

A LENT CALENDAR FOR FAMILIES

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Remember Me is a Lent calendar for you to use with your family for the 40 days of Lent! Each day focuses on helping your family remember Jesus and what He said and did while here on the earth. You'll read a short devotion (which includes Bible verses), listen to an Easter Jesus Jam song, and do a simple activity related to what you read about Jesus that day.

Included in this resource:

- **40 Did you Know? Devotion Cards** Each devotion begins with a "Did You Know" question about Jesus, followed by a short devotion about Jesus, a Bible verse to read, and a Remember Me Bible point (what to remember about Jesus that day).
- **40 Easter Jesus Jam Cards** This is a worship song for your family to jam out to that day.
- **40 Remember Me Activity Slips** Fill 40 Easter eggs with these slips that give an activity to do that relates to what you are remembering about Jesus that day.

How do we use these activities as a calendar?

There are several ways to use these activities like a calendar.

- Fill a small paper bag with the devotion card, Easter Jesus Jam card, and an egg filled with the activity slip. Make one bag for each day (total of 40 bags). Put a label on the front of the bag with the day (or you can write the day on there). Put all paper bags in a large basket and place in your house somewhere. Open up a bag and day and remember Jesus!
- String your mantle, wall, or other place with twine or other type of string. Use clothespins to attach the three cards for each day. Unclip each one on the appropriate day. Read the devotion and do the activity.

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- Print out the devotion cards, punch a hole at the top on one side of each card and attach them to a book ring. Then you can flip through the cards each day to read.
- Print out Easter Jesus Jam cards and place them in a basket. Shuffle them up and pull out a song to sing each day in Lent.
- Fill 40 Easter eggs with the Remember Me Activity Slips. Hide an egg each day around your house (inside or outside). Do the activity for each day.

What is Lent and when does it begin?

Lent is a 40-day season of the church calendar that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. This season is a time of repentance, fasting, and preparing for the Resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday. It's a time for kids to focus on Jesus, who He is, and what He has done for us. We celebrate Lent for 40 days because it represents the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness preparing for His ministry and being tempted by Satan. There are 40 days in Lent, however, Sundays are not counted as they are seen as a mini-Easter.

When do we do our Lent calendar?

Any time of the day that is best for your family! You can even choose to do each of the three activities at different times throughout the day. Maybe before school you read the Scripture, on your way to school you play the Easter Jesus Jam song of the day, then after school or at night do the Remember Me activity slip. Do these activities at a time of day that works best for your family.