

28 February 2021

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Lent is a time to follow

Jesus.

share your highs and lows of the day, or respond to the following avestions:



If you had all the power to do what you want, what would you want to do?



What does it mean to pick up your cross? How is it difficult to pick up your cross and follow Jesus?



How do other people know that you are a follower of Jesus?



Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

	S	Mark 8:31-38	Jesus predicts his death
	М	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16	Sign of the covenant
	Т	Romans 4:13-25	God's promise realised through faith
	W	Mark 9:30-37	The Son of Man betrayed
	Т	Matthew 16:21-26	Taking up the cross
	F	Mark 10:32-45	Jesus again predicts his death
_	S	Psalm 22:23-31	Suffering and praise
_	S	John 2:13-22	Jesus clears the temple

Discuss the bible reading. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, help us to follow you today, putting your will ahead of what we want and others think. Amen.

BLESSING

May God give you a strong faith, so that you trust in his promises and live to please him.

Creative Response

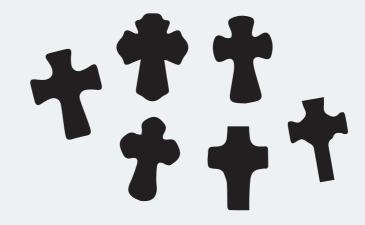
Jesus tells us that following him will mean TAKING UP A CROSS - that is, saying no to ourselves and sometimes even suffering for him.

Design crosses from wood, card or other craft materials.

Attach your crosses to a wall in your home.

Print out the Verse for the Week and place it underneath your crosses.

Throughout the week share ways in which you have denied yourself for Jesus' sake.



mealtime prayer

Thank you, God, for you are good - you call, you guide, you feed. Help us to share from all we have with those who are in need. Amen.

verse for the week

If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me.

MARK 8:34



making pretzels is a Lenten tradition.

Pretzels are shaped like arms folded in prayer, and can remind us to pray to God for our needs and the needs of others. Use the following recipe to make pretzels (the recipe lists the amount of ingredients per person):

Have each person sprinkle ½ teaspoon of yeast into 3 tablespoons of warm water. Stir to dissolve. Add ½ teaspoon of sugar, ½ cup of flour and 2 tablespoons of grated cheese. Stir, then knead until smooth. Cut the dough into 4 pieces and roll into a snake shape. Shape the 4 pieces like pretzels, then brush them with a beaten egg. Sprinkle with coarse ground salt. Bake on a baking sheet at 220 degrees Celsius for 15 minutes.



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