

INTERGENERATIONAL

Lenten

RESOURCES



Ash Wednesday

- Provide paper with spaces for journaling or drawing during the service, consider including a couple of simple images like a cross or flowers that can be colored in during the service.
- Invite families to attend the Ash Wednesday service together and have family units come forward together to receive the ashes.
- Responsive Reading – Provide a short responsive reading with simple responses even young children can engage in. (Example Responses: “Lord hear our prayer” or “Lord have mercy”.)
- Include children in all elements of the service. Invite a child to pair with an adult in the imposition of ashes. Invite children to lead parts of the responsive reading or to read scriptures.

Ash Wednesday

- Offer a drop-in Ash Wednesday service with a self-guided program, include soft music in the background, coloring pages, and prayer stations around the room for families or individuals to go through at their own pace. Have them complete their worship experience going forward as a family for the imposition of ashes. Example prayer stations include:
 - Confession – A station where sins can be written on a paper, then folded up and placed at the foot of a cross.
 - Written and Drawn Prayers – Put a poster on the wall and invite families to write or draw things they are hoping and praying for this season.
 - Prayers for the Lost – Include a station with candles and invite participants to light a candle and pray for someone they hope will come to see the light of Christ this Easter.

Lent

- Pray, Fast, Give
 - Pray – Add a short time of prayer to a daily routine. Pray for those who don't yet know Christ or for a need you know of in your community.
 - Fast – Intentionally give up or abstain from food, drink, or certain practices for the purpose of focusing on God. You may consider limiting screen time, or skipping a meal and praying together, or replacing complaining with thankfulness.
 - Give – The season of Lent is a great time to pick up a practice of giving. Consider making a financial or material donation to a charity or church, or take time to start serving in your church or in your community.
- Lent Paper Chain
- 40 Days of Remembering Jesus from Family Faith Builders
- Letters from Jerusalem from Family Faith Builders

Holy Week

- [Easter In Five Letters](#) from We Are Kidmin
- [Holy Week Family Kit](#) from Family Faith Builders, This resource could also be used in services throughout Lenten season.
- [Easter Activity Stations](#)

Easter Storytelling

- [Easter Story Shape Kits](#)
- [Easter Activity Stations](#)
- [Red String Storytelling](#)
- [Pair it, Share It, Halve It](#)
- [Paper Cross Tearing](#)