

Family Worship Guide

Landscape of Lent: Wilderness – Mt. 4:1-11

Parents, this Guide is for you to help your child throughout the service.

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We Gather in God's Name

Worship Movement - While we are singing, take one of the ribbons at the front of the sanctuary and try to **make it dance for God**.

The Sign of the Cross – Look at the crosses on the table. This is a symbol for Jesus. When we see the cross, we remember that God's love is stronger than EVERYTHING! You are God's child. **When you wear a cross on your clothing, on your jewelry, or even on your skin, you are saying "I belong to God."** You may light the flameless candles to remember God's love, and to pray for people who need to feel God's love.

We Proclaim God's Word

The Word with Children – "Wilderness" – Listen to the story about Jesus. Have you ever been lost, maybe in the woods or in a store? How did you feel? Did you find your own way? Did someone find you?

Pew Project – Lost and Found - Use the circles to write or draw feeling prayers. Draw how it feels to be lost and how it feels to be found. Use the paper to draw a map. It could be a map to anywhere, as long as it is somewhere that you want to go. Make sure to mark important places along the way.

We Respond to God's Word

Ashes – Come forward to see the ashes. The Pastor will make a mark that looks like a cross on your forehead or your hand. This is to remember that you are God's child and God loves you no matter what.

Prayers – String your circle "feeling prayers" on the purple string. You might also draw or write the name of someone or something you want God to help.

We Go in God's name

Benediction – Remember that if you are lost, God is always with you. God will take care of you and lead you to a safe place. God is the only map you need!

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Landscape of Lent: Wind – John 3:1-17

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Prayer Ribbons – Write or draw your prayers on the ribbons. When you move them during the songs, imagine your prayers going up to God.

We Proclaim God's Word

The Word with Children – “The Work of the Wind” – Listen to the story. Can you see the wind? Can you feel the wind? Can you see what the wind does? We can't see the Holy Spirit (most of the time) but we can see what the Spirit does.

Pew Project – Use the straw to blow the feather. Imagine you are the feather and God is the breath. Use the feathers, markers, glue to make a pictures of yourself.

We Respond to God's Word

Communion – Watch how Pastor Karen breaks the bread and pours the grape juice just like Jesus did. Jesus invites you and everyone who is his friend to come and eat! Take a piece of bread and dip it in the grape juice (if you want), then eat it to remember God's love and care for you.

Offering – What can you give to God or to others? Money? Pictures you drew during worship? Hugs? **Put your offering in the offering plate, or post it to our offering board at the front of the sanctuary.**

We Go in God's name

Benediction – the next time you feel the wind, imagine that it is God's Spirit rushing all around you. Let it blow you where you need to go.

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Landscape of Lent: Water – John 4:5-29

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Water Collage – Today, we are talking about water. Glue the pictures on the chart paper to create a “well” of water.

We Proclaim God's Word

Scripture – Listen to the story of the woman at the well.

Anthem – the choir is singing about a “fount” or a “fountain” of blessing. Imagine God's love splashing and spilling out of a fountain that never stops.

Word with the Children. Water is a symbol for life. And Jesus wants everyone to have life – clean water and good food, houses that are warm and dry, family and friends to love, work that is important and play that is full of beauty and joy – as much as they need and even MORE. Being with God means that there is more than enough for everyone.

Pew Project - **Draw a picture God's dinner table at God's house.** The food on the table, the drinks, the people that are sitting there. Make sure there is plenty of water and food for everyone!

We Respond to God's Word

Offering – What can you give to God or to others? Money? Pictures you drew during worship? Hugs? **Put your offering in the offering plate, or post it to our offering board at the front of the sanctuary.**

Prayers of the People – Draw a picture or write a word on the paper circles. String them on the twine as a way send your prayers to God.

We Go in God's name

Benediction – Take your picture of God's house and put it on your refrigerator to remind you that God calls us to make sure everyone has enough.

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Landscape of Lent: Mud – John 9:1-15, 24-34, 39-41

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Chalkboard Confession – We all make mistakes. **Write, draw, or color in the sunglasses** so that they are totally full and no one could see through them. Jesus heals our mistakes, just like he healed the blind man in our story today. **Erase the markings so the glasses are clear. Now we can see!**

We Proclaim God's Word

Scripture – Listen how God made humans out of mud and God's breath.

Word with the Children – Listen to the story of Jesus healing the blind man.

Prayer of illumination – Sing and do the motions to “Open my eyes”

Pew Project – “Mud!” Use the “mud” play dough to act out the two stories – God making people and also Jesus healing the blind man.

You can also **use play dough or draw a picture of something that makes you sad and something that makes you happy.** God sees both happy and sad things, and we should try to see both too.

We Respond to God's Word

Offering – What can you give to God or to others? Money? Pictures you drew during worship? Hugs? **Put your offering in the offering plate, or post it to our offering board at the front of the sanctuary.**

Prayers of the People – Use the “mud dough” to make the shape of something you want to pray for. You can also make something that makes you happy, and thank God!

We Go in God's name

Benediction – Look around you this week. Pay attention. If you see something that makes you sad, pray to God for help. If you see something that makes you happy, thank God!

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Landscape of Lent: Cave - John 11:1-45

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Bandage Confession – We all make mistakes. These things keep us from being who God made us to be. **Write or draw things you are sorry for on the bandages and then wrap them around your arm or leg.** Jesus heals our mistakes and sets us free from our bandages, just like he did for the man in our story today. **Unwrap the bandages and jump for joy!**

We Proclaim God's Word

Scripture – Listen to the story about Jesus and Lazarus, Mary, and Martha.

Word with the Children – God's love is stronger than death.

Prayer of illumination – Sing and do the motions to "Open my eyes."

Pew Project – **Write or draw things or people you love on the hearts.** Love comes from God, and God's love never ends. **Use the hearts to cover the entrance to the cave** to show that God's love is stronger than death.

We Respond to God's Word

Offering – What can you give to God or to others? Money? Pictures you drew during worship? Hugs? **Put your offering in the offering plate, or post it to our offering board at the front of the sanctuary.**

Prayer Blankets – Wrap up in the blankets and imagine it is someone you love is hugging you. Now, imagine God is hugging you. Love that comes from God never goes away, even if you can't see it.

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Benediction – Run and jump for joy because God made you alive and free!

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Landscape of Lent: Palms – Mt. 21:1-11; 26:14-16

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Praise Flags – Use the colored paper, markers, and stickers to make a flag that **praises God**. Use colors, pictures, and words that make you want to shout “God is Great! Go God!”

We Proclaim God's Word

Scripture - Listen to the story about Jesus coming into Jerusalem.

Word with the Children – Praise God Parade!

Pew Project – Make a Palm Sunday Spinner – follow the directions to make a palm leaf that says “hosanna” when you spin it!

Palm Sunday Play Dough Mat – use the play dough to fill in the palms and make happy faces on the people.

Love sculpture - Think about how much you love God, and about how much God loves you. Sculpt something that makes you think of that love.

We Respond to God's Word

Love Offering – write or draw on the green palm papers something that makes you feel love for God. Place you palm in the center of the church when we sing our hymn.

Prayer Blankets – Imagine someone you love who isn't here. Wrap up in the blankets and imagine it is that person giving you a hug. Now, imagine it is God giving you a hug. Love that comes from God never goes away, even if you can't see it.

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Postlude – Take a heart from last week's cave drawing to remember how much God loves you, and you love God.

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Easter– Mt 28:1-10

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Begin with Quiet – We will begin the service remembering that Jesus died. Color a prayer picture and use colors that fit with how you feel. Listen to the story, then watch the video and the different items come back into the sanctuary.

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Sharing our Joy – Watch the video. When you hear “Christ is risen!” Answer, “**he is risen indeed!**” This is one way we tell the story of Jesus.

We Proclaim God's Word

The Word with Children – “The Empty Tomb” – Listen to the story. Think about how afraid and excited the women must have felt to tell the story. How would you tell the story of Jesus?

Pew Project – Make a cross sun catcher. Use the glue stick to fill in the cross, then cover it with colored tissue paper. Cut out your cross. The Worship Teacher will help.

We Respond to God's Word

Communion – Watch how Pastor Karen breaks the bread and pours the grape juice just like Jesus did. Jesus invites you and everyone who is his friend to come and eat! Take a piece of bread and dip it in the grape juice (if you want), then eat it to remember God's love and care for you.

Offering – What can you give to God or to others? Money? Pictures you drew during worship? **Put your offering in the plate, or post it to our offering board in front.**

We Go in God's name

Benediction – Follow everyone outside and put a flower on the cross.

Charge - Hang your cross sun catcher in your window to remember Christ is risen!