

Sunday, March 14

Lent, Lesson 4

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Jesus' Promise to Us

Jesus was lifted high on the cross on Good Friday as a sign of God's new covenant with humankind. All who look to the cross for healing and strength will find it. This is just like what God did for the people of God in the wilderness when God told Moses to lift up a pole wrapped in a bronze serpent. All who look on it were saved from poison.

Bible Story

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Activity

Background: Rod of Asclepius

Many medical services still use the symbol of the bronze serpent wrapped around a pole (called "Rod of Asclepius"). When we see it on uniforms, buildings, and badges, we can trust that this is a place or a person dedicated to healing!



Key Lessons

- Unit theme: God keeps God's promises, even when we don't
- Jesus promises eternal life to all who believe in him
- We can look to the cross as a symbol of healing and strength

Preparing for the story

What do you remember about what the people of God dealt with in the wilderness? What did Moses do to help them?

Jesus knew that he was going to be killed. How did he prepare his disciples?

Numbers 21:4-9, (John 3:14-16) Children's Bible in 365 Stories, #72

The years slowly passed and still the people wandered in the desert, as God has said, without coming to the Promised Land. Sometimes it seemed that they were learning to trust God but still they grumbled - especially about the food. "Why did you bring us into this desert, Moses?" they cried, "we are sick of this mana God sends!"

God had been kind and given them all they needed many times. Now he tried to teach them a lesson in a different way.

The camp was overrun with snakes. First one person, then another, screamed out as he found a Darden, venomous snake slithering into his tent, or lying among the sticks he was collecting for his fire. Everywhere the snakes arrived, flicking out their poison fangs. Many of the Israelites were bitten and became feverish and ill with a fiery poison.

Some of the people hurried to Moses. "We know we have been wrong to grumble," they said, "but please ask God to take away these terrible snakes."

Moses prayed and God told him what to do. "Make a snake out of bronze," God said. "Then fix it to a pole and set it up high, so that everyone in the camp is able to see it. Anyone who has a snakebite must look up at the bronze snake and he will be made better."

Moses did as God had said and everyone who obeyed God's instructions and looked up at the bronze snake got better, as God had promised. Of course, there was nothing magic about the snake. It was trusting and obeying God that made them well again.

When Jesus spoke about his coming death to his disciples, he reminded them of the story of Moses and the bronze snake. Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must I be lifted up that whoever believes in me may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life."

Preparing for Youth Sunday, March 21

During Lent, St. Andrew's and St. Michael's kids will prepare to create and lead our Youth Sunday service. **Draw a picture of Jesus on the cross and send it** to Rev. Mia mia@standrewswellesley.org to be featured in the Youth Sunday service!

Jesus' Promise to Us

“For God so loved that world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believe in him may not perish but may have eternal life.” John 3:16

Reflection Questions

Lower Elementary:

What would you do if you were afraid of snakes?

What does the symbol of the cross mean to you?

Upper Elementary:

Why did Jesus remind his followers of the story of Moses and the bronze serpent?

What does Jesus' promise of eternal life mean to you?

Cross Scavenger Hunt

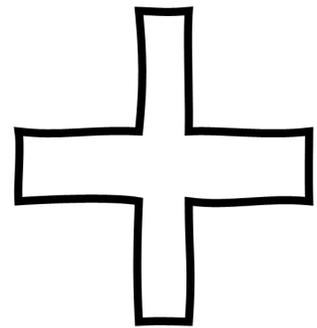
We look for the cross as a sign of Jesus' promise to us. Christians wear them and decorate our homes with them to help us remember. How many crosses can you find in your home? Take pictures of the crosses you can find and send them to Rev. Mia!

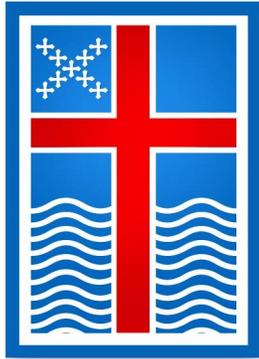
Our Lenten Journey

Each Sunday in Lent, we'll be making a promise to God in response to God's promise to us. We'll grow into our promises throughout Lent—and “hatch” them together on Easter!

- Make and color in a **cross** sticker for “Jesus' Promise to Us.”
- Write a promise to share Jesus' love with others. *Jesus, I will...* Put the promise in your **orange** egg.
- Put a foam cross sticker in your **orange** egg to remember Jesus on the cross.
- (Put a piece of candy in the **orange** egg, too! You'll get to eat it on Easter)

Put your **cross** sticker on your **orange** egg and keep it with your Alleluia box.





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Lent 2021

SUN	Unit 6: God Keeps Promises
Feb 21	Unit 6, Lesson 1— God's Promise to All Creation
Feb 28	Unit 6, Lesson 2—God's Promise to Abraham
March 7	Unit 6, Lesson 3—God's Promise to Moses
March 14	Unit 6, Lesson 4— Jesus' Promise to Us
March 21	Unit 6, Lesson 5—God's Promises on our Hearts Youth Sunday: Arrive on Zoom at 9:45am to be part of the Live Youth Sunday service!