

Covenant Kids

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TRACEY'S BLESSINGS – LION & LAMB



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I used to talk to my preschoolers about lions and lambs when the month of March arrived. Will the days be windy and loud like a lion or quiet and sunny, soft like a lamb?

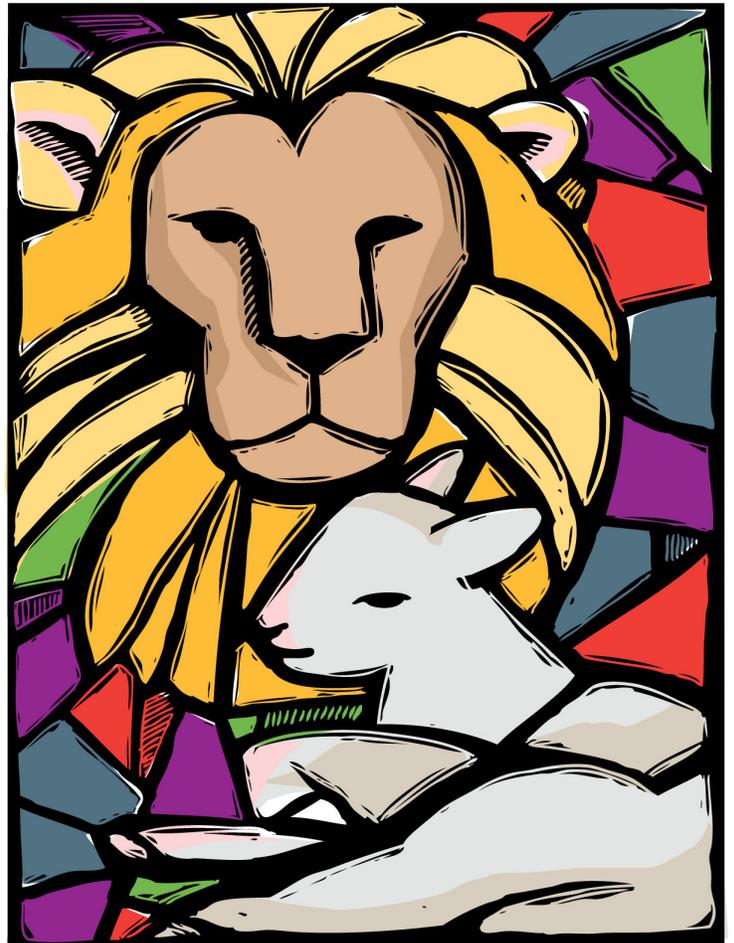
Today, instead, I want to focus on you as we ready ourselves for the Lenten season. Do you function as a lamb or a lion? What if we are called to be a mixture of each? Jesus' actions were as a lion in overturning temple tables to show he does not tolerate injustice or when he stands strong against harming "the least of these." Jesus' actions were in ways that were lamb like when he greeted the children, healed the sick. Think about the characteristics of Christ you show each day to your family, friends and all you meet. Peace to each of you.

The following are upcoming dates to remember:

- **March 6 is Ash Wednesday** at Peace UCC and all are welcome.
- **March 9 is the Benevolence Auction** and the youth will work serving.
- **March 13 begins our Lenten soup and bread series** with an introduction to mission and I will share about my trip to El Salvador and Costa Rica.
- **March 29** instead of dinner and a movie, I would love to have an **all church game night**. Dinner will be provided but you must bring a favorite game to share. Please email me if you want to attend so I plan for enough food.

Blessings to all!

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Pretzel Prayer Chain

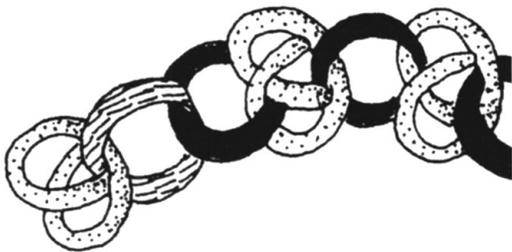
Younger and Older Elementary Children

Although normally we do not recommend the use of food in art projects, this prayer chain utilizes pretzels as a symbol of remembrance.

What You Need

(for each chain)

- 40 large folded pretzels
- 40 strips of purple construction paper (1" x 8")
- 6 strips of white construction paper (1" x 8")
- 1 strip of blue construction paper (1" x 8")
- 1 strip of gold or floral gift wrap paper (optional) (1" x 8")
- Fine, felt-tipped markers
- List of Scripture (p. 42)



What You Do

1. Tell the children that they will be making a chain that will help them remember to pray during the season of Lent. Ask them to think of six general categories about which they might pray. For example, they could pray for themselves, their families, their friends, the church, the nation, and the world. Direct them to print the first category on the blue strip of paper, and one of the other categories on each of five strips of white paper. On the last white strip, they can print "Palm Sunday."

2. Tell briefly the story of the pretzel (see p. 8). Then remind them that Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and extends through six Sundays and forty weekdays.

3. Brainstorm together particular prayer concerns in each of the categories. They will need four concerns for the week of Ash Wednesday, and six for each succeeding week. For example, in the week they are praying for the world, they might pray for six countries. Children can print the prayer concerns on the purple strips of paper.

4. Tell the children to assemble the chain in this order: Begin with a pretzel, then thread the blue strip through it and secure with clear tape. Follow with a purple strip with a concern in that category, then another pretzel, and so forth through Saturday of the first week. Then add a white strip for the first Sunday, followed by a pretzel and one purple strip. Continue alternating the purple strips and pretzels, ending always with a white strip for Sunday.

5. For Holy Week, children can print Scriptures for the week on the last six strips of paper (see p. 42). If they like, children can finish their chains with a special link for Easter, made of gold paper or floral gift wrap paper.

6. Children can hang the chain from a bare branch or use it to decorate their rooms. Every day, they can remove one link and one pretzel (eating the pretzels is optional). Encourage them to pray for the concern listed on the link for that day.

☀ And More . . .

—If your congregation participates in the One Great Hour of Sharing offering, children could make the projects named in the packet materials the prayer concerns for the links.



LEPRECHAUN LEAPS

- 1 package chocolate morsels (12 oz.)
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 3/4 cup powdered sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 cups vanilla wafers, crushed
- pecans, *optional*

Melt chocolate pieces over medium heat. Remove from heat and stir in sour cream, powdered sugar, salt, and vanilla extract. Blend in vanilla wafer crumbs. Dust hands with powdered sugar and shape into 1" balls. Chill until firm. If desired, press pecans into top of each ball before chilling. (Yield: 5 dozen.)



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IRISH POTATO CANDY

- 1 potato, cooked, mashed, and cooled
- 1 1/2 lb. bag powdered sugar
- 1/2 stick butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- cinnamon
- puffed rice
- cocoa powder

Add one cup of sugar at a time to the mashed potato. After the first cup of sugar and potato are well mixed, add the butter and vanilla extract. Continue adding sugar until the mixture is stiff and you are able to handle it. Break off small walnut-sized pieces and roll into oval potato shapes. Shake shapes in a mixture of cocoa and cinnamon. Add puffed rice to represent the potato's eyes.



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Camp MoVal

2019 Outdoor Ministry Programs



This year's theme is "Peace Works, Empowering the Next Generations of Peacemakers." Campers and participants will explore and learn through opportunities that only the outdoors provide. Having faith is just the beginning. As a community of faith in Christ, everyone is invited to join us this year. We are building a community and welcoming all to empower everyone to spread peace and love throughout the world.

You can now register campers online You can access camper registration through the link on the front page of the Camp MoVal website, campmoval.org. Second, registration must be paid in full by the early bird date of April 1, 2019 in order to receive any of the available discounts. Lastly, discounts for family members are for siblings within the same family. Scholarships are available! If you have any questions please contact Tracey Harris.

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