

DAY 11



MARCH 1

**READ:** Matthew 7:12

**DISCUSS:**

- This Bible verse is often called the Golden Rule. Why do you think that is?
- Let's come up with real-life situations and explore how this rule might be applied. Examples: If you hit me, do I hit you back? If you call me a name, do I call you a name back?

**DO:** Pull out some paper, pencils, and markers. Ask everyone to create a comic strip that captures the meaning of the Golden Rule. After everyone had a chance to share their creations, explain that this rule is more than a formula or a recipe for a happy life. It's also designed to reveal our selfishness and our daily need for the Savior and His grace.

**PRAY:** Honestly examine your life (motives, attitudes, and actions) in the light of the Golden Rule.

DAY 12



MARCH 2

**READ:** Matthew 7:13-14

**DISCUSS:**

- What two places did the roads lead in Jesus' lesson?
- Which road was wide and easy to travel?
- Which road was least popular?
- Why do fewer people choose the road to heaven?
- How does one choose the narrow way?

**DO:** Read "The Zode in the Road" by Dr. Seuss. (You can easily find the text on the Internet.) Place a long piece of tape or rope in a line on the floor. Invite children to walk on the narrow path putting one foot in front of the other and putting their arms out for balance. Can they do it with their eyes closed?

**PRAY:** Ask God to direct your steps so you stay on the narrow path and don't begin to wander.

DAY 13



MARCH 3

**READ:** Matthew 7:15-20

**DISCUSS:**

- What is your favorite fruit?
- If you could plant a tree that would produce anything you want (for example, money, lollipops, toys, etc..), what tree would you plant and why?
- How are people like trees?
- What "fruit" does God expect His children to produce?

**DO:** 1) Go for a walk and see how many trees you can identify. Feel free to "cheat" using the *Picture This* plant identifying app. 2) Take a trip to a grocery store and have each family member pick one fruit they've never had before.

**PRAY:** Thank God for giving you His Holy Spirit who is always working in you to make you more like Jesus. (Galatians 5:22-23)

DAY 14



MARCH 4

**READ:** John 2:1-11

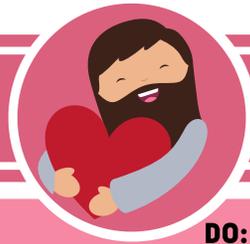
**DISCUSS:**

- Why do you think Jesus did this miracle?
- How is a miracle different from a magic trick?
- Does Jesus still do miracles today?
- Have you ever experienced a miracle?
- What is one miracle that you would really like Jesus to do for you?

**DO:** Drop a paper clip into a cup of water. **What happens?** Tear off a piece of paper towel that is slightly larger than the paper clip. Place the piece of paper towel on top of the water. Gently place the second paper clip on the piece of paper towel. Wait a few seconds. Now what happens?

**PRAY:** What is the "water" in your life that you want Jesus to turn into "wine?" Pick a weakness you see in yourself, and invite Jesus to work on that.

DAY 15



MARCH 5

**READ:** Luke 5:27-32

**DISCUSS:**

- What was unexpected about Jesus' choice of Levi as a disciple? What do you think Jesus saw in Levi that other people did not?
- How do you think Levi felt being called by Jesus?
- What does it mean to follow Jesus?
- Have you experienced Jesus calling you to follow Him?

**DO:** Ask each person to print their name on a slip of paper. Place all the slips in a hat. Have everyone stand at one end of the room. Pull names from the hat. Each time you call a person's name, that person may take one step. After a name is read, the name should be returned to the hat. Who will get to the other side first?

**PRAY:** Ask God to enlarge your heart so you can welcome and accept people just like He does.

DAY 16



MARCH 6

**READ:** Mark 8:31-38

**DISCUSS:**

- What does it mean to deny ourselves?
- How does denying ourselves show that we're committed to Jesus?
- What's one way Jesus asks you to deny yourself?
- Do you think obeying Jesus always means giving something up?

**DO:** Hand out paper, scissors and markers. Have everyone trace and cut out their footprints. Use them for drawing or writing some specific ways how you will deny yourselves, pick up your cross and follow Jesus in the next few days.

**PRAY:** Commit to leaving your comfort and safety behind you for the sake of following Jesus more fully.

3RD SUNDAY

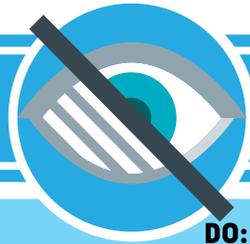


OF LENT

Here are some suggestions for how you can make this day sacred, special, and restful:

- Go to church together.
- Have a special meal (festive tablecloth, candles, etc.)
- Discuss what everyone learned in church.
- Make a family story book: Everyone picks a memory, draws their version of it, and writes a short summary about it. Share your memories with each other.
- FaceTime with relatives that live far away.
- Write letters, thank-you cards, get-well and thinking-of-you notes.
- Go ice skating or roller skating.
- Watch or read *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* and point out how Aslan sacrificed himself to save others the same way Jesus did to save us.

DAY 17



MARCH 8

**READ:** John 9:1-12

**DISCUSS:**

- What was wrong with the man in today's story?
- Why was he blind?
- What did Jesus do to heal him?
- Do you think it was easy for him to obey Jesus?
- How would you have felt if you were that man?

**DO:** Give everyone a paper plate and a marker. Have everyone put their paper plate on their head. Give a series of instructions for the players to draw on their paper plates (that are on their heads) without looking. *Example:* Draw a man with a beard and sunglasses. In one hand he's holding an ice-cream, in another - a leash with a big dog on the other end.

**PRAY:** Thank God for the gift of sight. Also, pray a bold prayer asking Him for a miracle.

DAY 18



MARCH 9

**READ:** John 6:1-13

**DISCUSS:**

- Did anything surprise you in this story?
- If you could play a part in this story when it first happened, who would you want to be and why?
- What can we learn from this story-about God, about life and ourselves?

**DO:** Even today, sharing food is a wonderful way to bring happiness into someone's life. Here are just a few ideas for you: 1) Take a meal to a shut in or a family with a new baby. 2) Take treats to your neighbor or a widow(er) in your church. 3) Make someone's day by sending them a pizza.

**PRAY:** Thank God for the incredible opportunity to partner with Him in bringing blessings to others.

DAY 19



MARCH 10

**READ:** Matthew 14:22-33

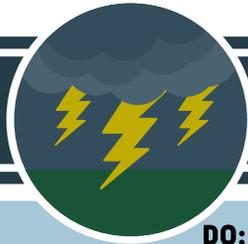
**DISCUSS:**

- When have you had courage to do something scary? What did you do? How did it turn out?
- Did Jesus want Peter to be brave? How do you know?
- Why do you think Peter wasn't afraid at first? What made him lose his trust and begin to sink?
- When do you find it hard to trust God?

**DO:** 1) Make paper boats together. If you don't know how, check YouTube for step-by-step instructions.  
2) Go to a nearby creek. Pick up some leaves. Using permanent marker write on them some of your fears, worries or concerns. Place your leaf-burdens into the water and watch them go away.

**PRAY:** Commit your fears to God and thank Him for always being with you in the storms of life.

DAY 20



MARCH 11

**READ:** Matthew 7:24-27

**DISCUSS:**

- Do you know anyone who is a wise person? What is it about this person that makes you think he or she is wise?
- Have you ever done anything foolish that you wish you hadn't done?
- What does it mean to build our lives on the rock?

**DO:** Spend some time just building stuff together. You could use play-dough, LEGOs, wooden blocks, construction paper and tape, toothpicks and gumdrops, or spaghetti and marshmallows. Will you build the tallest, the weirdest, or the prettiest building? If you have JENGA, this will be a great time to pull it out and play.

**PRAY:** Ask God to help you HEAR what He says and then DO what He says.

DAY 21



MARCH 12

**READ:** Luke 10:38-42

**DISCUSS:**

- Can you imagine if Jesus was coming to your house for dinner? What would you do to prepare for Him?
- What did Martha focus on? How about Mary?
- Does your friendship with Jesus look more like Mary's or Martha's relationship to Jesus?

**DO:** Together, clean the house, make something yummy to eat, and then sit down for some heart-to-heart conversations. **What things has Jesus taught you lately? What can you put aside for a while in order to spend time with Jesus, listening to him and getting to know him better?**

**PRAY:** Thank God for how He is working in your life.

DAY 22



MARCH 13

**READ:** John 11:1-45

**DISCUSS:**

- Why didn't Jesus save Lazarus when He had a chance but instead let him die?
- Has someone you've known ever died? What did the people around you do during that time?
- What are some things we can learn about God from this story?

**DO:** Take your kids for a walk through a local cemetery. Enjoy the quiet, read tombstones, contemplate eternity, and invite spiritual conversations with your kids. Don't be afraid to talk about death. We can talk about it openly because we have hope. Jesus overcame the grave, and we will live for eternity with Him.

**PRAY:** Turn Romans 8:28 into a prayer for your family.

4TH SUNDAY

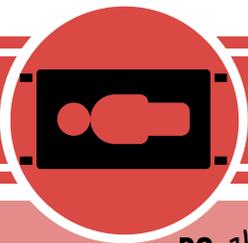


OF LENT

**Here are some suggestions for how you can make this day sacred, special, and restful:**

- Go to church together.
- Put away all electronics.
- Have a special meal (festive tablecloth, candles, etc.)
- Take a hike or spend time in nature.
- Read aloud or listen to an audio book together.
- FaceTime with relatives that live far away.
- Write a note of encouragement to someone.
- Take a nap.
- Work together to create a family banner featuring a crest, emblem, or logo, also a motto, and some key words that sum up who you are.
- Memorize a Bible verse together.

DAY 23



MARCH 15

**READ:** Luke 5:17-26

**DISCUSS:**

- What do you like to do with your friends?
- What do you like best about one of your closest friends?
- Who do we know that needs healing?
- What can we do to help them?

**DO:** 1) Put together a care package for someone who is sick. Drop it off or mail it to them. 2) Take a family walk in your neighborhood, noticing the roofs around you. At each building or home, say a little prayer for the people inside.

**PRAY:** Pray for the people who are not feeling well.

**DAY 24**



**MARCH 16**

**READ:** Luke 15:11-32

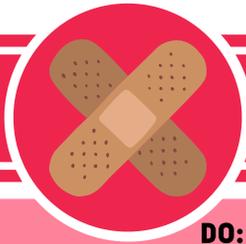
**DISCUSS:**

- How do you think the father felt when a son took his money and left?
- What happened when he ran out of money?
- What do you think the son thought would happen when he came back to his father's house?
- Why was the older brother angry?

**DO:** Throw a *JUST BECAUSE* surprise party for your children! Serve their favorite meal and dessert. Turn up the music and dance. Throw confetti. Set off fireworks. Play games together, and maybe even let them stay up an extra half an hour or so.

**PRAY:** Bless your children. Speak from your heart - what you see in them, what you love about them, what your dreams for them are.

**DAY 25**



**MARCH 17**

**READ:** Luke 10:25-37

**DISCUSS:**

- How many people didn't help the man?
- Why do you think they didn't help?
- How does this story answer the question: Who is my neighbor?
- Who are your neighbors?
- What are some ways your family helps other people?

**DO:** 1) Brainstorm together some ways you can help people outside of your family. Think of one very simple and doable thing and then try to accomplish it before the end of the week. 2) Arm yourselves with gloves and trash bags, and take your family on a trash hunt or a "Samaritan walk" through the streets of your community.

**PRAY:** Thank God for the privilege to be His hands and feet, and to show His love to others.

**DAY 26**



**MARCH 18**

**READ:** Mark 12:41-44

**DISCUSS:**

- What did you think of the rich men in the story? How did they act?
- Do you think it was hard for the widow to give up her coins, since she had so little?
- What kinds of gifts can we give to God and people that don't cost any money?

**DO:** 1) Hold a coin toss! Place several small boxes, cups, or bowls together on the floor. Have members of your family stand five to ten feet away and try to toss coins into the containers. 2) See if you can master a coin trick. Look one up on the internet.

**PRAY:** Thank God for all that you have and ask Him for a chance to share your gifts with other people.

DAY 27

THANK  
YOU

MARCH 19

**READ:** Luke 17:11-19

**DISCUSS:**

- What does it mean to be thankful?
- How do you show your thankfulness?
- Why do you think only one man came back to thank Jesus?
- Is it ever too late to say, "Thank you"?

**DO:** 1) Think together as a family about several people you are thankful for. Write a separate letter telling each of these people all the reasons you are thankful for them. 2) Start a family gratitude journal or a gratitude jar. Each day, write down one thing you're thankful for.

**PRAY:** Offer prayers of thanksgiving to God for the blessings in your life.

DAY 28



MARCH 20

**READ:** Mark 10:13-16

**DISCUSS:**

- Why do you think the disciples tried to keep the mothers and children away from Jesus?
- Have you ever been in a situation where you didn't feel welcome?
- How do your teachers, pastors, and coaches show you that you are have great value even though you are a kid?

**DO:** Wrap a small gift in 5-10 layers of paper. Have everyone pass the gift around while the music on your phone is playing. When the music stops, the person who is holding the gift gets to remove one layer. Ask everyone to say something nice about this person (a blessing) and then resume the game.

**PRAY:** Invite all family members to partner up and offer a blessing to each other.

5TH SUNDAY



OF LENT

**Here are some suggestions for how you can make this day sacred, special, and restful:**

- Go to church together.
- Have a special meal (festive tablecloth, candles, etc.)
- Discuss what everyone learned in church.
- Pull out board games. Let everybody choose one and play through them all.
- FaceTime with relatives that live far away.
- Go for a picnic. Pack a meal that will travel, put it in some baskets or bags, and let your kids pick a dry spot where you can all eat and play.
- Have everyone teach an object lesson. Each person picks an object and shares a life-lesson or faith-lesson using that object.

DAY 29



MARCH 22

**READ:** Luke 19:1-10

**DISCUSS:**

- What would you make for dinner if Jesus came to your house?
- How did Zacchaeus change from a selfish, greedy person to a kind and generous one?
- How has Jesus changed your life?

**DO:** Gather up some loose change you can find around your house and head over to a nearby park. Find a tree and encourage your children to climb it as high as they safely can. Take a photo of them pretending to be Zacchaeus. Scatter the coins under the tree or on a sidewalk for someone to find them.

**PRAY:** Thank Jesus that He loves us enough to accept us just as we are but not to leave us as we are.

DAY 30



MARCH 23

**READ:** Matthew 8:23-27

**DISCUSS:**

- Have you ever been in a frightening situation?
- How was it resolved?
- What did you learn from that experience?
- Why did Jesus tell the disciples they had little faith? What does faith have to do with fear?

**DO:** 1) During the next warm rainstorm (not electric storm), run out into the yard together and let the raindrops pour down on you. Have fun getting wet, jumping into puddles and remembering that God is with you in all weather. 2) Fill a sink or bathtub with water. Add some blue food coloring and some things that float, and let the kids re-create the story.

**PRAY:** Pray for each of your children that their faith will be greater than their fears.

DAY 31



MARCH 24

**READ:** Luke 15:1-10

**DISCUSS:**

- What have you lost and looked for?
- What was Jesus trying to teach us through these two stories?
- What do these stories tell us about the heart of God?
- How can we help God look for lost "sheep" and "coins"?

**DO:** 1) Play "Find the Object" giving Hot/Cold clues until the hidden object is found. Let each family member hide it at least once before the game is over. 2) Play a classic game of "Hide and Go Seek" as a family. Point out that this game was invented by Adam and Eve in Genesis 3:8-10.

**PRAY:** Make a list of people who don't know Jesus yet. Pray for them to be found.