

Date – February 14, 2021

Scripture/Bible Story/Theme

We are taking a little break in our study to prepare for the beginning of Lent, Ash Wednesday on February 17. The students are to construct a simple Alleluia banner/poster that will be stored away in preparation for Lent. Therefore, there is not a Bible passage that explains this week's activity. It is important that the students understand the main points listed below in the objectives as a basic outline as a definition of Lent.

Explain to the students that "alleluia" comes from the Hebrew word meaning praise. During Lent we are acknowledging our sins and asking for forgiveness. Alleluia is not appropriate during Lent. At Easter we will get out the banners and celebrate being able to say alleluia again.

Workshop Name

Alleluia Banners

Opening Prayer

Dear Lord,

Thank you for sending us your loving Son, Jesus. Guide us to have the same wonderful love that he had for us, so that we may share that love with others. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen

Objectives

1. Lent is the 40 days season before Easter
2. Time to remember Jesus' life and ministry which end in his death and resurrection at Easter
3. Season of asking for forgiveness of sin and preparation for resurrection of Christ
4. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday – February 17
5. Lent ends for Episcopalians on the Saturday before Easter
6. Lent is actually 46 days, the Sundays are not counted
7. The Sundays in Lent are "breaks" that remind us of the hope of resurrection
8. Easter this year will be on April 4

Supplies – Your supplies will be provided in your bags. The supplies will include a piece of poster board, pipe cleaners, ribbon pieces, fake jewels, etc. You will need glue at home to complete the activity.

Activity – Use the piece of poster board either horizontally or vertically. Write, draw, and decorate using the word Alleluia multiple times on the poster board. Then decorate further with the pipe cleaners, jewels, ribbon, etc.

After finishing the banner you can leave it out until Wednesday and then pack/hide it away until Easter.

Reflection/Evaluation

Why will you be excited to say Alleluia again at Easter time?

What does Easter mean to you?

What special celebration do you have in your family?

Lord's Prayer

