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TRAVELLING TOWARDS EASTER



MARCH 2021

Easter Day falls on April 4th this year, but at the moment the church is preparing for it with this time called LENT – from an old English word ‘Lengten’, meaning Spring, when the days begin to get longer. It’s a time when Christians think about what happened to Jesus. It lasts for 40 days (plus the Sundays), matching the amount of time Jesus spent in the desert preparing himself for the work he had to do. *(Read about it in Matthew 4:1-11)*

He lived on what he could find to eat and many people reflect this by giving up luxuries such as chocolate or other luxuries. This can help us to think of those who have less than ourselves, and perhaps give the money you may have saved to a charity that will help others.

But, in the middle of this time of going without, we have a special day when we remember and give thanks for mothers and all those who love and care for children.

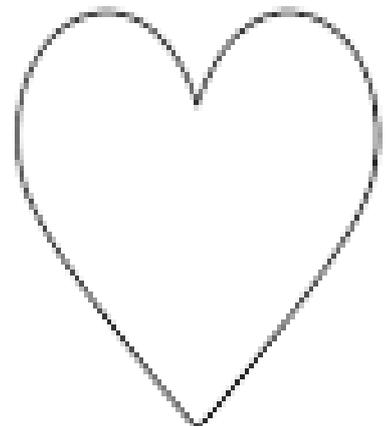
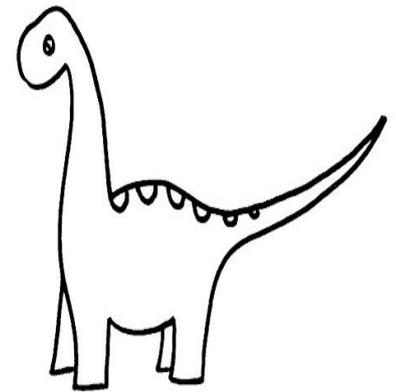
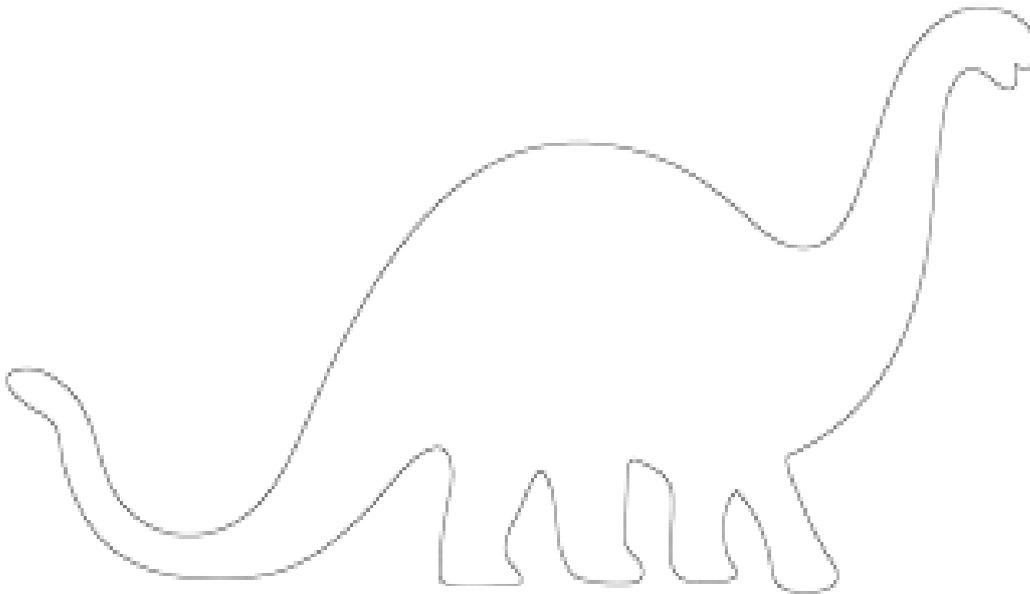
This year Mothering Sunday, as it is called, falls on 14th March.

You might like to use this idea to make her a special picture.



Create this picture by using a paper plate, any colour, or cut a circle of paper, and use the templates below. You can animate the baby dinosaur if you stick him on the end of a craft stick, then cut a slit in the circle and push the stick through. You can then move him about to appear to hug his mum.

Write HAPPY MOTHER’S (or Carer’s DAY at the bottom.



Cut out a red heart and write on it a message for your Mum, Grandma or whoever cares for you.

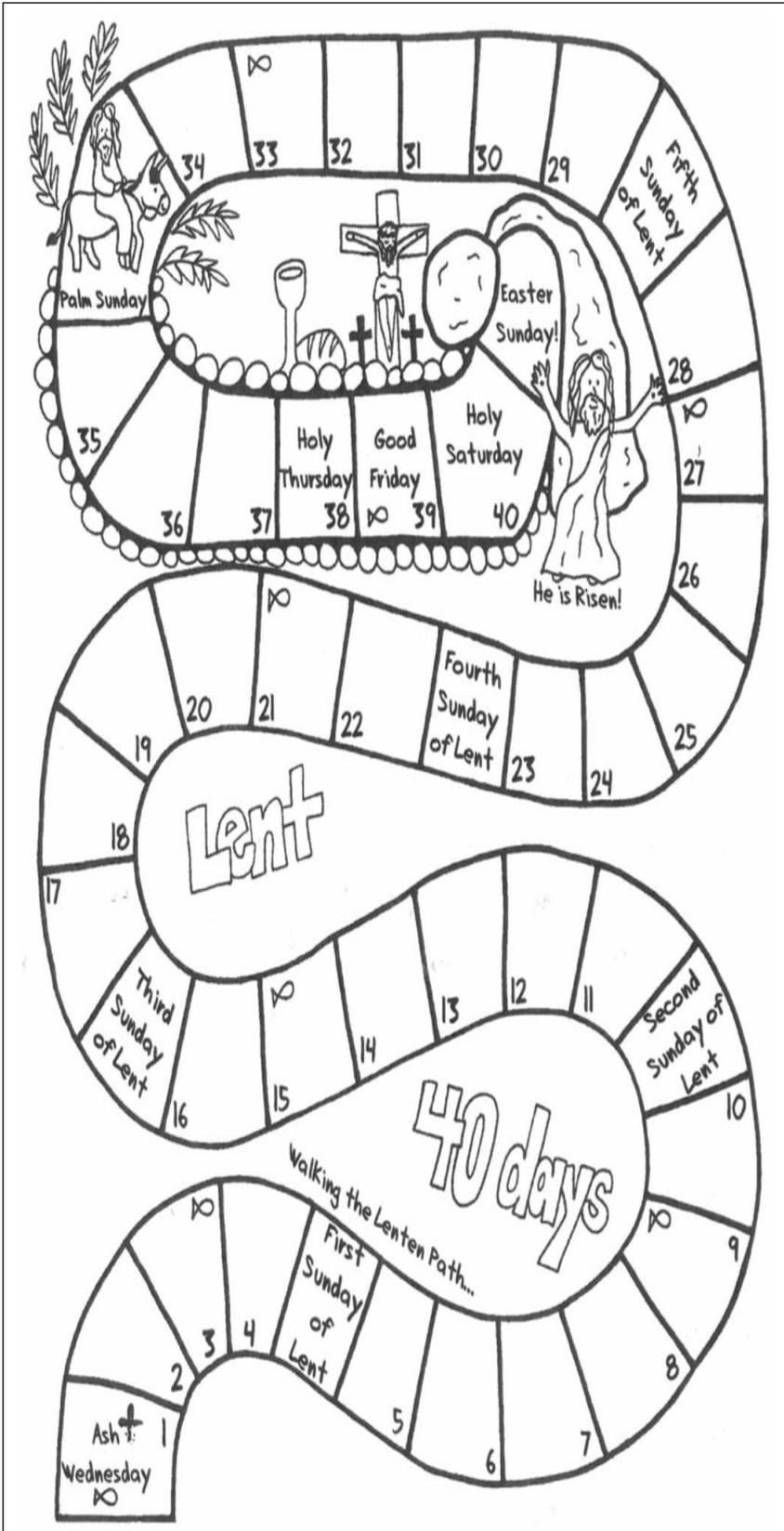
I love you

or perhaps

Thank you for all you do for me

FOLLOW THE PATH THROUGH LENT

As we go through this season of Lent, there will be another important event in Jesus' life that are remembered. This will be on **PALM SUNDAY**, this year on **March 28th**. This is when we remember Jesus going up to Jerusalem, and riding into the city on a donkey. Lots of people greeted him on that day by waving palm branches, much the same as we would wave flags for the visit of the Queen. They also laid some on the road with their cloaks for the donkey to walk over. Below is a game the family could play.



Colour all the Sunday squares **Purple** except Easter Sunday which could be **Yellow**. Make Palm Sunday **Green** and Good Friday **dark brown**, then continue colouring the other squares as you like.

To play: you need a die, and counters for each participant. Start with your first throw and if you land on a **BROWN** or a **RED** square you must **go back two squares**.

For added fun: have a pack of **M&M's** or **Smarties** and players receive one in the colour they have landed on as they go round.

A Palm Sunday Wordsearch

MOUNT
OLIVES
VILLAGE
DONKEY
COLT
CLOAKS
BRANCHES
HOSANNA
SON
BLESSINGS
TURMOIL
PROPHET



E	S	Y	C	S	A	O	K	S	E
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