

# Send

## Caregivers

Jesus sends helpers to care for you.

Color in all of the boxes with an X or a K to find three people who help you.

X	N	U	K	R	S	K	E	X
P	X	A	K	S	T	O	X	R
T	E	X	A	C	K	H	E	R



*Thank you, Jesus, for sending loving people to care for me. Amen*

# Kids Celebrate

Third Sunday in Lent



## gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the third Sunday in Lent. List things in your worship space that are made of wood.




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Wood is used for very important things in the Bible.

## This week

Fruit has beautiful designs inside. Cut an orange across to find a wheel shape. Cut an apple across to find a star of seeds. Each time you eat some fruit, give thanks for Jesus' love and care.



Noah's ark was made of wood.

So was the special box that held the Ten Commandments.



During Lent we remember that Jesus died on a cross made of wood.

## The fig tree

Luke 13:6-9

Today Jesus tells a story about a fig tree. Use the pictures to help you read it.



man






fig tree



figs



gardener

A  had a . The  never had any

 on it. The  said to his ,

“For three years this  has had no .

Cut it down!” The  answered, “Let it alone

one more year. I will care for it.”

Like the fig tree, we have good times and bad times. But Jesus always cares for us, like the gardener cared for the fig tree.

## Fruits of faith

Like the gardener in the Bible story, Jesus cares for us. We feel Jesus' care through the loving people in our lives.

On each piece of fruit, write the name of one person who cares for you.



## What Genre?

There are many different *genres*, or types, of books in the Bible. Books of **narrative** tell a story or history. An **epistle** is a letter. In the Bible, most of the letters were written by the Apostle Paul or one of his followers. Books of **law** tell the rules of ancient Israel. A couple other genres are **poetry** and **prophecy**. Flip through each of these books and circle the right genre to describe what type of book it is.

### JUDGES

LAW or NARRATIVE

### ACTS

NARRATIVE or POETRY

### AMOS

EPISTLE or PROPHECY

### PSALMS

POETRY or LAW

What books did you hear in worship today? Write them here. Can you figure out the genre too?

### 1 THESSALONIANS

EPISTLE or NARRATIVE

### LEVITICUS

LAW or PROPHECY

### EZEKIEL

NARRATIVE or PROPHECY

### PHILEMON

EPISTLE or LAW



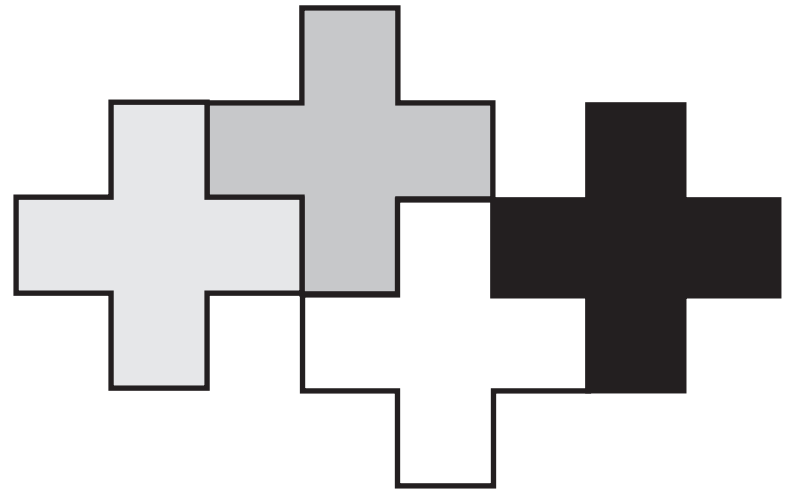
# READER

Lent 3

- Today is the **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday** in Lent.
- Lent began as a time of **fasting**.
- It is **40 days long** (not counting Sundays!) to remember Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness.

## Criss Cross

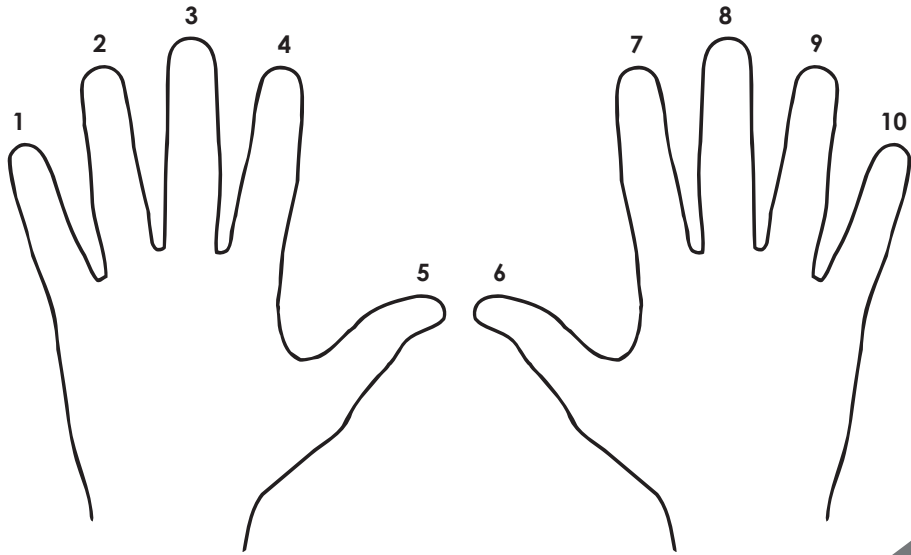
The symbol of Lent is the cross. The pattern you see is called a tessellation. It's like a puzzle made out of just one shape. See if you can find the cross pattern in the tessellation and continue it so it covers the page.



So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.  
 – Psalm 63:4

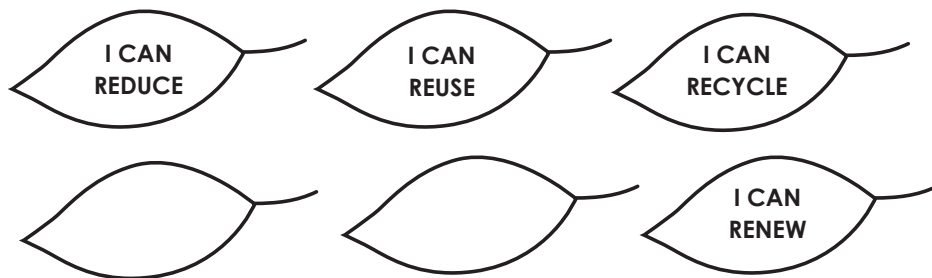


Write ten things you praise God for – one on each finger! Then say a prayer giving thanks for those ten things.



### Save the Soil!

The fig tree's owner wanted to cut it down because it was using up the soil's resources without making anything in return. During Bible times, people who lived off the land knew the importance of not being wasteful! What can you do to make sure you treat the earth with care? Fill in the two empty leaves with your ideas.



Jesus had an encounter with a fruitless fig tree in Mark 11:12-14. That tree's time was up!

### Finding Fruit

Today's Gospel story is a parable about a fig tree. Find the fruits and nuts mentioned in the Bible in the word search!



- ALMOND
- APPLE
- DATE
- FIG
- GRAPE
- MELON
- OLIVE
- PISTACHIO
- POMEGRANATE
- RAISIN
- SYCAMORE



A worship space can be full of crosses. How many can you see from where you are sitting? Make a tally mark for each one!

I SEE \_\_\_\_\_ CROSSES.

What do they look like? Draw some of them!



# PRE-READER

Lent 3

- Today is the **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday** in Lent.
- Many people plan some **quiet time** during Lent.
- Some people **fast** during Lent.

Shade in all the boxes with crosses in them to make a path from **START** to **FINISH**!

	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	x	FINISH
+	+	+	x	x	-			+	-	+
+	x		-	-	-	x	+	+		+
+		+	+	+		+	+	x	+	+
+		+	x	+	x	+		+	+	
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START	x	-	+	+	+	-				-



Once there was a man who had a vineyard.  
 This man **LOVED** figs, so he planted a fig  
 tree. Mmmmm!

Match the food to where it grows!

