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Lent is the observance of the 40 days leading up to Easter morning and Jesus' resurrection. Much like Advent, Christians all over the world observe the season of Lent as a way of intentionally reflecting, meditating, and responding in worship to Jesus. While Advent tends to be more joyful and celebratory, Lent is a season of repentance and reflection on our great need for Jesus' sacrifice on the cross.

There are many ways to observe Lent. If your family is looking for a way to intentionally walk towards Easter, this guide is designed to help facilitate that.

This year at Harding is all about learning to listen to God and to others. As we consider Jesus' sacrifice and the way of the cross, we want to be intentional about listening to our Father and listening to his Word.

For the 40 days of Lent (beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 5 and ending on Easter Day, April 20), you and your family are invited to listen closely to scripture and the story of Jesus.

As you follow this reading plan, here is devotional format that your family can use to read, discuss, and pray your way to Easter.

Family Reading and Prayer Tips

Opening Prayer: Begin each reading with a prayer for open hearts and ears to listen to God and each other.

Reading Together: Choose one person to read the passage aloud, then take turns sharing thoughts. For younger children, explain the story or passage simply.

Discussion: Ask simple questions like, "What does this passage teach us about listening?" or "How can we listen better to God and others?"

Application: Reflect on a practical way the family can listen more attentively—whether it's listening to each other more, paying attention to God's promptings, or helping someone in need.

Closing Prayer: End each session with a prayer, asking God to help your family grow in listening to His voice, His word, and each other.

week one: listening to god's voice

- **March 5, Day 1:** 1 Samuel 3:1-10 – God Calls Samuel
- **March 6, Day 2:** John 10:27 – My Sheep Hear My Voice
- **March 7, Day 3:** Revelation 3:20 – Listening to Christ's Call
- **March 8, Day 4:** Isaiah 55:1-3 – An Invitation to Listen
- **March 9:** Day of Rest.

week two: listening to god's word

- **March 10, Day 5:** Deuteronomy 6:4-9 – Hear, O Israel: The Lord is One
- **March 11, Day 6:** Psalm 119:105 – Your Word is a Lamp to My Feet
- **March 12, Day 7:** Romans 10:17 – Faith Comes by Hearing
- **March 13, Day 8:** Luke 9:35 – This Is My Son; Listen to Him
- **March 14, Day 9:** Matthew 7:24-27 – The Wise and Foolish Builders
- **March 15, Day 10:** James 1:19-21 – Quick to Listen, Slow to Speak
- **March 16:** Day of Rest.

week three: listening to others

- **March 17, Day 11:** Proverbs 15:31-33 – Listening to Wisdom
- **March 18, Day 12:** Matthew 22:37-39 – Listening with Love
- **March 19, Day 13:** James 2:14-17 – Listening and Helping
- **March 20, Day 14:** Luke 10:38-42 – Listening to Jesus
- **March 21, Day 15:** Acts 2:42-47 – Listening to the Community
- **March 22, Day 16:** Galatians 6:2 – Listening and Carrying
- **March 23:** Day of Rest.

week four: listening and obedience

- **March 24, Day 17:** Genesis 12:1-4 – Abraham's Call
- **March 25, Day 18:** Exodus 24:12-18 – Moses on the Mountain
- **March 26, Day 19:** 1 Kings 19:9-18 – Elijah Hears the Whisper of God
- **March 27, Day 20:** Acts 9:1-19 – Saul's Conversion
- **March 28, Day 21:** Hebrews 3:7-15 – If You Hear His Voice, Listen
- **March 29, Day 22:** John 14:23-24 – If You Love Me, You Will Keep My Word
- **March 30:** Day of Rest.

week five: listening in prayer

- **March 31, Day 23:** Matthew 6:5-13 – The Lord's Prayer (Listening in Prayer)
- **April 1, Day 24:** Mark 1:35 – Jesus Prays Alone (Listening to the Father)
- **April 2, Day 25:** Psalm 5:1-3 – Listening to God's Morning Prayer
- **April 3, Day 26:** Luke 11:9-13 – Ask, Seek, Knock (Listening for God's Answer)
- **April 4, Day 27:** John 15:7 – If You Remain in Me, Ask What You Will
- **April 5, Day 28:** Philippians 4:6-7 – Listening to God in Times of Anxiety
- **April 6:** Day of Rest.

week six: listening to others

- **April 7, Day 29:** Matthew 4:18-22 – Listening to the Call of Jesus
- **April 8, Day 30:** Matthew 5:1-12 – Listening to Jesus' Teachings
- **April 9, Day 31:** Matthew 13:1-9 – Listening with Understanding
- **April 10, Day 32:** John 12:27-36 – Listening to Jesus' Mission
- **April 11, Day 33:** Matthew 21:1-11 – Rejoicing at His Arrival
- **April 12, Day 34:** John 13:1-17 – Listening and Doing Likewise
- **April 13:** Day of Rest.

week seven: listening to christ's suffering and resurrection

- **April 14, Day 35:** Matthew 26:36-41 – Gethsemane Part 1 (Listening in Times of Temptation)
- **April 15, Day 36:** Matthew 26:42-44 – Gethsemane Part 2 (Listening to God's Will)
- **April 16, Day 37:** John 13:18-30 – Judas' Betrayal
- **April 17, Day 38:** Matthew 27:27-37 – Jesus' Crucifixion
- **April 18, Good Friday:** Mark 15:33-39 – The Death of Jesus
- **April 19, Silent Saturday:** Luke 23:44-49 – The Centurion's Words
- **April 20, Easter Sunday:** Matthew 28:1-10 – Listening to the Good News!

He is not here; he is risen, just as He said.

matthew 28:6