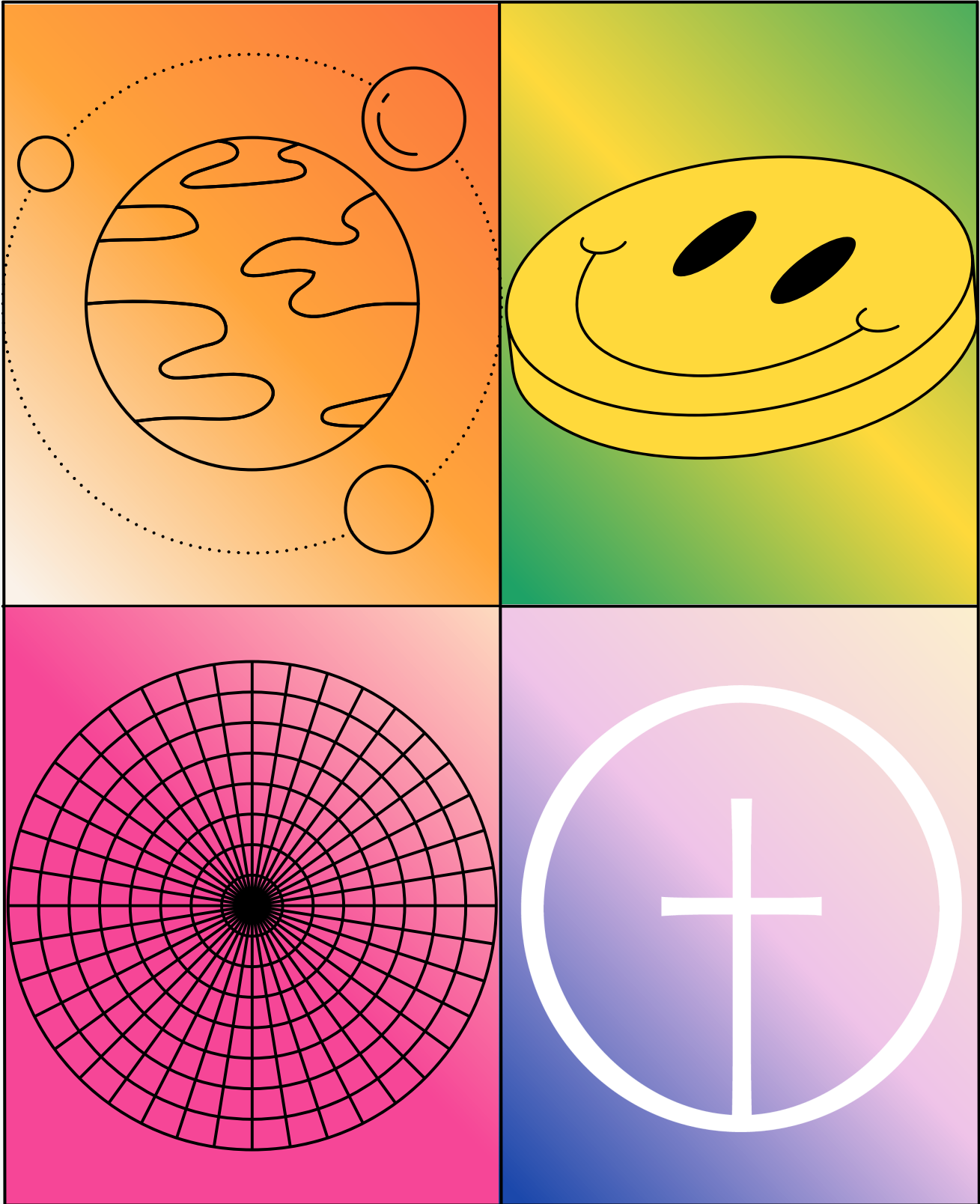


KIDS



LENT DEVOTIONAL

HI FRIENDS!

Did you know that Easter isn't just about candy and fun? It's really about Jesus—His love, His sacrifice, and the amazing gift of life He gives us!

Lent is a special time before Easter when we take extra time to think about Jesus, pray, and get closer to Him. It lasts for 40 days because Jesus spent 40 days in the desert praying and getting ready to do God's work. During this time, people often give up something or add something special to their routine—like reading the Bible more, praying, or helping others.

This devotional is here to help you walk with Jesus during Lent. Each week, you'll read a Bible verse, think about something you're thankful for, pray, and do a fun activity to help you remember how much Jesus loves you.

But here's something really important: Jesus doesn't just love **us**—He loves **everyone**, even people who don't know Him yet! So, every week, we'll also pray for those who haven't met Jesus yet, asking that they feel His love too. Are you ready? Let's take this journey together and get our hearts ready for the best day ever—Easter!

LETTER TO PARENTS

Dear Parents,

As we enter the season of Lent, this devotional is designed to help your child grow closer to Jesus in a simple and meaningful way. Each week includes a Bible verse, a gratitude prompt, a short prayer, and an interactive activity to help kids connect with the message.

Here's how you can help your child through this devotional:

1. **Set Aside a Special Time** – Choose a consistent day each week to go through the devotional together. It could be at bedtime, after dinner, or another quiet moment.
2. **Read and Talk About It** – Read the Bible verse and discuss what it means in a way your child understands. Ask them how it relates to their life.
3. **Encourage Gratitude** – Use the gratitude prompt to help your child recognize God's blessings in their life.
4. **Pray Together** – The prayers are simple, but feel free to personalize them with your child. Encourage them to pray for people who don't know Jesus yet.
5. **Do the Activity** – Each activity is hands-on and designed to make the lesson stick. Have fun with it!

Lent is a time to slow down, reflect, and prepare our hearts for Easter. This journey with your child can be a beautiful way to grow in faith as a family. May this season draw you all closer to Jesus!

Blessings,

Centerpoint/Nextgen Team

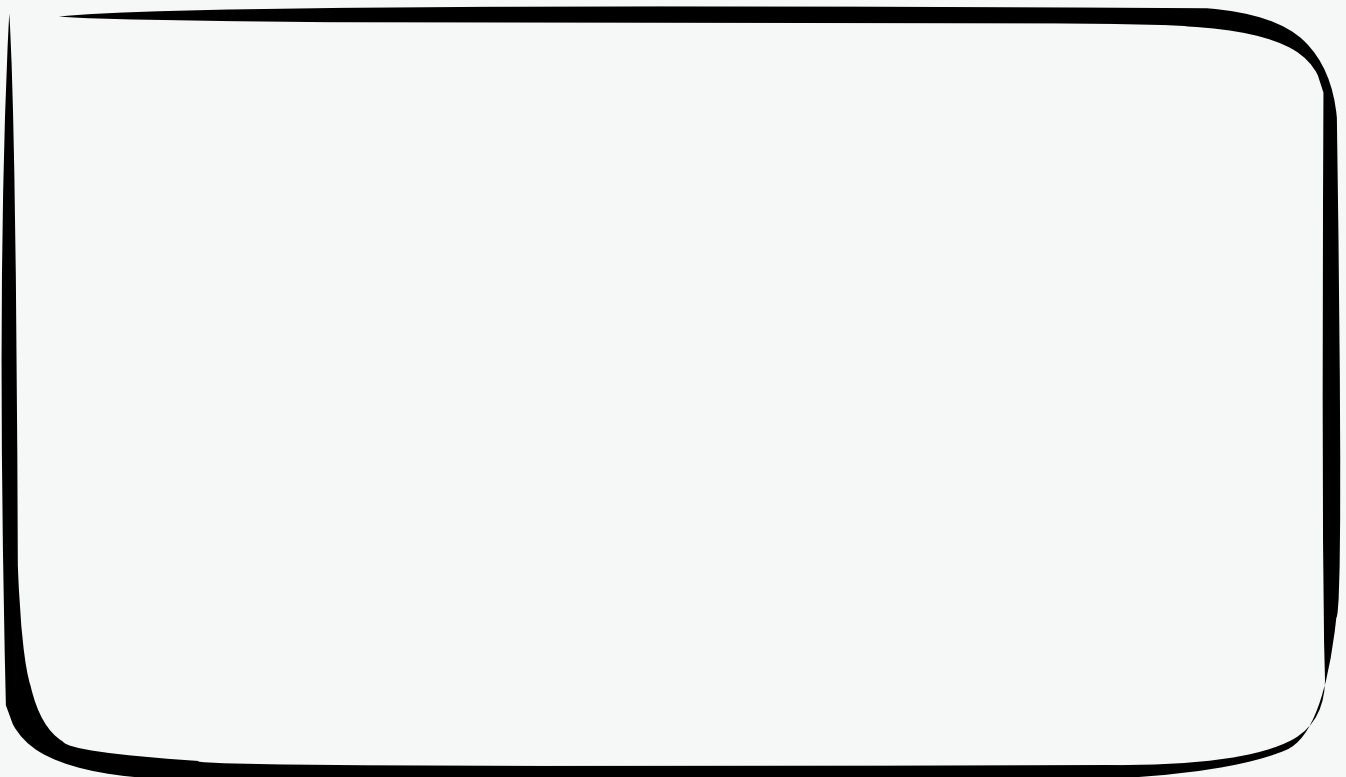
Week 1: Jesus Calls Us to Follow

Read: Matthew 4:19 – "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people."

Gratitude Prompt: Thank Jesus for inviting you to be His friend. What's something you love about being close to Jesus?

Pray: Jesus, thank You for calling me to follow You. Help me to love You more every day. I pray for my friends who don't know You yet—let them hear Your voice too. Amen.

Activity: Draw a picture of yourself following Jesus. Who else would you like to bring with you?



Week 2: Jesus Shows Us Love

Read: John 15:12 – "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you."

Gratitude Prompt: Think of a way someone showed you love this week. Thank Jesus for that person!

Pray: Jesus, thank You for loving me so much. Help me to love others like You do, especially those who don't know You yet. Show them Your love through me. Amen.

Activity: Make a heart-shaped card and give it to someone who needs love.



Week 3: Jesus Forgives Us

Read: 1 John 1:9 – "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins."

Gratitude Prompt: Thank Jesus for forgiving you when you make mistakes. How does His forgiveness make you feel?

Pray: Jesus, thank You for forgiving me and always loving me. Help me to forgive others too. I pray for people who don't know about Your forgiveness—let them feel Your love. Amen.

Activity: Write or draw something you need to say sorry for, then crumple it up and throw it away to remember that Jesus wipes away our sins.

FORGIVE

Week 4: Jesus is Our Light

Read: John 8:12 – "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Gratitude Prompt: What's something bright and beautiful in your life that reminds you of Jesus' light?

Pray: Jesus, You are the light that shines in my heart. Help me to share Your light with others, especially those who don't know You yet. Amen.

Activity: Turn off the lights and light a candle or flashlight. Talk about how Jesus helps us see the right path.



Week 5: Jesus Teaches Us to Serve

Read: Mark 10:45 – "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve."

Gratitude Prompt: What's one way someone has served you this week? Thank Jesus for them!

Pray: Jesus, thank You for showing me how to serve others. Help me to have a kind and helping heart, and to show Your love to people who don't know You. Amen.

Activity: Find a way to serve someone this week—help with a chore, encourage a friend, or make something special for someone.



Week 6: Jesus Gave His Life for Us

Read: John 3:16 – "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

Gratitude Prompt: Thank Jesus for giving His life for you. What does His love mean to you?

Pray: Jesus, I can't thank You enough for Your love. Help me to remember Your sacrifice and share Your love with others. I pray for people who don't know You yet—open their hearts to Your great love. Amen.

Activity: Draw a cross and write or color around it with words that remind you of Jesus' love.



Week 7 (Easter!): Jesus is Alive!

Read: Matthew 28:6 – "He is not here; he has risen, just as he said!"

Gratitude Prompt: Jesus is alive! What makes you excited to celebrate Him today?

Pray: Jesus, You are alive! Thank You for Your victory over sin and death. Fill my heart with joy and help me share Your good news with others. Amen!

Activity: Celebrate! Sing a song about Jesus, make a joyful noise, or share the good news with someone else.



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