

# FEBRUARY 17: THORNY CROWN ASH WEDNESDAY

## INCLUDED:

Wreath  
Toothpicks  
Purple candle  
Water transfer decal

## USE YOUR OWN:

Scissors and bowl of water  
Optional: brown crayon



## MARK 6:1-6, 16-18



Jesus said to his disciples: “Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them; otherwise, you will have no recompense from your heavenly Father. When you give alms, do not blow a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets to win the praise of others. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

“When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, who love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on street corners so that others may see them. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

“When you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites. They neglect their appearance, so that they may appear to others to be fasting. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you may not appear to be fasting, except to your Father who is hidden. And your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you.”



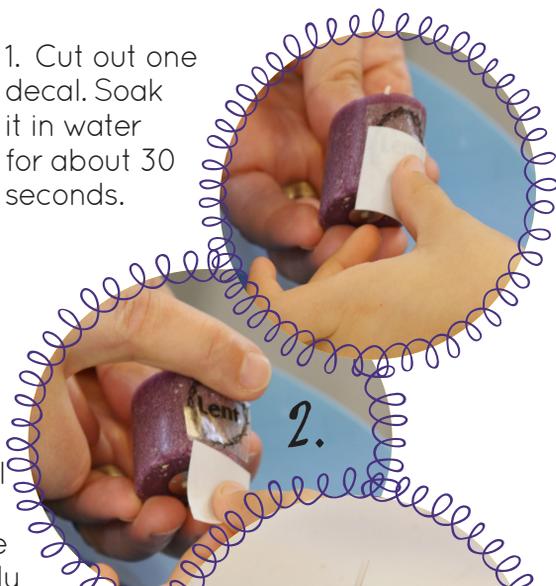
1. During Lent, we try to do something special, or extra, as a devotional sacrifice. Think about and discuss what you can do.

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1. Cut out one decal. Soak it in water for about 30 seconds.



2. Carefully push the decal onto the candle. Hold it pressed against the candle for about 10 seconds. Slowly slide the backing off. There is a second decal if the first one rips, this can be tricky!



3. Optional: color the toothpicks brown. These represent the thorns that were put into Jesus' crown made of vines at the crucifixion.



4. Push the thorns (toothpicks) into the crown (wreath). Put the candle in the middle. Only with an adult's supervision, you can light the candle. Candles can be helpful to focus our prayer and to remind us of the journey as we travel through Lent, especially if you light the candle as part of a regular prayer time.

