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Special Lent Lessons Just 4 Kids

Overview for Week One

Day 1 ~ Ash Wednesday

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

[Joel 2:1-2,12-17](#)

[John 1:1-18](#)

[Psalm 103 or 103:8-14](#)



Ash Wednesday is the first day of the Lent season.

Lent is a season for intense and deep personal and spiritual reflection. Some Christians start a fast for 40 days that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Easter. Usually they will fast Monday thru Saturday but not on Sunday. Sunday is considered a mini Celebration of What Jesus did for us on the cross. Many Christians mark the beginning of Lent by stopping by their Church to receive the mark of ashes, in the form of a cross, on their forehead. The ashes were taken from burning the palm branches from the previous year.

What does it Mean to "Fast"

Usually a person will fast from all food, or from a certain food. My daughter Jamie and her friend fasted from Chocolate and Cokes when she was 13 years old. The reason to fast is to sacrifice yourself to something that you enjoy eating or doing. You can also make a sacrifice by fasting from video games, TV, or some other activity or hobby. If you hate carrots and say you will fast from eating carrots what sacrifice will that be? The idea is to teach ourselves that faith and time alone with God will grow through sacrifice. Giving up something that we love will teach us to turn to God when the thing that we are fasting from begins to allure us. The purpose of the fast is to take time to refocus one's mind and thoughts on God. And it teaches us **Self-Control** and to learn to easily say **NO** when Satan tempts us with sins of the world.

Many Christians will give up something that they like to do, and use that time to read the Bible. The more you read God's Word the more Knowledge you will receive and the more Understanding you will have about God's Counsel and His Wisdom.

It is fun to fast from something together as a family. Just 4 Kids Magazine is starting a 40 day Bible Study Just 4 you and your family to share and read together. Websites, like

Theholidayspot.com has free coloring sheets, stories, and poems that can download and print for Lent and Ash Wednesday.

Ref: [Ash Wednesday](#)

PRAYER:

Almighty and everlasting God, Thank you for this time of year that we remember what Jesus did for us so that we can become Your children, and live with you forever in heaven. Help us to learn more about You and Your Son from Your Word, the Bible. And help us to learn to say NO to sins and YES to obeying your commandments and spending more time with you. Thank you for being the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Click on the Picture of the Mountain to read about God's Glory - Lesson from Rainbow Castle in God's Kingdom.

Day 2 ~ Jesus is Baptised

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

[Isaiah 59: 1-20](#)

[John 1:19-34](#)

[Colossians 2:12 & Galatians 3:26-27](#)

Today is the second day of the Lent season. During these 40 lessons we will learn about the Ministry of Jesus Christ. The first thing that Jesus did when He



started His Ministry was to be **BAPTIZED**.

The History of Baptism

Jesus is our example for baptism. He did this to show us that baptism is important and something believers should do. God put His seal of approval on Jesus and the ordinance of baptism by the appearance of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove and by saying, "*This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.*"

SCRIPTURE:

"Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?'

"Jesus replied, 'Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all

righteousness.' Then John consented.

"As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him"

(Matthew 3:13-16).

[Rainbow Castle story of Jesus being baptized from the Gospel of Matthew.](#)

Ref: [A deeper study of Baptism by Salvation Kids](#)

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Click on the Picture of the Waterfall to read about Jesus' Righteousness - Lesson from Rainbow Castle in God's Kingdom.

Day 3 ~ CANA ~ Jesus' First Miracle

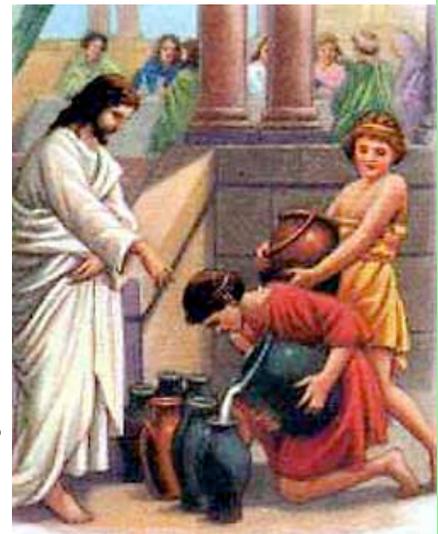
TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

[Zechariah 13:1](#)

[John 2:1-11](#)

[Philippians 4:19](#)

Today is the third day of the Lent season. During these 40 lessons we will learn about the Ministry of Jesus Christ. The first miracle that Jesus did and recorded in the Bible was turning water in to wine at a wedding feast that Jesus and His mother were at in the city of **CANA**.



The Wedding In Cana - Jesus' First Miracle

John 2:1-11

Jesus preformed many miracles during His ministry. The first miracle that we read

in the Bible is when His mother Mary told Jesus that there was no more wine at the wedding. She knew that Jesus had the ability to change water in to wine.

IN CANA, A little town of Galilee, lived some friends of Jesus and his mother. One day these friends invited Jesus, his mother, and his followers to attend a wedding in their home. They invited many other people also, and prepared a feast for them.

Perhaps these people were poor; for they had not prepared enough wine for all the people who came to the wedding. And before the close of the feast the wine was all gone.

Mary, the mother of Jesus, saw that the wine had all been used, and she called Jesus aside to tell him about it. She knew of his wonderful power, and she believed he could surely help in a time like this. Then she told the servants who waited at the tables to do whatever Jesus might command them; for she expected him to supply the need in some wonderful manner.

In every Jewish home there were large vessels, called water-pots, which the people kept filled with water to use in washing their hands and their feet. The Jews were very careful to keep themselves clean from dust and dirt, and because they walked about everywhere with only sandals on their feet they needed often to wash. In this home where the wedding-feast was being held, six large water-pots of stone were kept for this purpose.

Jesus called the servants and told them to fill the water-pots with water. And remembering his mother's instructions to them, the servants drew water and filled the vessels to the brim. Then Jesus told them to draw out from the vessels and fill their wine-pitchers again. When they obeyed they saw that wine flowed from the vessels they had just filled with water.

At these Jewish feasts one man was chosen to be the governor, or ruler of the feast. He tasted the food and the wine before it was placed on the tables to serve the people. Jesus told the servants to take this wine to the governor and have him taste it, just as he had tasted the first wine that had been served to the guests.

Now the governor did not know what Jesus had done. He did not know that the other wine had all been used and there was no more to be had. When he tasted the wine which Jesus had made from water he was surprised because it was so much better than the first wine which had been served. Calling the young man who had just been married, the governor said, "At other wedding-feasts the best wine is served first, but you have kept the best until the last of the feast."

This was the first miracle Jesus performed, and it showed his willingness to help people who are in need. When the men who followed him saw what he had done they believed on him, for they knew that no man could change water into wine as he did.

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Click on the Picture of the Fountain to read about Jesus as the Fountain of Life - Lesson from Rainbow Castle in God's Kingdom.

Day 4 ~ DESERT ~ 40 Days and 40 Nights With No Food

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

[Deuteronomy 6:13-16](#)

[1st Corinthians 10:13](#)

[Matthew 4:1-11](#)

[Psalm 91:11-12](#)

Today is the fourth day of the Lent season. During these 40 lessons we will learn about the Ministry of Jesus Christ. After Jesus was Baptized and Before Jesus started His Ministry He spent 40 Days and Nights in the **Desert**. Yesterday we learned about the first miracle from Jesus that is recorded. The Miracle happened after Jesus had spent the 40 days in the desert praying to God, and getting closer to knowing God's voice.



The Desert - Jesus Spends 40 Days and 40 Nights With No Food

*"Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, being tempted for forty days by the devil. And in those days He ate nothing, and afterward, when they had ended, He was hungry."
Luke 4:1-2*

The number 40 is a special number in the Bible.

It signifies preparation for something special:

- * The rain lasted for 40 days in the great flood (Genesis chapter 7)
- * Moses stayed on the Mount Sinai 40 days (Exodus 24:18)
- * Jonah gave the people of Nineveh 40 days to repent (Jonah 3:4)
- * And, before starting His ministry, Jesus spent 40 days in the desert fasting and praying (Matthew 4:2)

Traditionally, Christians have seen the 40 days of Lent as an opportunity to parallel Jesus' 40 days in the desert. Jesus used this time to prepare for His ministry, and ultimately His death on a cross, by fasting and praying. As a tangible way of experiencing Jesus' 40 days in the desert, many Christians choose to fast during Lent, as a way of preparing to rejoice at the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter.

REF: [Erika Baldwin](#)

In this Bible story Jesus overcame several temptations. Not only did He overcome these temptations, He overcame them while He was physically weak. Jesus had been fasting in the desert for 40 days when Satan came to tempt Jesus. Satan tempted Jesus with great temptations, yet Jesus overcame the tests. Jesus is the ultimate example of how we should live our lives. When we read stories about Jesus we learn how we should handle every situation that we are faced with, including temptations.



DID YOU KNOW?

The Word of God is spiritual food for Christians. This concept is found in Matthew 4:4: *"But He answered, "It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. "'*



PRAYER:

Almighty and everlasting God, Thank you for this

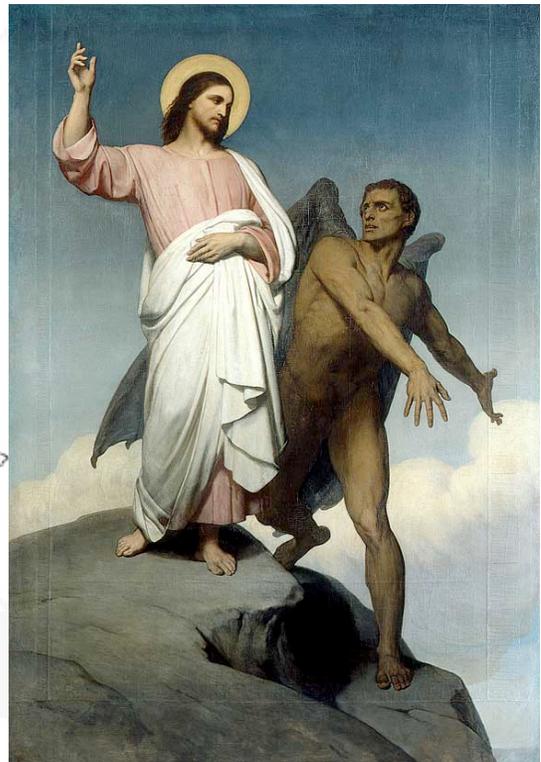


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Click on the Picture of the Enchanted Garden to read about finding a quite place to spend time with God. - Lesson from Rainbow Castle in God's Kingdom.

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