

# FEBRUARY 21: JESUS IN THE DESERT

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### INCLUDED:

Sand  
Shaving cream  
Glue Dots  
Template

### USE YOUR OWN:

Mass Box or other box  
Markers or crayons  
Scissors



## MARK 1:21-28

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.

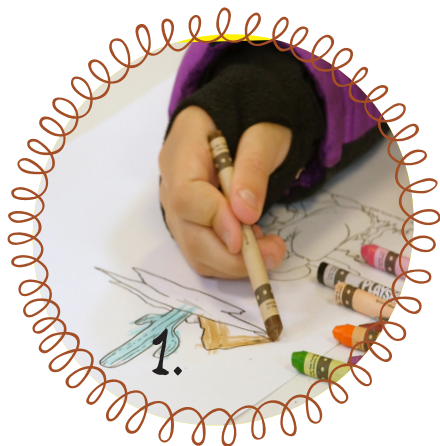
After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

- Q**
1. What happened to Jesus in the desert?
  2. Why is Lent 40 days long?

- A**
1. Jesus went to the desert to spend 40 days in prayer and fasting before beginning his public ministry in earnest. He was tempted by Satan, but was strong from all his temptations. Other gospels give more detail.
  2. Lent is 40 days long in remembrance of Jesus' time in the desert. 40 days is also a significant number in Biblical history. It is also an amount of time that is often used to form new habits. If you can keep up with a strong prayer life for 40 days, it is much easier to continue!

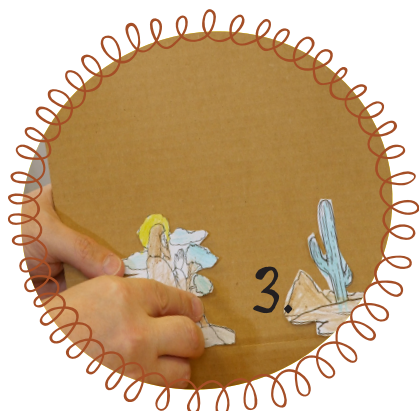
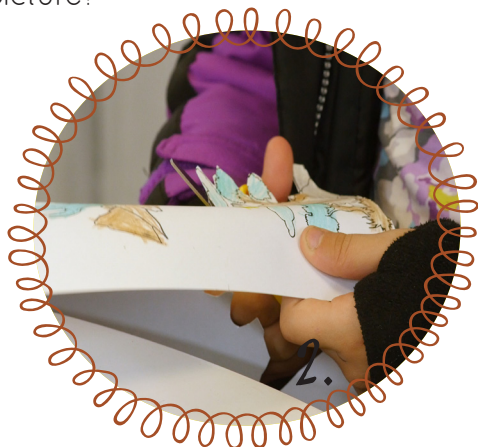
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**THE MASS BOX**



1. Today we are making a Jesus in the desert craft to remember and think about Jesus' time in the desert. Color in the cactus, a common plant found in the desert, and Jesus. What is He doing in the picture?

2. Cut out the cactus and Jesus. These will go on the back of your box.



3. Using the glue dots, put the cutouts on to the inside back of the box. You can use your Mass Box or any box you are okay with making a mess inside!

4. Pour your sand and shaving cream in to the bottom of the box. You can play with the sand and mold it. Imagine Jesus in the desert for 40 days, alone other than being tempted by the devil and then with the angels who came to minister to Him. Make sure to clean up after your craft when you are finished!



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