

# CATECHESIS@HOME 2022 #3

## "FRUIT OF THE TREE"

(8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time)



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### INTRODUCTION

This material has been prepared to provide families an opportunity to gather and spend time reflecting and discussing about the scripture readings of the 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time. This coming week, we will also be celebrating Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of the season of Lent.

### HOW TO USE THE MATERIAL

This document contains activities that members of the family may complete individually (just the children), in pairs (with parental assistance), or as an entire family. It would be helpful to print a hard-copy, so that members of your family may carry out different activities at the same time.

### WHEN TO USE THE MATERIAL

During the week after the family has celebrated the Mass of 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

### OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of each one gathered here in your presence today. Thank you, Lord Jesus, for bringing us the gift of life and faith. Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Peace, guide us during this family gathering. We make this prayer in Jesus' name, Amen.



## **SCRIPTURE REFLECTION**

Invite someone to read **Luke 6: 39-45**. Then, as a family reflect on the questions given below and share your responses with one another. If necessary, parents are encouraged to rephrase the information and questions according to their children's level of understanding.

### Time of reflection and response:

Jesus said, "Can a blind person lead another blind person? Surely both will fall. So why do you pay attention to the speck in your brother's eye while you are not conscious of the log in your own eye? First remove the log from your eye, then you will see clearly enough to remove the speck from your brother's eye."

What are the beliefs and prejudices I have that might be affecting the way I see other people and the world?

What are the practices or behaviours I have that might be a 'log in my eye'?

Jesus continued, "Each tree is known by the fruit it bears. Similarly, the good person draws good things from the good stored in his heart and an evil person draws evil things from the evil stored in his heart. For the mouth speaks from the fullness of the heart."

What is in my heart? Do my words and actions bear the fruit of a good heart?

What can I do this coming season of Lent to bear good fruit from my heart?

Today, Jesus teaches that we need to be aware of what is in our eyes and our hearts. Our words and actions are a fruit of the good or evil in our hearts and our eyes affect what we see as good or evil. We pray for the Holy Spirit to always guide us so that we may always bear good fruit from a good heart.

*Say together as a family:*

"Lord Jesus, you came down from heaven that we might have life in your name. You ask us to believe and to put our hope in you. We know that you love us and watch over us always. May we continue to grow in our faith and follow you, especially in times of trouble."

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## FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES

Below you will find some activities for younger children, revolving around the Gospel passage as well as some activities in preparation for Lent and Ash Wednesday. Select the activities you would like to complete with your children, or try to complete them all if you can!

## Activity #1: Find the Words.



### A Tree and Its Fruit

"A good tree can't produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can't produce good fruit. A tree is identified by its fruit. Luke 6:43-44 (NLT)

The words in this puzzle are taken from Luke 6:43-45

E L E J P S G L Y J F R A O U  
N H R E E T B S P E A K S L G  
X W W W O O I Y E J M M Q I T  
H Y P I P R V L V X D U T D F  
D X X W L E K V I H U I O E M  
V U Z G E D H O L H U B H N C  
M X O Y T Q E E L R F G Y T Q  
A U Z Z A X C C F R X D X I M  
Y J A G E V V S T G J Y D F U  
R H E A R T T R E E C I J I F  
G X E Y G R A P E S M I H E I  
G P G E F Z U Z L A G T R D G  
V O E F A K C X H N U Q A X S  
C K O Z J N X A H O A W R Q X  
R P S D Z G X Y M W D W Y D I

FIGS	GRAPES	STORED	FRUIT
IDENTIFIED	SPEAKS	HEART	EVIL
PEOPLE	GOOD	MOUTH	TREE

## Activity #2: Break the Code



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Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Replace each number in the puzzle with the corresponding letter to reveal the secret words.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

7-18-1-16-5-19 \_\_\_\_\_

6-18-21-9-20 \_\_\_\_\_

20-18-5-5 \_\_\_\_\_

19-20-15-18-5-4 \_\_\_\_\_

19-16-5-1-11-19 \_\_\_\_\_

7-15-15-4 \_\_\_\_\_

5-22-9-12 \_\_\_\_\_

13-15-21-20-8 \_\_\_\_\_

GRAPES  
SPEAKS

FRUIT  
GOOD

TREE  
EVIL

STORED  
MOUTH

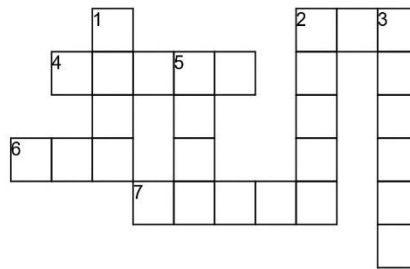
### Activity #3: Solve the Puzzle



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#### HORIZONTAL

2. A fruit that was common in the area where Jesus lived
4. The opening on our body where we take in food and drink
6. Something unpleasing; fruit that is not good
7. The center or innermost part of something; the organ in the body that pumps blood

#### VERTICAL

1. Something that is pleasing; the opposite of bad
2. The product that grows on a plant which we eat for food
3. A fruit from which wine is made
5. A tall plant with a trunk and branches

MOUTH  
FIG

HEART  
FRUIT

GOOD  
BAD

TREE  
GRAPES

### Activity #4: Unscramble the Message.

Unscramble the words in the boxes. Complete the sentence below using the letters in the numbered boxes to find out what Jesus said to the people.

EAPPL       <sub>6</sub>

NAGEOR         <sub>28 34 44 9 36 26</sub>

AABNNA         <sub>21 35 12 23 33</sub>

EARP      <sub>1 18</sub>

MNOLE       <sub>5 40 29 37</sub>

EIRUARFGPT                <sub>27 32 2 30 31 17 39 19 7 15</sub>

NAENSOEMTG                <sub>43 38 10 8 3 16 41</sub>

RWERBASRTY                <sub>25 20 4 11 13 22 24 42 14</sub>



C H   <sub>1 2</sub>

<sub>3 4 5 6</sub>

<sub>7 8</sub>

K       <sub>9 10 11 12</sub>

<sub>13 14</sub>

H   <sub>15 16</sub>

<sub>17 18 19 7 20</sub>

<sub>7 15</sub>

<sub>21 22 23 24 25</sub>

H     <sub>20 26</sub>

<sub>27 28 29</sub>

D       <sub>34 35 11 25</sub>

<sub>36 10 29</sub>

H       <sub>15 7 37 38 25</sub>

<sub>17 39 29 40</sub>

H     <sub>15 41</sub>

<sub>36 28 28</sub>

<sub>8 15 10 42 16</sub>

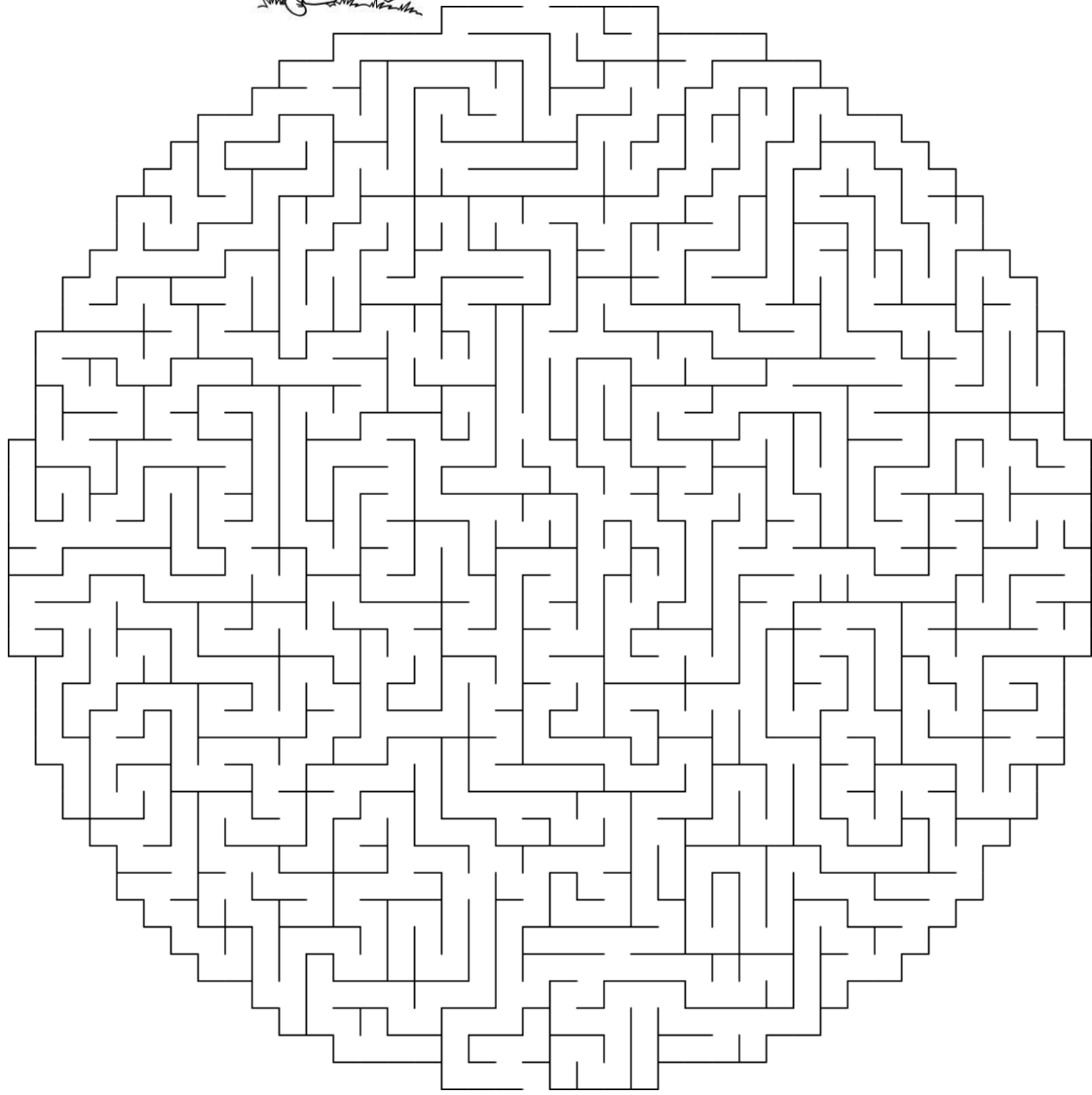
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H       <sub>7 8</sub>

H           <sub>16 44 4 15</sub>



**Activity #5: Help the child join his friends to pick fruit**





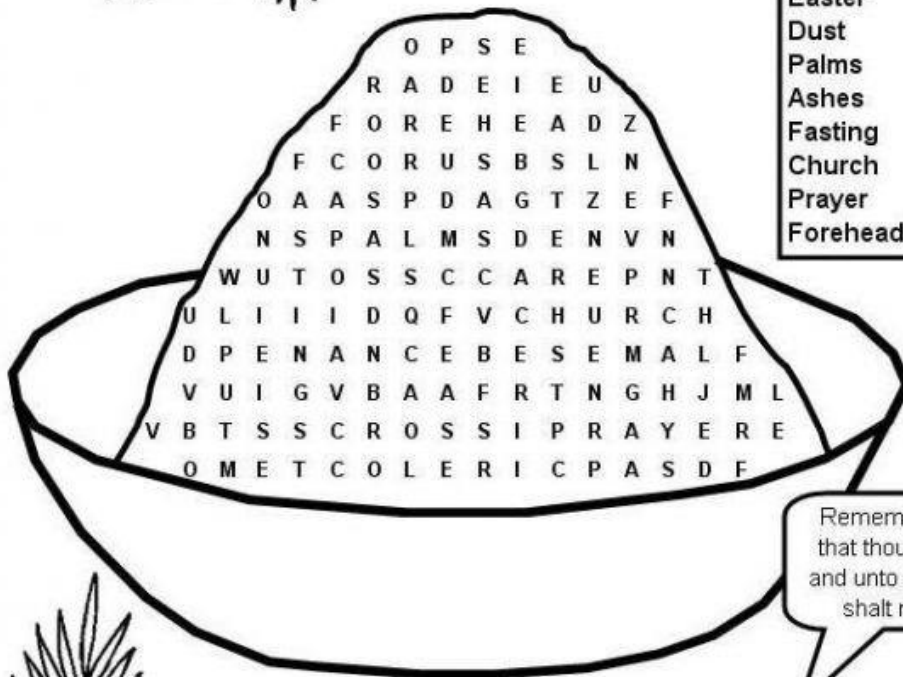
# Activity #6: Find the Words

## Ash Wednesday



Find these hidden words and circle them in the puzzle below.

- Cross
- Lent
- Rite
- Penance
- Easter
- Dust
- Palms
- Ashes
- Fasting
- Church
- Prayer
- Forehead



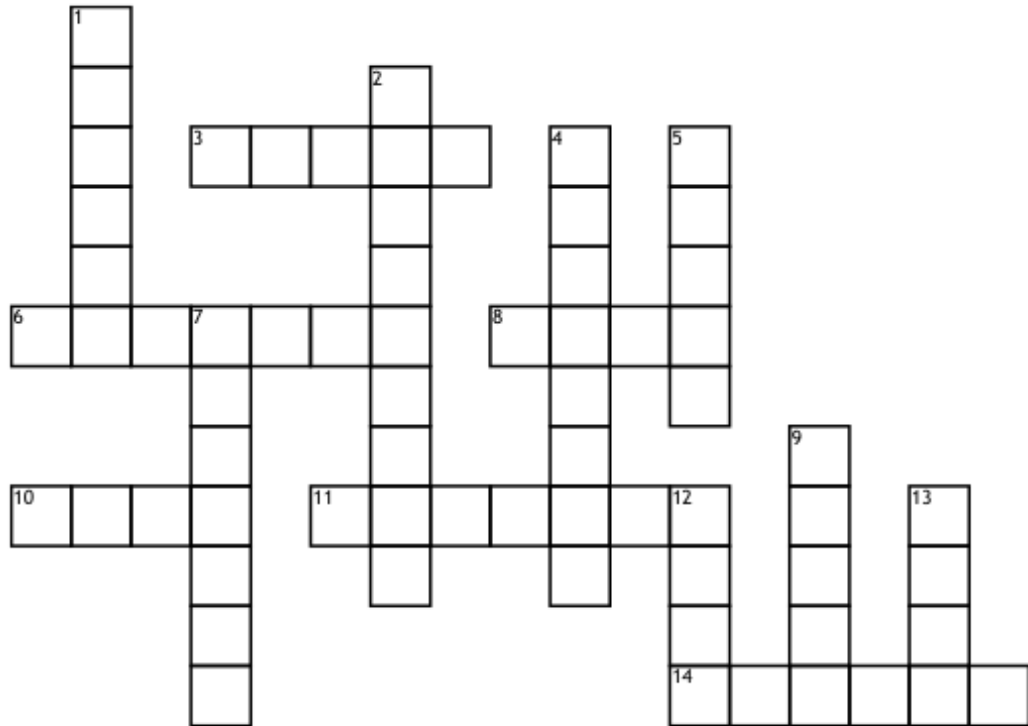
Remember man that thou art dust and unto dust thou shalt return!







## Activity #8: Solve the Lenten Crossword



### Across

3. \_\_\_\_\_ are made from blessed palms from the previous year.  
 6. The act of doing a good deed to make up for past wrongs.  
 8. \_\_\_\_\_ is the time that we prepare for Jesus's death and resurrection.  
 10. Catholics don't eat this on Fridays during Lent.

11. Go without food.  
 14. Jesus prayed for 40 days here.

### Down

1. The liturgical color for Lent is \_\_\_\_\_.  
 2. Lent begins on Ash \_\_\_\_\_.  
 4. We don't say or sing this during Lent in the Church.

5. The Church gives us \_\_\_\_\_ days of Lent to prepare for Easter.

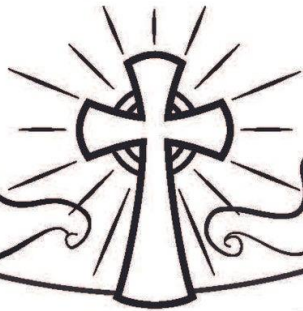
7. To go without.  
 9. The priest puts the ashes on your forehead in the shape of a \_\_\_\_\_.  
 12. Lent ends on \_\_\_\_\_ Friday.  
 13. Almsgiving means giving to the \_\_\_\_\_.

### Word Bank

Purple	Forty	Alleluia	Cross	Lent
Wednesday	Abstain	Poor	Penance	Fasting
Ashes	Good	Desert	Meat	



Activity #9: My Lent Prayer



**My Lenten Prayer**

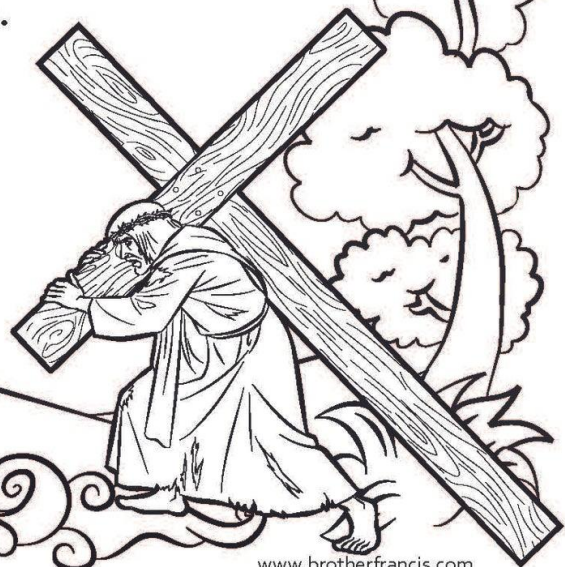
Dear Jesus  
Thank you for giving Your life  
for me and for everyone in the world.  
You fasted 40 days in the desert, and  
I want to remember Your sacrifice during Lent,  
by doing the following:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please help me to do this out of love for You,  
and help me in my hour of need.  
Amen.

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Date : \_\_\_\_\_





Activity #10: Colour the Lenten Calendar

