

## *This Month:* We observe Lent in our faith communities.

We began the season of Lent on February 26 with the ritual of Ash Wednesday. Lent is a church season that last forty days, not including Sunday. Lent is a time of preparation for the resurrection of Jesus on Easter. Many Christians throughout the centuries have used Lent as a time to give up—fast from—things that have created a disconnect between themselves and God. It’s also a great time

to pick up new spiritual practices—such as daily prayer, devotional time, or reading Scripture. This month and next, your child(ren) will learn about the stories that lead up to the death and resurrection of Jesus. This month, they will hear about Jesus’ anointing, the service he modeled for us to follow, the Last Supper, and his prayers in the Garden of Gethsemane.

### *Week*

**1 Bible Story:**  
Jesus Teaches  
(Matthew 5:1-9)

**Bible Story Focus:**  
The Beatitudes are well-known teachings of Jesus. “Beatitude” means blessing. They help us live in peace together.

**Wonder Together:**  
How can you be a peacemaker?

### *Week*

**2 Bible Story:**  
Mary Anoints Jesus  
(John 12:1-8)

**Bible Story Focus:**  
Mary shows honor to Jesus by doing something gentle, kind, and meaningful.

**Wonder Together:**  
When have you done something special for someone?

### *Week*

**3 Bible Story:**  
Jesus Washes Feet  
(John 13:1-17)

**Bible Story Focus:**  
Jesus washed the disciples’ feet to teach them, and us, the importance of serving one another.

**Wonder Together:**  
How can you serve like Jesus?

### *Week*

**4 Bible Story:**  
Jesus Breaks the Bread  
(Mark 14:12-26)

**Bible Story Focus:**  
When we take communion, we remember Jesus and this time he shared with his disciples.

**Wonder Together:**  
When have you had a special meal with your friends?

### *Week*

**5 Bible Story:**  
Jesus Prays  
(Matthew 26:36-46)

**Bible Story Focus:**  
When Jesus was scared, he prayed. We can follow Jesus’ example and pray about our concerns.

**Wonder Together:**  
Who can you pray with when you are scared?

### *Memory Verse*

If I, your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet, you too must wash each other’s feet. (John 13:14)

### *Pray Together*

Dear God, thank you for the many things Jesus taught us. May we love and serve others just like he did. Amen.

# Jesus Breaks Bread

