

Kids Celebrate

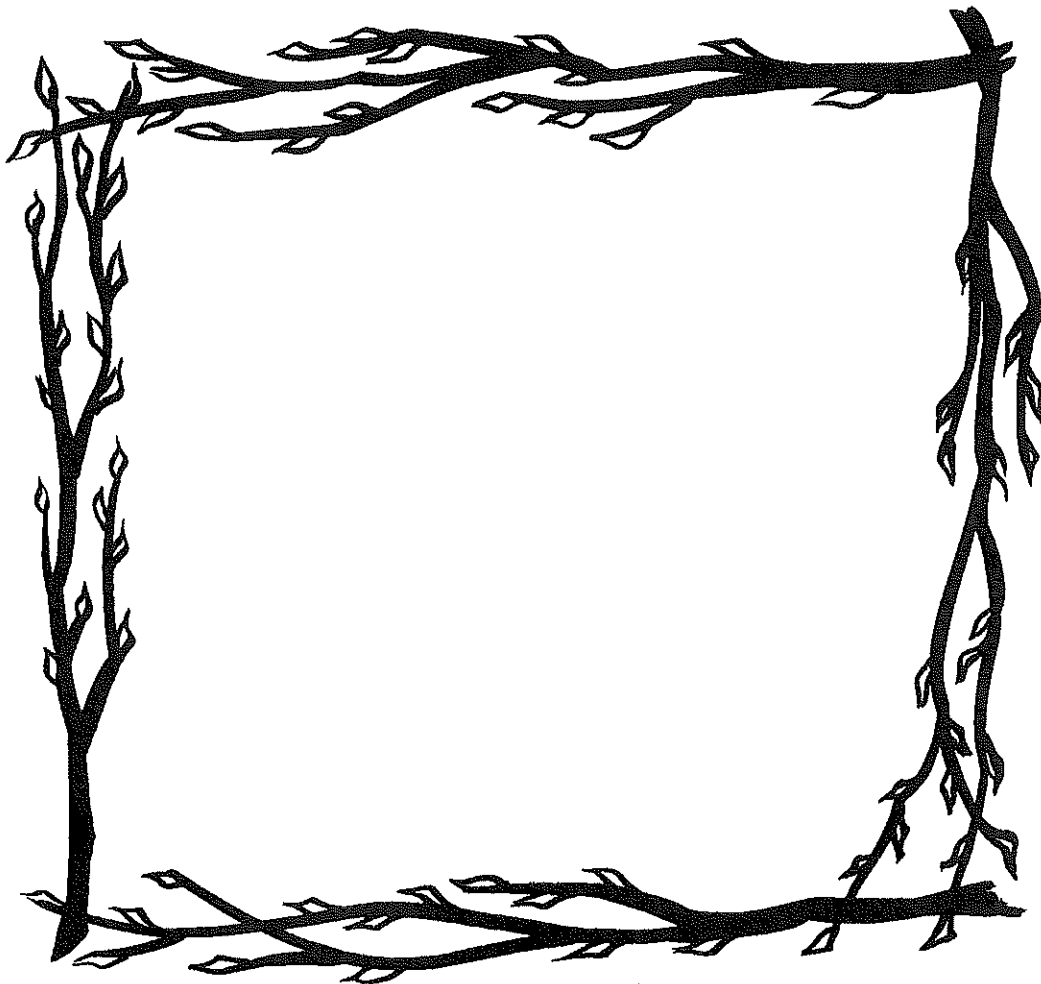
Third Sunday in Lent



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Welcome to worship. Today is the third Sunday in Lent. Lent means *spring*. During Lent, people living in cold, snowy places wait for the new life of spring, while Christians everywhere wait for the new life of Easter.

What signs of spring have you noticed? Draw them here.



hear & celebrate

God's house is for worship

John 2:13-22, Exodus 20:1-17

It was a holiday time, and people from all over Israel were coming to Jerusalem's temple to celebrate Passover. Inside the temple, merchants were selling cows, sheep, and doves for use as offerings. Jesus came through the doors and noticed all the buying and selling that was going on and Jesus got mad! He forced everyone selling animals to leave the temple, then he reminded everyone that the temple is a welcome place for worshipping God.

**Finish the illustration of Jesus' clearing out the temple.
Draw cows, sheep, and doves near the tables. Draw Jesus coming through the doors. What does his face look like?**



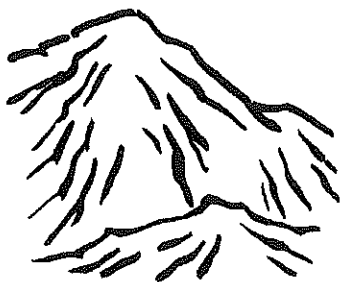
Who can worship in God's house? Write down the underlined letters from the story, in order, and figure it out.

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Ten great ways to live

God wants all of us to live together in peace and love, and has given us a list of ten things we can do to make that happen. What do you know about these ten great ways to live, better known as the *Ten Commandments*?

Match the answers to the questions below.



Mt. Sinai



the Bible



Moses

Received the Ten Commandments from God.

The commandments were given out on this mountain.

The commandments are in this book.

One more commandment...

If you could create an eleventh commandment, what would it be?



Put out food for the early spring birds and welcome them back to your neighborhood!

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Come on in!

Is there a sign outside of your church welcoming everybody in? If so, draw a picture of it here. If not, draw what such a sign could look like. Then decorate it with colors and shapes until it is the most wonderfully welcoming sign around!



*Thanks, God, for showing
us how to live in peace and
love. Amen*

† This week

Turn the sidewalk outside of your home into a beautiful welcome mat with a little bit of sidewalk chalk and some creativity!