

the  
Jesus  
Storybook  
Bible

LENT GUIDE



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Dear friends, little and big (and grown-ups, you can stay too, it's okay) —

Before the beginning of time God had a wonderful plan. He knew things would go wrong with his perfect world. He knew his children would run from him and break his world and his heart. Even though it was never meant to be this way. He knew, when his children ran from him, sin would come into his perfect world—and sickness and tears and dying would come. But God had a plan. He would come down and rescue his children. He would send his Great Rescuer, Jesus. And together they would pull off the greatest Rescue the world has ever known.

But just before Jesus began his Great Rescue operation where did he go?

To a university to get trained? To important leaders to get their help? To a spa to get some rest? To shop to buy some things?

No. He went out into the desert.

That seems like a bit of an odd place to go. Why did he go there?

“Jesus needed to get away by himself and be somewhere quiet and lonely. He needed to be with his heavenly Father to get ready for his new life.

In the desert, Jesus thought about the Secret Rescue Plan he had made with God. Before the foundation of the world, they both knew what would have to happen. To rescue God's children, Jesus would have to die. There was no other way. It was the reason he had come.”

“Lent” is the time we remember this Secret Rescue Plan as well. And we make room for time with our Heavenly Father, too. As we read the stories of God's Great Rescue we remember important things. We remember why we needed Jesus to come. That we can't rescue ourselves. How much he loves us.

“Lent” is the time just before Easter. It's a strange word. But it comes from an old English word meaning “Spring.”

Think about spring for a minute. Just before spring arrives, when it's still winter, what does it look like?

Not good.



The trees have no leaves. The flowers have all disappeared. The ground is hard as stone and the water is frozen. Most of the animals and birds have gone away. It looks like everything is dead. But spring is coming. And when it does—flowers, blossoms, rivers, leaves, life!

As we read this Great Rescue Story together, God wants us to remember: however we are feeling today, wherever we are today, whatever is happening in our lives today—however it looks, even if it looks like there is no hope at all—spring is coming. It may look like nothing is happening. It may even look like everything has died.

But...

Spring is coming!

Easter is coming!

Jesus dies —yes, but he comes alive again!

And one day death and sickness and tears—they will be no more. Because God is making the story end happily for his world—and for his children!



Sally







## PAPER CHAIN LENT READING GUIDE

### HOW TO MAKE THE READING CHAIN:

1. Print off this Lent Guide, making sure to print double sided!
2. Cut along the dotted lines to create strips of paper.
3. Making sure that the number side of the strip faces outward, tape, glue, or staple the far ends of one paper strip together into a ring.
4. Thread another strip of paper through the center of the first paper ring, then join the ends of this second strip together.
5. Repeat steps 3 and 4 (making sure that the chains are in numerical order) until all 40 strips of paper have been linked together, forming a chain.
6. For every day of reading, rip one ring off the chain starting with number 1, and read the chapter printed on the flipside of the ring.



Note: Sundays are Catch Up Days, so there are no chains to open.



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The Story and the Song

The Beginning: A Perfect Home

The Terrible Lie

A New Beginning

A Giant Staircase to Heaven

Son of Laughter

The Present

The Girl No One Wanted

The Forgiving Prince

God to the Rescue



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God Makes a Way

Ten Ways to be Perfect

The Warrior Leader

The Teeny Weenie... True King

The Young Hero and the Horrible Giant

The Good Shepherd

A Little Servant Girl and the Proud General

Operation "No More Tears!"

Daniel and the Scary Sleepover

God's Messenger





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Get Ready!

He's Here!

The Light of the Whole World

The King of All Kings

Heaven Breaks Through

Let's Go

A Little Girl and a Poor Frail Lady

How To Pray

The Singer

The Captain of the Storm



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Filled Full

Treasure Hunt

The Friend of Little Children

The Man Who Didn't Have Any Friends (None)

Running Away

Washed With Tears

The Servant King

A Dark Night in the Garden

The Sun Stops Shining

God's Wonderful Surprise

# 2023 Lent Calendar - Reading Guide

## February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 The Story and the Song ①	23 The Beginning: A Perfect Home ②	24 The Terrible Lie ③	25 A New Beginning ④
26 Catch Up Day	27 A Giant Staircase to Heaven ⑤	28 Son of Laughter ⑥				





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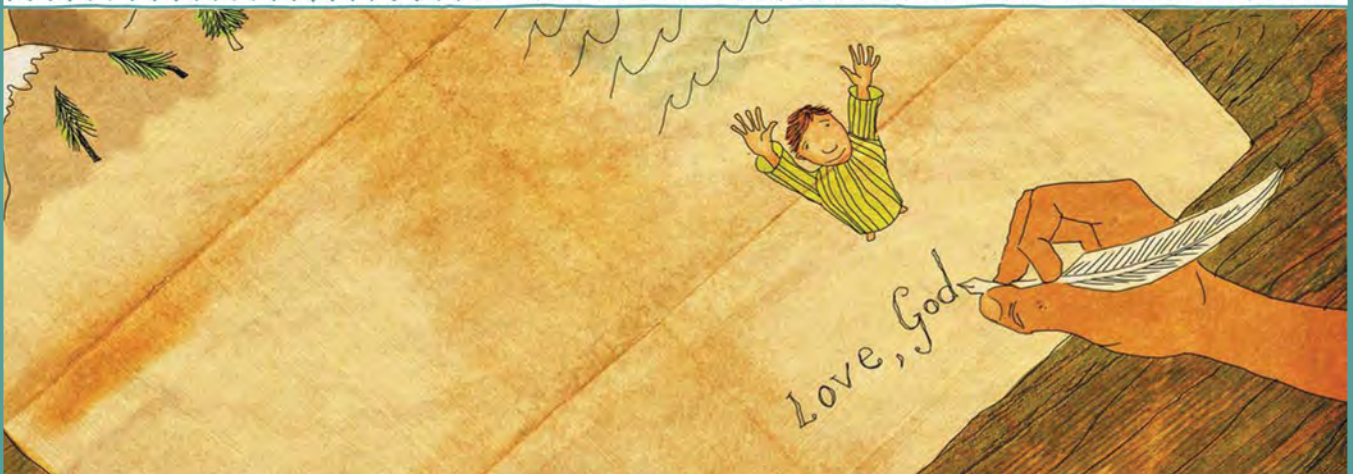
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						1 The Man Who Didn't Have Any Friends (None) 34
2 Catch Up Day	3 Running Away 35	4 Washed With Tears 36	5 The Servant King 37	6 A Dark Night in the Garden 38	7 The Sun Stops Shining 39	8 God's Wonderful Surprise 40
9 Happy Easter!	10	11	12	13	14	15
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It  
Wasn't  
the NAILS  
THAT KEPT  
JESUS there.  
It Was LOVE.

Three nails are positioned diagonally in the upper right quadrant of the image, pointing towards the top right. They are dark brown with visible heads and sharp points.





When a bunny is born in spring, he sees the world as green and new and full of hope. But as the seasons change, the bunny worries that the earth may be dying. In bestselling author Sally Lloyd-Jones' picture book celebrating the Easter season and rebirth, nature speaks to the bunny, assuring him of something more. Award-winning artist David McPhail's whimsical illustrations reflect the beauty of the world around us as Lloyd-Jones' inspirational text prompts readers to celebrate the changing seasons and the miracle of nature's rebirth.

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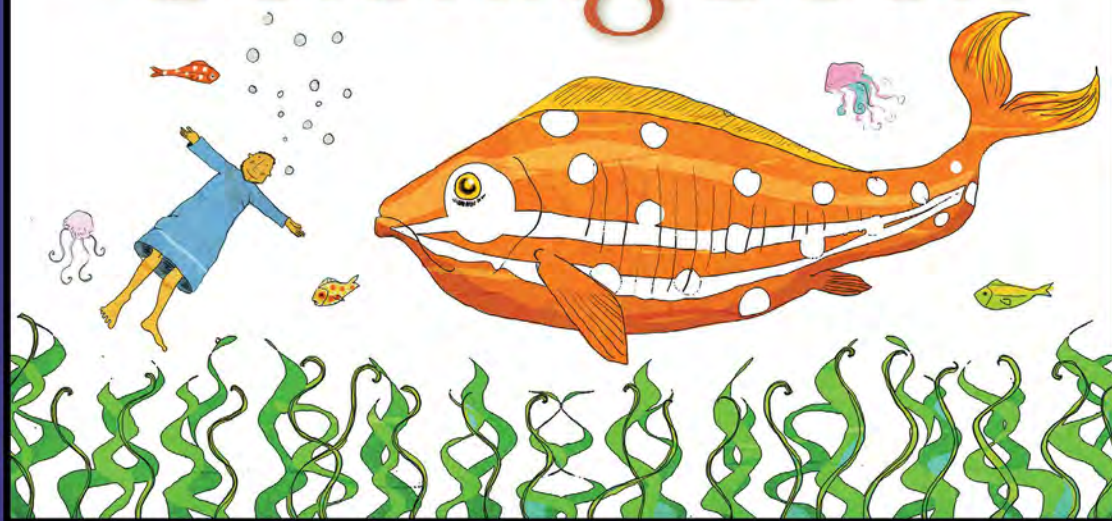
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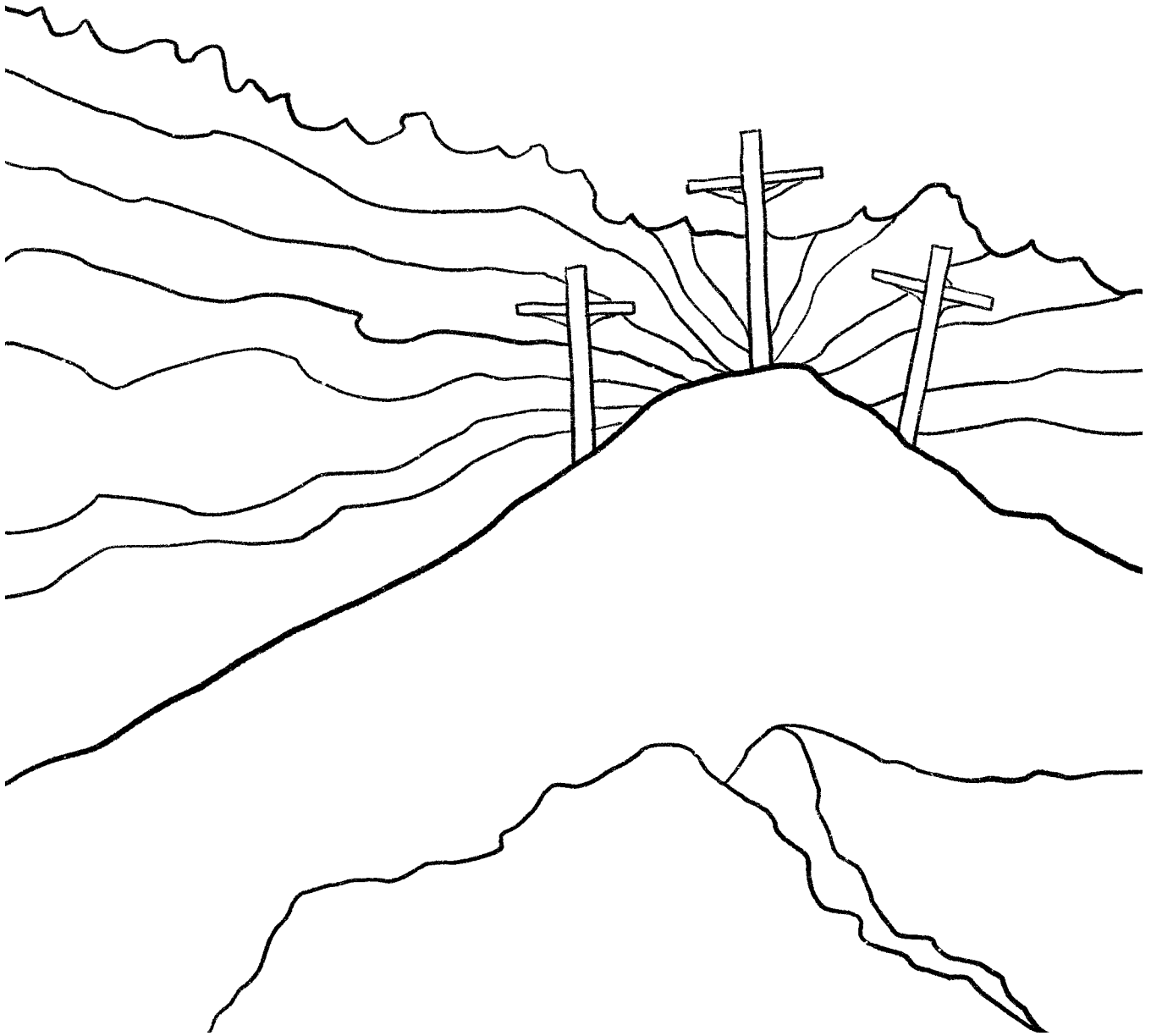
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An angel said, "Jesus is **ALIVE** again!"



But it was God's plan to rescue the **WHOLE WORLD**.



“Whenever you eat and drink, remember I have rescued you.”



# happy

PSALM 92



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THERE IS NOTHING BROKEN  
 THAT WON'T BE MENDED,  
 NOTHING SICK THAT WON'T BE HEALED,  
 NOTHING DEAD THAT WON'T LIVE AGAIN.  
 BECAUSE GOD IS MAKING EVERYTHING  
 SAD COME UNTRUE!



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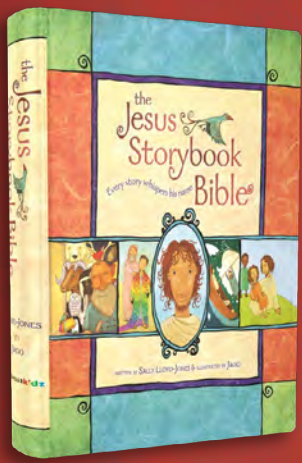
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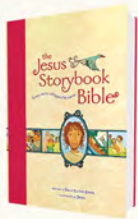
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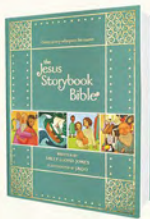
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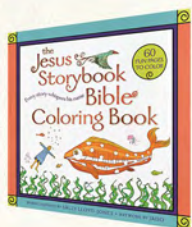
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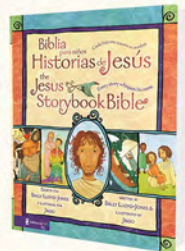
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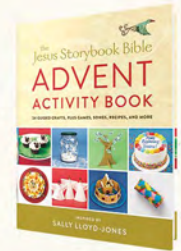
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