

Harvey Browne Memorial



Presbyterian Church

Making a Difference

Sunday School at Home

Week of Sunday, March 14, 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 and last 40 days. Purple represents the Season of Lent because purple represents royalty – Jesus as King. This is the 4th week in Lent.

Hear God's Story

John 3:14-21 – Love and Giving

This scripture passage is about God's love, particularly John 3:16. This verse is where Jesus said, "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him won't perish, but will have eternal life" (Verse 16). It is all about love and giving.

When we love people, we will be kind, generous and caring to them. God certainly loved us; He gave his Son so that we would have eternal life.

God gives us so much. God created us, so God gives us life. God created animals, fish, fruit trees, and vegetables, so God gives us food. God gives us parents, and friends.

It is good when we love enough to help others. Jesus told his followers, "Freely you received, so freely give" (Matthew 10:8) There are many ways that we can help others. We might share a toy with our brother or sister or friend. We might help set the table or be willing to put our



clothes away. We might share by donating goods and money to charities that rely on those donations. We might give money to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to help those who experienced flooding and loss these past few weeks.

Our faith is about love – love from God and our love for God and neighbors. Out of this love, we show compassion to others by helping wherever we might be able to help.

Questions to Ponder



Can you think of some things that God gives us?

What are some ways that we can show God's love to others?

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 is available each week.

Mission and Ministry

The mission focus for the month of March is **One Great Hour of Sharing** — the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Typically received during the season of Lent, each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. This special offering helps lots of people so keep putting some coins in your fish banks found in your Lent Bag.

On March 27, fish banks, cash, and checks will be received at church in the parking lot during the Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt or can be dropped off to the office during the week.