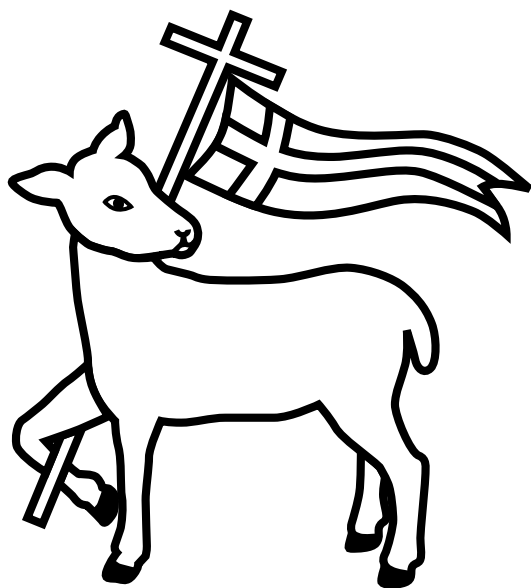


Song for Lent

ACTIVITY

Cut a 3 × 5-inch piece of purple paper for each person. Provide pencils. Post a large sheet of paper or cardboard and have glue sticks handy.

Invite the students to identify the signs they might see that would tell them that spring (or summer, fall, or winter—the next season of the year) is approaching. Say, “According to the calendar, our seasons start on a specific day in March, June, September, and December (the twentieth or twenty-first). In the Church, we observe seasons too. Maybe you have heard of the Church Year seasons or noticed how the church altar cloths look different at different times of the year. They are different colors and show different symbols.



The song we are about to sing is about the Church Year season of Lent. Lent comes after Epiphany and before Easter. You may not know much about Lent, but as you listen to the song, you will learn more.”

Pass out the pencils and purple papers. Direct the students to write (on the purple paper) something new they learn about Lent as they listen to this song. Play “Song for Lent” (CD track 6) and allow the students a few moments to work.

Invite volunteers to share what they learned. Make these points if none of the volunteers do: Lent is forty days long. During Lent, we use violet altar cloths. We think about our sins and our need to repent. Jesus, the spotless Lamb of God, freed us from the slavery of sin. Jesus is willing to suffer and die for our sins.

Using a glue stick, arrange the students’ purple papers on the large piece of paper to form a cross. Point to the cross and share this explanation: “During Lent, we journey to the cross. There, we see how God supplied a Savior for each of us and for all people. God opened His hand and gave us His Son. He provided for our salvation.”

Song for Lent

Dm C/E F E°/G A5(b13) Dm/A Am7 A7(b9omit3)

D5 G(sus4)/A D5 Bb5/G Am7

1. We count for - ty days in this sea - son of
 2. In love, Christ our Sav - ior en - dured pain and
 3. We ask God to help us through these for - ty

D5 Dm Am Dm Am Em7

Lent. We think a - bout sin and our need to re -
 strife— The pure spot - less Lamb, who gave up His
 days That we might de - part from our old sin - ful

Text: Rachael E. Weber
 Tune: Jacob B. Weber

A⁵ Dm Am/C Gm/B^b Gm⁷ A Dm

pent. We cov - er the al - tar with vi - o - let cloths And
 life. For He is the one who has set us all free From
 ways. In prayer - ful con - tri - tion, we see at the cross That

Dm C/E F Gm(omit5) Dm/A Am⁷ D⁵

mar - vel that Je - sus would go to the cross.
 slav - 'ry to sin and from earth's mis - er - y.
 love is the rea - son Christ suf - fered for us.

Dm C/E F E^o/G A⁵(^b13) Dm/A Am⁷ A⁷(^b9omit3) **D Final**

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