so the new word means the opposite of wrong.</p> <p>___ IGHT</p>	<p>Add one letter in front of the new word so it changes to mean shiny.</p>	 <p>___ IGHT</p>
<p>Replace the first letter in LOUD with two letters to make a new word that describes your feeling about doing something well.</p>	 <p>___ LOUD</p>	

TODAY'S GOSPEL » MARK 12:28-34

On my journey with Jesus, **I asked him which commandment is the most important.**



Jesus said

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your mind, and with all your strength” (12:29).

What do you think Jesus meant by “with all your heart, and with all your mind, and with all your strength”? Let’s look at two of the Ten Commandments.

Do not take the Lord's name in vain.

To keep the Commandment, we...

- **must always be respectful when we use God's name.**

To keep the Commandment with all our heart, mind, and strength, we...

- **must do more. For instance, if we hear someone say “Jesus Christ” in an angry way, we pray in our hearts, “I love you, Jesus.”**

Keep the Lord's Day holy.

To keep the Commandment, we...

- **stay home and read on Sundays**
- **go to Mass on Sundays**
- **don't eat meat on Sundays**

To keep the Commandment with all our heart, mind, and strength, we...

- **go to Mass on Sundays and sing and listen and pray**
- **read a book during Mass so we don't get bored**
- **say a rosary during Mass**

NOW YOU TRY IT with another Commandment. Choose what you think should complete each sentence.

TODAY IS SAINT PATRICK'S DAY! WEAR SOMETHING GREEN.

Mixed Feelings in Bethany

There is a mix of feelings throughout this Sunday's Gospel, John 11:1-45. Read each paragraph below and decide which of these suggested feelings were likely. Feel free to use words of your own.

AFRAID * ANGRY * CONFUSED * GRATEFUL * HAPPY * SAD

Mary, Martha, and Lazarus were sisters and brother. They lived in Bethany. They were good friends of Jesus. One day, Lazarus got very sick. Mary and Martha sent word to Jesus to come right away to cure Lazarus.

What feelings do you think Mary and Martha had when they sent for Jesus?

Jesus waited two days before going to Bethany. He said God's glory would be shown through Lazarus' illness. But when he arrived in Bethany, Lazarus had already died. He had been buried four days earlier.

What feelings do you think Mary and Martha had when Jesus came four days after Lazarus died?

Then Jesus told Mary and Martha to take him to Lazarus' tomb. Jesus called out to Lazarus to come out of the tomb. Lazarus walked out of the tomb alive. Jesus had raised him from the dead!

What feelings do you think Mary and Martha had when they saw Lazarus walk out of the tomb alive?

How many feelings do you think Mary and Martha went through that day?

Was God's glory shown through Lazarus' illness? How? _____

TODAY'S GOSPEL » MATTHEW 26:14-25

On my journey with Jesus, **I learned about betrayal.**



**Jesus
said
to the
twelve**

"Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." One by one each asked, "Surely not I, Lord?" When Judas asked the question, Jesus replied, "You have said so" (26:20-22, 25).

The Twelve Apostles were the men Jesus trusted the most. Yet, one of those trusted men, Judas, told the chief priests where to find Jesus to kill him. Judas betrayed Jesus' trust.

Start

Think of all that Jesus has done for you so that you might know and feel his love.

Starting with the M, write every other letter around this crown of thorns.

You'll discover how to tell Jesus that you will not betray him.

