

S. P. Kids Connection

Connecting church and family life through recaps of our weekly lessons and suggestions on ways to reinforce and live out those lessons at home during the week.

Highlights
At Home

- *Godly Play:* For the last Sunday before Lent, we visited and worked on Epiphany (star-inspired) crafts.
- *Grades 3-6:* Both classes studied the story of the *Plagues of Egypt*. 😬 The students in grades 5&6 took turns reading about the different plagues. They had many questions... they wondered why Pharaoh was so stubborn—if he'd freed the Israelites sooner, the people wouldn't have faced such terrible things!



The story of the Plagues of Egypt is a well-known, but difficult story. It raises questions like,

- * “Why would God harden the Pharaoh’s heart, then punish him for it?”
- * “Why would God hurt all the Egyptians because of the Pharaoh’s actions?” and, even,
- * “How much of this really happened, and how much is legend that developed over decades, or centuries?”

Discuss these, and other questions with your child. How do you understand this story in the context of your own faith and beliefs about God?

In preparation for the season of Lent: 1) attend the events at St. Peter’s this week—Shrove Tuesday Pancake dinner and 5:30 pm Intergenerational Ash Wednesday Service; 2) pick up a family devotion packet at either of the above events and begin your Lenten pilgrimage!

Next week:

Burying the Alleluia is a children’s ministry tradition that reminds us that Lent is a quiet, penitential season when we don’t say *Alleluia!* in church. On March 1, we’ll bury our Alleluias in the form of seeds, which will spring up in all their glory by Easter morning. Part of the fun will be decorating our flower pots with cheerful Easter colors, symbols and phrases. (There will be painting involved...please dress accordingly.)

Children may take their pots home on Easter Sunday.

Coming Soon:

Tues., Feb. 25: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 5-7 pm,

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26: Family service, 5:30 pm

Sunday, March 1: **Bury the Alleluia** activity in class

News & Events

Now available:

Jesus, Walk With Me, is a family devotional guide for Lent. Build up your “spiritual muscles” as you travel through an imaginary land and conquer weekly challenges. Themes are based on the Sunday lectionary readings. Pick up your kit at church on Sunday, at the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper, or at Ash Wednesday services.