

Significant Sacrifice

A N E A S T E R J O U R N E Y

Activities for Families

Lent is a time to prepare our hearts and minds for Easter. Kids love to anticipate special occasions, so they will thoroughly enjoy *Significant Sacrifice for Families!*

Before March 9, 2011:

1. Download, print, and color the *Significant Sacrifice* collection jar label and accountability poster. Affix it to a large jar that will hold many coins.
2. Have several quarters, dimes, nickels, and pennies ready for the giving activities.
3. Download, print, and construct the *Significant Sacrifice* cross and paper chain (see cross). Do not fill out the mystery phrases yet or do the giving activities.

Beginning March 9, 2011:

1. Each week tear three links from the bottom of the chain and complete the Bible readings and activities. Use a version of the Bible that your children understand.
2. Collect coins in the collection jar with the *Significant Sacrifice* label.
3. Save the chain links with your answers to the mystery phrase.
4. On or after Easter Sunday, use your answers from the daily activities to fill in the puzzle on the cross to decode an important message. Send the message to campaigns@lifewater.org, and Lifewater will send you a prize for each child who participated (include your mailing address and children's names).
5. Send your donations to Lifewater International, P.O. Box 3131, San Luis Obispo, CA, 93403 or donate online at www.lifewater.org. Even just \$35 can provide one child with safe water for life, so if you raise that much, you help to transform a life!



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Christ is Risen!

Decode the mystery phrase by completing the daily activities during the 40 days before Easter.

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INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Cut out and lightly color the cross.
2. Using crayons, color each day's strip of paper a different color.
3. Cut the paper on the dotted lines into strips of paper.
4. Using glue or tape, make the strips into a paper chain, with the earliest date at the bottom of the chain and the day before Easter at the top of the chain.
5. Cut a slit on the bottom of the cross and thread the last chain link (Week 7 Day 3) through it, tape or glue the link.
6. Punch a hole in the top of the cross and put a string through it so you can hang the cross and chain.
7. Hang the Significant Sacrifice cross and chain in a prominent place in your home.

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Week 1 Day 1

Scripture Reading: John 15:12

Mystery Phrase: Jesus said, "This is my that you love one another as I have loved you."

Giving Activity: Put 10 cents in the collection jar for each person in your family and for friends that you love. Giving clean water to people who are thirsty is one way to love others!



Week 1 Day 2

Scripture Reading: Matthew 14:22-27

Mystery Phrase: Jesus said to his disciples, "Take heart, it is I; do not be ."

Giving Activity: In some places, people grow afraid when it does not rain for a long time. Why do you think that this scares them? How does God answer them? How many times were you afraid this week? What took away your fear? Give 25 cents for each time.



Week 1 Day 3

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 61:1

Mystery Phrase: God says he anointed us to bring to the oppressed.

Giving Activity: What good news do we have? What are examples of how we bring good news to other people? Put 50 cents in the collect jar to give thanks for the Good News!



Week 2 Day 1

Scripture Reading: Matthew 22:34-39

Mystery Phrase: The greatest commandments are to love the Lord with our hearts, souls, and minds and to love our as ourselves.

Giving Activity: How many neighbors can you name? Give 5 cents for each one. If you lived in a place with a neighborhood water well, you would be standing in line with your neighbors for hours every day!



Week 3 Day 3

Scripture Reading: James 1:17

Mystery Phrase: Every good and perfect ___ ___ comes from God, the Father.
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Giving Activity: When people get new wells, they always praise God for their new source of water. They know that the good gift of water comes from God! Give 50 cents to thank God for the good gift of water.



Week 4 Day 1

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

Mystery Phrase: God said we are his handiwork, made to do good ___ ___ .
26 27 28

Giving Activity: God made us. God did a good job! Give 50 cents to thank God for making us so well.



Week 4 Day 2

Scripture Reading: Mark 1:16-20

Mystery Phrase: Jesus said "___ ___ ___ me."
29 30 31

Giving Activity: What does it mean to be a disciple? How many disciples did Jesus have in the Bible? Give 5 cents for each disciple. Name as many as you can.



Week 4 Day 3

Scripture Reading: James 1: 22-25

Mystery Phrase: God tells us we must not just hear what He says, but also ___ what He says.
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Giving Activity: What does God want us to do for people who need clean water? Read Matthew 25: 34-40. Put 50 cents in the jar to help give water to those who need it.



Week 7 Day 3

Scripture Reading: Luke 24: 1-13

Mystery Phrase: Because Jesus is God, He didn't stay dead. He _____ _____ !
60 61
That is why we celebrate!

Giving Activity: God, through Jesus, has done so much for you and me. Sing a song of praise! Now you can do something for others with the money you have saved!



THANK YOU for participating in Significant Sacrifice for Families! Your contributions will make a difference in the lives of children who need safe water to learn and grow.

Please take a moment to fill out this evaluation form, so we can continue to improve our materials.

We appreciate you!

SIGNIFICANT SACRIFICE FOR FAMILIES EVALUATION

Name and ages of participants:

Type of group: Church Family Small Group Individual Other:

Comments about activity:

Comments about overall experience:

Will you do Significant Sacrifice for Families again? Yes No Maybe Explain:

Significant Sacrifice

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