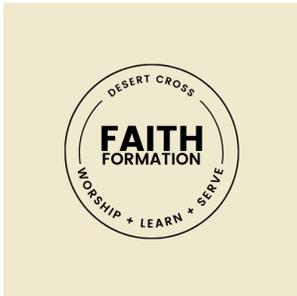


MARCH



Family and Faith:

Lent reminds us that Jesus prayed in the wilderness and was tempted for 40 days. During Lent, we spend time praying or giving up something like a type of food or watching TV. Grab a bag Jelly Beans and follow the Jelly Bean Prayer during Lent.

Materials: Sandwich Bags, Jelly Beans divided, [Jelly Bean Prayer](#)

The Jellybean Prayer

Set out a glass jar for each child with a copy of the jellybean prayer taped to it. Each day, have them choose a jellybean to earn for their Easter basket. According to the color of the jellybean have them fulfill the appropriate task.

On Easter morning, all that should be left in their jar are white jellybeans, which represent Christ's grace. Christ's grace cannot be earned but is given freely.

Red is for the blood of Christ. Choose something to sacrifice that day to earn the red jellybean.

Green is for the palm's cool shade. Do a good deed that day to earn a green jellybean.

Yellow is for God's light so bright. Share God's light by being kind to others to earn a yellow jellybean.

Orange is for prayers at twilight. Say a bedtime prayer or read a nighttime bible story to earn an orange jellybean.

Black is for sweet rest at night. Go to bed well without fuss to earn a black jellybean.

Purple is for Jesus' days of sorrow. Apologize to anyone you may have hurt with words or actions to earn a purple jellybean.

Pink is for each new tomorrow. Forgive someone who apologized to you for hurtful behavior to earn a pink jellybean.

Blue is for the joy of knowing Jesus. Sing a favorite bible song to earn a blue jellybean.

White is for the Grace of Christ. White jellybeans cannot be earned.
(*Written by Theresa Cho—
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*Please note the dates Education is not meeting in the next column!!

March 2026

Important dates:

- ☺ **Wednesdays in March:** Midweek Lenten services
7:00 Tempe (5:30 Soup supper)
7:00 Gilbert (6:00 Soup supper)
- March 8th:** No Education (Spring Break)
- ☺ **March 11th:** No Joyful Noises (spring break)
- ☺ **March 15th:** Donut Day! Fellowship event after services in Tempe and Gilbert. (No Education)
- ☺ **March 22nd:** Kids Connect and Parent's Connect in Gilbert 1:00-2:30
- ☺ **March 22:** Education resumes
- ☺ **March 29:** Egg Hunt @ Gilbert 10:30 (no education)
- ☺ **April 2:** Maundy Thursday/ Passover Potluck for 1st Communion
- ☺ **April 5:** Easter (no Education)



Education: We have a great time in Sunday School! Make a commitment to attend... otherwise you are missing the fun!

Education is 8:45-9:15 in Tempe. You can attend worship after education! Parents, you are welcome to help with Sunday school, go grab a Starbucks or enjoy some quiet time on campus during Ed.

In Gilbert, Education is 10:45-11:15 following 9:30 worship and a little bit of fellowship time.

Faith Formation: The Lenten theme is "Wholeness" and you can find the playlist here:

<https://dclcfaitformation.org/children-playlists/>

The faith formation article this month has an interesting Lenten practice with Legos.
<https://dclcfaitformation.org/children/>

You are Invited...and Bring a friend!



March 22nd
1:00-2:30

Kinder through 5th graders join us in Gilbert suite 104 for some fun and games! Bring a friend!

Questions or interested:

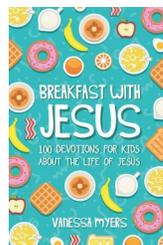
Contact Ari:

anannenga@desertcross.org

**Parent's Connect meets at the same time at a restaurant close by!

Faith Luggage

Each family will have the opportunity to take home our faith luggage for a week. It's called Breakfast with Jesus and it has devotions, games, and fun things to do with your family.



We can't wait for you to have "Breakfast with Jesus!"

JOYFUL NOISES



Parent/Tot

Come join us for 60 minutes of fun with your child. This interactive parent/tot class includes music, snack, story, games, crafts, play time, fellowship, and... *it's free!*

Wednesdays at 9:00 in Gilbert in **suite 104**.

***Not meeting March 11th (spring break).**

Upcoming Events/Save the Dates

Fellowship Event:
Donut Day!
March 15th



We love gathering all generations to serve, celebrate, and just hang out together! Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 15th. There will be no Education that day and we will gather in the fellowship hall after worship at both sites for a donut day!



The *Passover Potluck* honoring the First Communicants and their families will be on Maundy Thursday, **April 2nd**. Students will receive the sacrament during the 7:00 PM worship service that same evening.

Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars...
VBS is scheduled for
June 8-12.



This VBS is going to be an amazing adventure!! Rainforest Falls VBS will be a week of wonder as we explore the powerful nature of God!

We need lots of volunteers, thank you for considering!

Registration forms and volunteer sign-ups are on the website!!!