

Sunday, March 21

Lent, Lesson 5

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Youth Sunday!

Sunday, March 21 is Youth Sunday! Our service is led by YOU the kids of St. Andrew's and St. Michael's. You can participate by signing up and coming on Zoom at 9:45am on Sunday. You can watch live at 10:15am on our website, Facebook, or YouTube.

Bible Story

Reflection Questions

Preparing for Youth Sunday

Our Lenten Journey

Activity

God's Promise on Our Hearts

This Sunday, we'll look back on God's promises we learned about this Lent and what we promise back to God.

- God promised to care for creation and we promise to care for creation
- God promised many generations to Abraham and we promise to care for future generations to come
- God promised to be our God and we promise to follow God's commandments
- Jesus promised eternal life to those who look to the cross and we promise to share his love for us with others

God has promised that each of these promises live in our hearts. In Psalm 51, we ask God to help us clean and renew our hearts whenever we mess up so we can better grow into God's promises.

Key Lessons

- Unit theme: God keeps God's promises, even when we don't
- God's promises live in our hearts today
- We ask God to help us renew our hearts when we mess up

Psalm 51, Discoverers' Bible, 928

God, show me your favor in keeping with your faithful love. Because your love is so tender and kind, wipe out my lawless acts. Wash away all of the evil things I've done. Make me pure from my sin.

Make me pure by sprinkling me with hyssop plant. Then I will be clean. Wash me. Then I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear you say, "Your sins are forgiven." That will bring me joy and gladness.

God, create a pure heart in me. Give me a new spirit that is faithful to you. Don't send me away from you. Don't take your Holy Spirit away from me. Give me back the joy that comes from being saved by you. Give me a spirit that obeys you. That will keep me going.

God's Promise on Our Hearts

"But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people."

- Jeremiah 31:31-34

Reflection Questions

Lower Elementary:

What does it mean "to sin"?

What do you think a clean heart feels like?

Upper Elementary:

What helps you to hear God say, "You are forgiven"?

Why do we say sorry to God when we hurt other people or ourselves?

Laundry Time!

Do you help with laundry with your family? Today's psalm is about cleaning, refreshing, and renewing our hearts, just like we clean our clothes so they can be ready to help us live our full lives. This week, help out with laundry in your family. Ask about what helps remove stains or messes from clothes. What can help dirty clothes feel fresh and new?

Confession

Lent is a time when we focus on how we have let people down or made mistakes that hurt other people and ourselves. We don't do this to be mad at ourselves or feel bad. It's because when we admit these things to God, we open ourselves to God's forgiveness and to learning how to grow into loving in better, fuller ways.

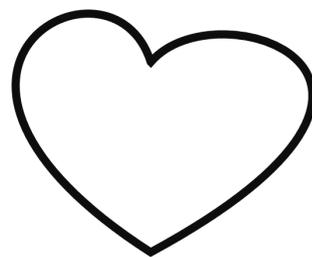
Think about ways that you may have let people or God down and then pray Psalm 51. Remember that God is always there to give you a new spirit of love.

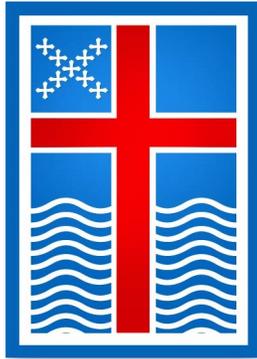
Our Lenten Journey

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 a **heart** sticker for "God's promise on our hearts."
- Write a promise to God to love better. *God, I will...* Put the promise in your **pink** egg.
- Put a heart sticker in your **pink** egg to remember Jesus on the cross.
- (Put a piece of candy in the **pink** egg, too! You'll get to eat it on Easter)

Put your **heart** sticker on your **pink** egg and keep it with your Alleluia box.





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Lent 2021

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| Feb 21 | Unit 6, Lesson 1— God's Promise to All Creation |
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| 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! |