

40 Day Family Bible Challenge

Week 2

Day 5: Sacrifice

During this time of preparation, we often think of things we are going to sacrifice- chocolate, our beds, once I even knew someone who gave up wearing shoes for lent. But why? Where does this tradition start?

Go into the book of Genesis and find the first sacrifice made to God in the Bible, what was sacrificed? _____

Why did they sacrifice it?

Day 6: Prefiguring the Tabernacle

In any Church the tabernacle, the place where we keep the consecrated hosts, the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus, is the focal point of the Church. Why? Because in it is God, his very flesh, dwelling among us. In the Old Testament the Israelites also built an ornate ark to carry the presence of the Lord with them.

What was that ark called? What three things did it have inside of it?

Ark of the _____

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Day 7: Notorious Brothers

Have you ever noticed that in the Old Testament there are lots of brothers mentioned! In the Old and New Testament, we find that there are brothers that help each other and brothers that are jealous of each other. Take the story of Joseph the Dreamer found in Genesis 37-50, his brothers betrayed him and sold him into slavery. Joseph later had a chance to save his brothers or to let them starve. After testing them he chose to save them and discovered he has a new brother! What was the youngest brother called?

Day 8: You are a Priest Forever

There is a mysterious “King of Salem (Peace)” who suddenly appears to Abram and offers a special thanksgiving sacrifice to God on his behalf. Who was this mysterious man in the Old Testament that offered Bread and Wine as a sacrifice to God?

Even at todays Priestly Ordinations we remember this notable priest.

Day 9: Do Not Turn Back

Abraham begged God to save the life of his nephew Lot from being destroyed in the city of Sodom. When the angels came to rescue Lot they told him that he could not turn back. When we receive the sacrament of confession God also asks us not to look back but to give us the grace to “go forth and sin no more”.

Unfortunately, not all of Lot’s family could move on, Lot’s wife turned back. What became of her? _____

Day 10: Building the Ark

We are familiar with the story of Noah and the Ark, but did you know the exact direction of how to build the ark are included! The dimensions of Noah’s ark can be found in Genesis, chapter 6, they are given in “cubits” (about 18-22 inches or 1.5 feet): length 300 cubits, breadth 50 cubits, and height 30 cubits.

What would be the modern day measurements?

Height:_____

Length:_____

Breadth:_____

Family Sunday: Promises

This Sunday reflect on God’s promises with your family.

Some suggestions:

1. Watch the “Prince of Egypt” with your family.
2. Use toothpicks, craft glue and gold paint to make a little Ark of Covenant, carry it around with you the rest of the day just like the Israelites of old.
3. Challenge: Our words are important! When God speaks, He never contradicts Himself- He cannot! When God promises something, we should not worry when it will happen. It took Abraham and Sarah years to conceive a child, it took hundreds of years for the Israelites to be freed from slavery and thousands of years for us to be able to be free of our sins. This week try to keep all of your promises, especially those you make with your family.