



MARCH 2015

TO TEACH AS JESUS DID

SACRED SPACE

God, heavenly Father, look upon me and hear my prayer during this holy Season of Lent. By the good works You inspire, help me to discipline my body and to be renewed in spirit. Without You I can do nothing. By Your Spirit help me to know what is right and to be eager in doing Your will. Teach me to find new life through penance. Keep me from sin, and help me live by Your commandment of love. God of love, bring me back to You. Send Your Spirit to make me strong in faith and active in good works. May my acts of penance bring me Your forgiveness, open my heart to Your love, and prepare me for the coming feast of the Resurrection of Jesus. Fill my heart with Your love and keep me faithful to the Gospel of Christ. Give me the grace to rise above my human weakness. Give me new life by Your Sacraments, especially the Mass. In Your name, I pray...Amen.

from <http://www.catholic.org/prayers/prayer.php?p=2791>



What to Give Up for Lent:

25 Creative Ideas: Creative Ideas for Teens [What to Give Up for Lent:](#)

[25 Creative Ideas | LifeTeen.com for Catholic Youth](#)

Are the teenagers you teach looking for something unconventional to offer up for Lent? It's not too late to try some of these ideas. See how it goes after students pick one of them and be sure to discuss it in class or create a class blog where all the kids can write about their experiences. Check out these suggestions from real teens.

1. "I'm addicted to caffeine so I gave up all drinks but water for Lent two years ago." - Amanda
2. "Last year I didn't give up anything for Lent, just added more prayer life. This year I am going to add more prayer life and give up Facebook." - Josephina
3. "I've heard of people giving up their beds for Lent. They slept on the floor or the couch." - Anna
4. I'm going to treat my body as a temple of God during Lent - everything I read, watch, listen to, eat, drink, do, say, etc. , focusing on being a temple of God." - Paul
5. "One year for Lent I wrote a letter each day. I made a list of 40 people who have touched my life in one way or another. Each day of Lent, I wrote a person on the list a letter of thanks for how they touched my life and I prayed for that person on that day...it was a wonderful experience!" - Patty
6. "This year, I'm giving up the radio in my car in order to focus more on the things that are around me that God created! I can't wait so I've already started doing it!" - Joshua
7. "This year I'm giving up having my phone with me during the day because I'm always checking my email throughout the day. My hope is that having moderation I can be more present to the people around me. I want them to see my deeper connection with God." - Kaitlin, a Life Teen Missionary
8. "I've never done it, but I've heard of people giving up the snooze button on their alarm clock. They said that it was harder than they thought, but it taught them a lot about discipline." - Jessica
9. "I didn't do it for all of Lent, but for Holy Week last year I gave up my pillow. Honestly, at first it was fun, but it proved to be hard. But it made me realize how blessed I am to even have a bed." - Sara

This Way of the Cross shows how we can turn aside from thoughts and actions that lead to fights and arguments and helps us to choose, instead, to work and play together in peace.

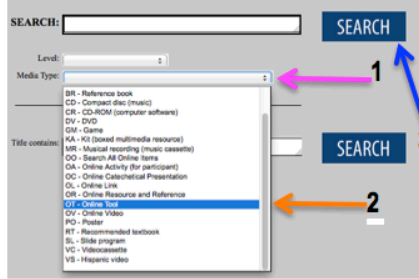
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From the Resource Center

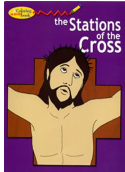
Did you know??

The Education Resource Center (ERC) has cataloged some online tools for catechists, teachers, and students to use in creating lessons and projects. Create an online Jeopardy game that students can access in class or at home; a Word Search that can be printed off or shared and solved online; or a thirty-second video with text, photos, and music that can be created, shared and viewed by students with minimal technology skills. Check out these and other cool online tools through the ERC Web Search Catalog (link below). Simply use the **Media Type pull-down menu**(1), then **select OT**(2) for "Online Tools," and then click on the **blue SEARCH** button(3).



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Stations of the Cross Suggestions

Try one of the following with your students. If possible, take your teens to church to pray the stations listed below.

The Stations of the Cross for Teens

http://www.archwinnipeg.ca/wcm-docs/youth_resources/youth_resource-1238107982.pdf

Stations of the Cross for Children

<http://www.loyolapress.com/assets/lent/stations-of-the-cross-for-children.pdf> This version has a reproducible booklet. Just print, cut out and clip together <http://proudtobecatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2012/02/stations-of-the-cross-cards-bw.pdf>

Lord, Teach me to Pray

By Janet Schaeffler, OP

There are numerous ways we pray with our learners, and in praying, we are, in fact, teaching them how to pray. Here is a brief review of different forms of prayer that you might use, especially during Lent.

<http://www.catechist.com/blog/archives/283-20120224.html> - extended



Thinking about the approach of Easter, I thought I'd post this prayer that I have used with younger children. You will need to make up little packets so that each child has one M and M of each color. The children loved it, but make sure the younger ones remember to eat the colors **as you say them** or they'll have nothing left within 5 seconds! Say each line and eat an M and M of the appropriate color:



Pink for the people who came and praised,
Green for the palm leaves that they raised;
Purple for the robe that Jesus wore,
Brown for the cross that Jesus bore;
Red for the blood that Jesus shed,
Blue for the tears when he was dead;
orange for the stone that was rolled away,
Yellow for joy- He's alive today!

<http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/2012/02/easter-smarties-prayer.html>

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