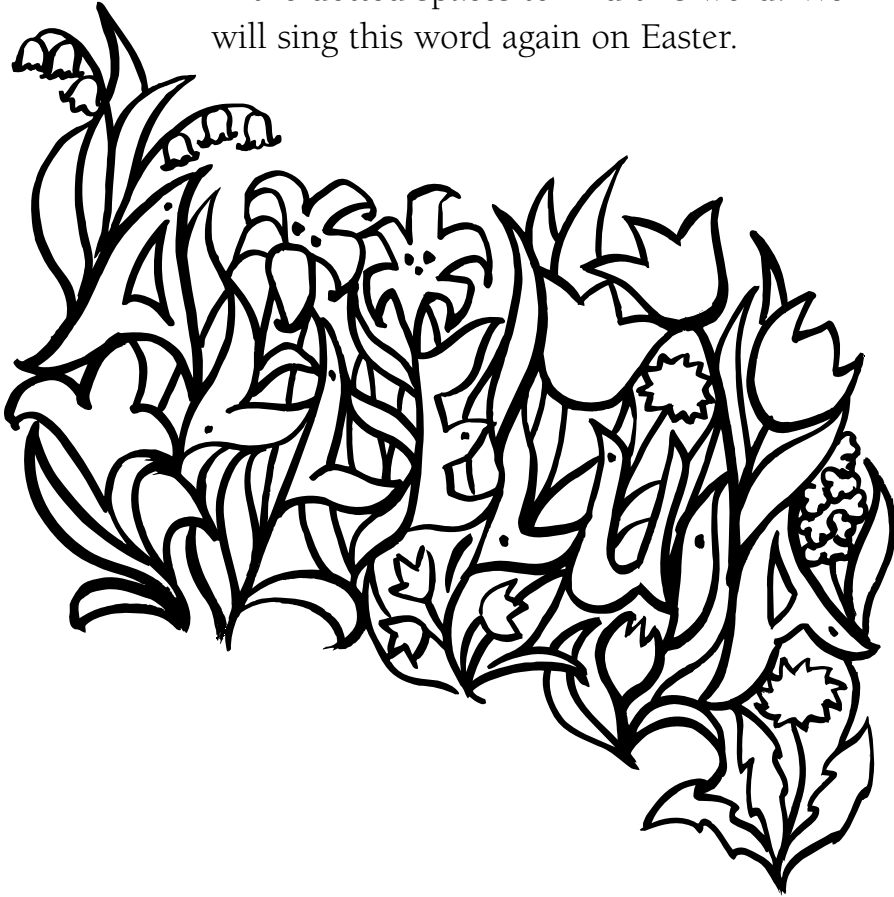


The word is out

During Lent, we give up something during worship. We put away a happy word. Color in the dotted spaces to find this word. We will sing this word again on Easter.



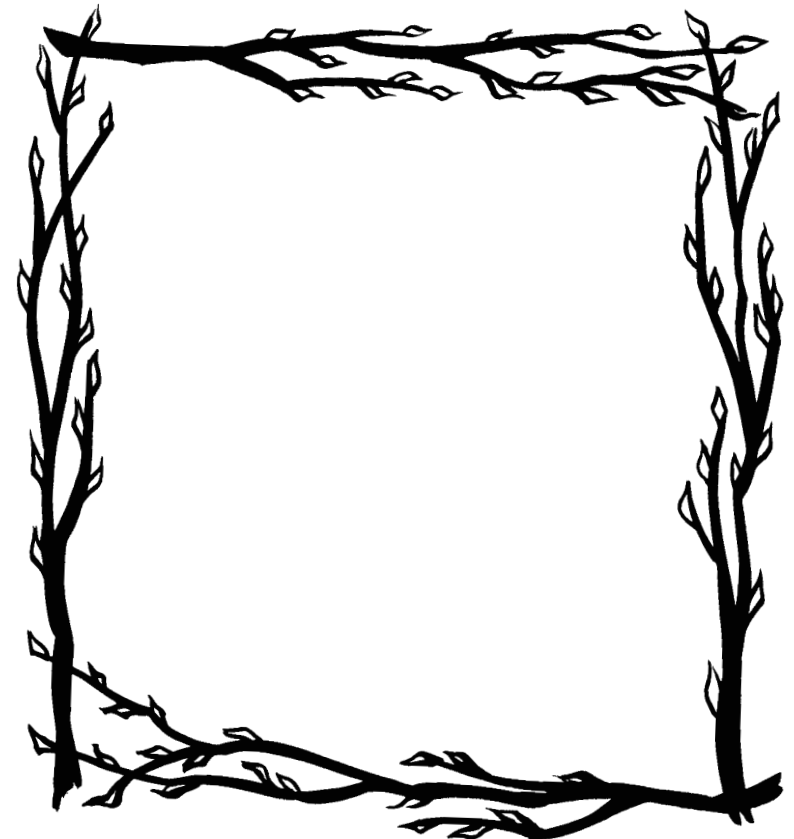
Dear God, please help me to pray each day as I wait for Easter—the best springtime surprise of all. Amen

This week

Save coins during the 40 days of Lent. Bring them to church for offering on Easter Sunday.

gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the first Sunday in Lent. The word Lent comes from the word lengthen because the springtime days in Lent grow longer. During the long winter people in cold places look forward to springtime. During Lent, Christians look forward to Easter. Draw your favorite signs of spring.





Jesus is tempted by the devil




Luke 4:1-13



The church season of Lent is 40 days long. Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness. Write the word God inside each stone. Have an older person help you quietly read the story.


Jesus spent 40 days in the desert with the devil. In all that time, Jesus ate nothing and was hungry. The devil said to Jesus, "If you are 's Son, turn this stone into bread."

But Jesus said, "People cannot live on bread alone. They need 's word."

Then the devil said, "I will give you all of the kingdoms of this world if you worship me."

Jesus said, "Worship the Lord your ."

Then the devil took Jesus to Jerusalem. He set Jesus on the highest part of the temple and said, "If you are 's Son, throw yourself down from here. 's angels will protect you."

Jesus said, "Do not test ."

The devil gave up and went away.



Prayers and pretzels

A long time ago, some Christians prayed like this. Try it! During Lent, people twisted bread into the shape of arms crossed in prayer. They were called pretzels. People gave pretzels to each other as reminders to pray during Lent.



Turn these pretzels into praying people.

