

# Harvey Browne Memorial



Presbyterian Church

*Making a Difference*

## Sunday School at Home

Week of Sunday, February 21, 2021

These activities are designed to be a resource for at-home spiritual formation activities during this time when we are unable to gather in person for Sunday School. These ideas are for people of all ages and families of all sizes.

### **Learning about the Liturgical Year**

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday before Easter. Lent is a time for Christians to focus on praying, fasting, and giving. Purple represents the Season of Lent because purple represents royalty – Jesus as King and Lent lasts 40 days

### **Hear God's Story**

Mark 19:9-15 – Prayer and Preparation for Ministry

In this week's Gospel, Jesus is baptized, goes into the wilderness for 40 days where he is tempted, and begins his earthly ministry.

In Mark 1:9-15, after Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River, God led him to the desert. Jesus was alone without any food for 40 days. He prayed to God for help, but it was hard to be in the wilderness. While Jesus was in the wilderness, he was tempted by Satan. Jesus was happy that God was always with him in the wilderness, especially when he was tempted to do wrong.



This message opens the season of Lent with thoughts about what it means to prepare for something. The time that Jesus spent in the wilderness prepared Him for His earthly ministry. As we go through Lent, we keep our hearts and minds focused on Christ and we prepare for the celebration of His resurrection. We also keep in mind that God has a plan and purpose for our lives, and we can focus on God to be prepared for whatever that might be!

The idea is to prepare our hearts and minds. Rather than thinking about distracting things, we focus on Christ. As we think about what Jesus endured, we prepare our hearts to celebrate the resurrection at Easter. We also think about being prepared to live our lives for God. Whatever happens, we take extra time to pray, read our Bibles, worship God, and talk with others for wise advice. We prepare for Lent and prepare for anything!

### Questions to Ponder



What are some ideas that you might have to prepare your hearts to serve God especially during this Season of Lent?

Read about the temptation of Jesus and talk about things that might tempt you. Have you ever wanted to do something you were not supposed to do? What did you do? What helps you make good choices?

### Worship at Home

Please join our church family for worship on Facebook Live or YouTube Sunday at 10:30 am.  
Download Printable Children's Bulletin

### Sharing our God's light, truth, and grace with others!

The mission focus for the month of February is Presbyterian Hunger Program.

February's hunger offering will be given to the Presbyterian Hunger Program. Funds are used for both national and international programs. These include direct aid as well as development programs to promote long-lasting solutions that help empower people to feed themselves. Other programs address ecological issues and help solve problems related to the environment and climate change. Please be generous in this time of increased difficulty brought on by the COVID-19 virus, civil wars, and climate crises.