

2025 Lent Family Guide

and Church Calendar at First Baptist Bryan

About Lent

Since the 4th century, many Christians worldwide have observed Lent — the 40 days leading up to Holy Week, which culminates this year on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025. Through repentance of sin and refocused devotion, Lent renews the fervor of one's intimacy with Christ in preparation for our celebration of His resurrection on Easter Sunday. By using this Family Guide at home, and following this Church Calendar, you can intentionally focus your family's eyes and hearts on the glory of Jesus, His grace toward us, and His heartbeat for others during this season.

The First Baptist Bryan Lent and Holy Week Calendar

- March 5th** | Attend the Ash Wednesday Service at 6pm in the Worship Center. Receiving the non-mandatory cross-shaped ashes on the forehead reminds us that our sin and mortality were remedied by Jesus on the cross.
- March 5th - April 17th** | Begin Day 1 of the Lent Family Devotions on the evening of March 5th, making a family plan for what you will “put off” and “put on” during the 40 days of Lent.
- April 6th** | Attend the “Waddle We Do With Easter?” Workshop for Parents, Sunday at 10:10am in Room 270 for practical ideas and resources on making Jesus your all during Easter as a family.
- April 13th** | Attend morning Palm Sunday services and GroupLife, and the evening concert, “SAVIOUR...A Modern Oratorio”.
- April 14 - 16th** | Parents attend Holy Week Lunches at the church.
- April 17th** | Attend the Maundy Thursday Service as a family at 6pm.
- April 18th** | Attend the Good Friday Service as a family at 12pm noon. Today, begin family activities, like making resurrection rolls, that might require a Good Friday start. See fcbryan.org/families
- April 20th** | Attend one of the five services on Easter Sunday with the friends you invite. Traditional services at 7:30 or 9:00am; Contemporary services at 10:30 or 11:40am. Spanish-speaking service at 1:00pm. See fcbryan.org/easter for more service and childcare details. There is no GroupLife on Easter Sunday.

Lent Family Devotions

Day 1 - Ephesians 2:4-9; 4:22-24

Read today's passage aloud from your child's Bible, or a kid-friendly translation (NIRV or NIV). This passage tells us that God's love was displayed, and our salvation was paid for, through the death and resurrection of Jesus. We receive this unearned gift of salvation through faith. Along with our salvation from sin, we become restored and renewed to new life. We are to live in new life by “putting off” our former self-focused lives and “putting on” lives led and empowered by our living Lord and His indwelling Spirit. "And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again." 2 Corinthians 5:15

PUT OFF —

• Share ideas for a time-waster, money-waster, or something indulgent (traditionally, certain foods) family members might want to give up for 40 Days to increase one's focus on the the Lord. Parents should take heart that their children will learn from their joy-filled example, then guide each child to select something to "put off" as is appropriate.

PUT ON —

• **"@Home" Challenge:** Determine together to follow the Lent Family Guide no less than four days each week as a family

• **"In our Community" Challenge:** As a family, pray for and invite unchurched friends to Easter services (the church is providing invitation tools)

• **"Around the World" Challenge:** Redirect discretionary or frivolous spending from your family budget to our church's World Missions Offering in March, or give family funds directly to disciple Operation Christmas Child shoebox recipients

www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/thegreatest-journey/

Write out your family's specific "put off" and "put on" goals for Lent and place it on your refrigerator or other prominent place. For the remainder of the 40 days, read aloud and discuss what each passage tells us about God and His plan; thank God for His care and goodness; and ask for God's help in making Jesus your all and sharing Him with all in prayer together.

Day 2 - John 1:1-3; 14

Day 3 - John 1:10-13

Day 4 - John 1:29-30

Day 5 - John 3:3-5

Day 6 - John 3:15-16

Day 7 - John 3:17-18, 36

Day 8 - John 5:24, 39-40

Day 9 - John 5:27-29

Day 10 - John 5:32-35; 40

Day 11 - John 10:10-11

Day 12 - John 10:14-16

Day 13 - John 10:27-30

Day 14 - Colossians 1:10-12

Day 15 - Colossians 1:13 - 14

Day 16 - Colossians 1:15 - 16

Day 17 - Colossians 1:17 - 18

Day 18 - Colossians 1:19 - 22

Day 19 - Colossians 1: 28 - 29

Day 20 - Colossians 2: 6-7

Day 21 - Colossians 3:1-3

Day 22 - Colossians 3:10-13

Day 23 - Colossians 3:14-16

Day 24 - Colossians 3:17

Day 25 - John 11:37-40

Day 26 - John 11:41-45

Day 27 - John 12:9-11

Day 28 - John 12:12-16

Day 29 - John 12:17-19

Day 30 - John 14:1-6

Day 31 - John 15:1-5

Day 32 - John 15:8-11

Day 33 - John 15:12-17

Day 34 - John 17:3-5

Day 35 - John 17:13-18

Day 36 - John 18:36-37

Day 37 - John 19:16-19

Day 38 - Ephesians 3:14-19

Day 39 - Ephesians 4:29-30

Day 40 - Ephesians 4:31-5:2

Our mission is to make Jesus our all and share Him with all.

Our vision is to multiply disciples of Jesus Christ
(through gathering in Worship, growing in GroupLife, and going on mission)
who share Him at home, in our community, and around the world.

