



UNCOVERING THE LOVE OF JESUS

# Family Devotions

FOR LENT

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WEEK ONE

# ASH WEDNESDAY



**OPEN WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER.**

**LIGHT ALL SEVEN CANDLES ON YOUR LENTEN WREATH, IF USING ONE.**

**READ THE FOLLOWING VERSES ALOUD:**

“When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.” — Colossians 2:13–14

**SOMEONE ASKS:**

Why did Jesus have to die?

**SOMEONE RESPONDS:**

Jesus died to forgive us of our sins and cancel our debt.

**TO SYMBOLIZE JESUS’ DEATH, SNUFF OUT ONE CANDLE ON YOUR LENTEN WREATH, IF USING ONE.**

**TAKE TURNS READING THROUGH THIS PART OF THE GOSPEL STORY:**

John 1:1–18

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. Today’s text tells us that the law came through Moses; but Jesus brought God’s grace and truth and invites us to become God’s children. What does this tell us about God?
2. Whenever we break God’s law, that’s called sin. But Jesus offers us forgiveness through His death on the cross. What sins do you need to confess and ask Him to forgive?
3. What do you want to say in response to Jesus?

**SING THE FOLLOWING SONG TOGETHER:**

“Nothing but the Blood of Jesus” by Robert Lowry (1876)

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# “NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD OF JESUS”

BY ROBERT LOWRY (1876)

1 What can wash away my sin?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
What can make me whole again?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

## Refrain:

O precious is the flow  
that makes me white as snow;  
no other fount I know,  
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

2 For my cleansing this I see:  
nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
for my pardon this my plea:  
nothing but the blood of Jesus. [Refrain]

3 Nothing can for sin atone:  
nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
naught of good that I have done:  
nothing but the blood of Jesus. [Refrain]

4 This is all my hope and peace:  
nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
this is all my righteousness:  
nothing but the blood of Jesus. [Refrain]



WEEK TWO

# THE LOVE OF JESUS



**OPEN WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER.**

**LIGHT ALL BUT ONE CANDLE ON YOUR LENTEN WREATH, IF USING ONE.**

**READ THE FOLLOWING VERSE ALOUD:**

“God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” — Romans 5:8

**SOMEONE ASKS:**

Why did Jesus have to die?

**SOMEONE RESPONDS:**

Jesus died to demonstrate His love for us.

**SNUFF OUT ANOTHER CANDLE ON YOUR LENTEN WREATH, IF USING ONE.**

**TAKE TURNS READING THROUGH THIS PART OF THE GOSPEL STORY:**

John 3:14–17

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. How did Jesus demonstrate His love for us?
2. Today’s text tells us that when we believe in Jesus, we are saved into eternal life. Have you believed in Jesus for your salvation?
3. What do you want to say in response to Jesus?

**SING THE FOLLOWING SONG TOGETHER:**

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us” by Stuart Townend (1995)

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WEEK THREE

# FREEDOM TO WORSHIP



**OPEN WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER.**

**LIGHT ALL BUT TWO CANDLES ON YOUR LENTEN WREATH, IF USING ONE.**

**READ THE FOLLOWING VERSE ALOUD:**

“In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.”  
— Ephesians 3:12

**SOMEONE ASKS:**

Why did Jesus have to die?

**SOMEONE RESPONDS:**

Jesus died that we may worship God freely and confidently in His presence.

**SNUFF OUT ANOTHER CANDLE ON YOUR LENTEN WREATH, IF USING ONE.**

**TAKE TURNS READING THROUGH THIS PART OF THE GOSPEL STORY:**

John 4:7–26

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. In today's text Jesus reveals His identity as the Messiah, the promised Savior of the Israelites. But He also says that the day would come when people of every nationality would worship Him. What does this tell us about Jesus?
2. In Jesus' day, it would have been unusual for a Jewish man to talk to a woman who was considered sinful. How does this conversation demonstrate Jesus' love for her? For you?
3. What do you want to say in response to Jesus?

**SING THE FOLLOWING SONG TOGETHER:**

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” by Isaac Watts (1707)

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**“WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS”**  
**BY ISAAC WATTS (1707)**

1 When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.

2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
save in the death of Christ, my God!  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them through his blood.

3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small.  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.



WEEK FOUR

# LIFE ETERNAL

**OPEN WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER.**

**LIGHT ALL BUT THREE CANDLES ON YOUR LENTEN WREATH, IF USING ONE.**

**READ THE FOLLOWING VERSE ALOUD:**

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

— Romans 6:23

**SOMEONE ASKS:**

Why did Jesus have to die?

**SOMEONE RESPONDS:**

Jesus died to give us eternal life with Him.

**SNUFF OUT ANOTHER CANDLE ON YOUR LENTEN WREATH, IF USING ONE.**

**TAKE TURNS READING THROUGH THIS PART OF THE GOSPEL STORY:**

John 6:35–40

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. Jesus says that God’s will is that everyone who believes in Him will have eternal life. What does this tell us about God?
2. What do you want to say in response to Jesus?
3. How might you share this good news with others who need to hear it today?

**SING THE FOLLOWING SONG TOGETHER:**

“The Old Rugged Cross” by George Bennard (1913)

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## “THE OLD RUGGED CROSS”

BY GEORGE BENNARD (1913)

1 On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
the emblem of suffering and shame;  
and I love that old cross, where the dearest and best  
for a world of lost sinners was slain.

### Refrain:

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
and exchange it some day for a crown.

2 O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,  
has a wondrous attraction for me;  
for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above  
to bear it to dark Calvary. [Refrain]

3 In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,  
a wondrous beauty I see;  
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died  
to pardon and sanctify me. [Refrain]

4 To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,  
its shame and reproach gladly bear;  
then he'll call me some day to my home far away,  
where his glory forever I'll share. [Refrain]



WEEK FIVE

# TRIUMPH OVER DEATH



**OPEN WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER.**

**LIGHT THE LAST THREE CANDLES ON YOUR LENTEN WREATH,  
IF USING ONE.**

**READ THE FOLLOWING VERSES ALOUD:**

“When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.” — Colossians 2:13, 15

**SOMEONE ASKS:**

Why did Jesus have to die?

**SOMEONE RESPONDS:**

Jesus died to disarm the powers of sin, death, and the devil.

**SNUFF OUT ANOTHER CANDLE ON YOUR LENTEN WREATH, IF USING ONE.**

**TAKE TURNS READING THROUGH THIS PART OF THE GOSPEL STORY:**

John 10:11–18

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. The Good Shepherd protects His sheep with His own life. How does this demonstrate the love of Jesus?
2. Verse 18 explains that Jesus has the authority to lay down His life and pick it back up again. What does this tell us about Jesus?
3. What do you want to say in response to Jesus?

**SING THE FOLLOWING SONG TOGETHER:**

“Victory in Jesus” by Eugene Monroe Bartlett (1939)

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WEEK SIX

# OUR FATHER'S HOUSE

**OPEN WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER.**

**LIGHT THE LAST TWO CANDLES ON YOUR LENTEN WREATH, IF USING ONE.**

**READ THE FOLLOWING VERSE ALOUD:**

“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit.”  
— 1 Peter 3:18

**SOMEONE ASKS:**

Why did Jesus have to die?

**SOMEONE RESPONDS:**

Jesus died to bring us into a right relationship with God.

**SNUFF OUT ANOTHER CANDLE ON YOUR LENTEN WREATH,  
IF USING ONE.**

**TAKE TURNS READING THROUGH THIS PART OF THE GOSPEL STORY:**

John 14:1–10

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. Jesus explains to Philip that He is the way to the Father. What does this tell us about God?
2. What questions do you have about today's passage?
3. What do you want to say in response to Jesus?

**SING THE FOLLOWING SONG TOGETHER:**

“Man of Sorrows” by Philip B. Bliss (1838)

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**“MAN OF SORROWS”**  
**BY PHILIP B. BLISS (1838)**

1 Man of sorrows! what a name  
for the Son of God, who came  
ruined sinners to reclaim:  
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

2 Bearing shame and scoffing rude,  
in my place condemned he stood,  
sealed my pardon with his blood:  
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

3 Guilty, vile, and helpless, we;  
spotless Lamb of God was he;  
full atonement! can it be?  
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

4 Lifted up was he to die,  
“It is finished!” was his cry;  
now in heav’n exalted high:  
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

5 When he comes, our glorious King,  
all his ransomed home to bring,  
then anew this song we’ll sing:  
Hallelujah, what a Savior!



WEEK SEVEN

# GOD'S KINGDOM

**OPEN WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER.**

**LIGHT ONLY ONE CANDLE ON YOUR LENTEN WREATH, IF USING ONE.**

**READ THE FOLLOWING VERSES ALOUD:**

“At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death.”

— Hebrews 2:8–9 ESV

**SOMEONE ASKS:**

Why did Jesus have to die?

**SOMEONE RESPONDS:**

Jesus died to establish the kingdom of God on earth.

**SNUFF OUT THE LAST CANDLE ON YOUR LENTEN WREATH, IF USING ONE.**

**TAKE TURNS READING THROUGH THIS PART OF THE GOSPEL STORY:**

John 18:33–19:30

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. As we read through this account of Jesus' trial and crucifixion, what details of His kingship did you notice?
2. For those who were watching Jesus' crucifixion, it looked like His kingdom was coming to an end in His death. But what does Jesus say to Pilate about His kingdom in John 18:36–37?
3. What do you want to say in response to Jesus?

**SING THE FOLLOWING SONG TOGETHER:**

“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name” by Edward Perronet (1780)

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## “ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS’ NAME”

BY EDWARD PERRONET (1780)

1 All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all;  
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

2 Crown him, ye martyrs of your God, who from his altar call;  
extol the Stem of Jesse’s rod, and crown him Lord of all;  
extol the Stem of Jesse’s rod, and crown him Lord of all.

3 Ye seed of Israel’s chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;  
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

4 Sinners, whose love can ne’er forget the wormwood and the gall,  
go, spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all;  
go, spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.

5 Let ev’ry kindred, ev’ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball,  
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all;  
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.

6 O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall;  
we’ll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all;  
we’ll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.



WEEK EIGHT

# RESURRECTION SUNDAY



**OPEN WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER.**

**READ THE FOLLOWING VERSES ALOUD:**

“Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.” — Hebrews 2:14–15

**SOMEONE ASKS:**

Why did Jesus have to die?

**SOMEONE RESPONDS:**

Jesus died to achieve eternal victory over death through His resurrection!

**LIGHT ALL THE CANDLES ON YOUR LENTEN WREATH, IF USING ONE.**

**TAKE TURNS READING THROUGH THIS PART OF THE GOSPEL STORY:**

John 20:11–18

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. Throughout the Bible we read of people who were resurrected by God’s prophets. But Jesus is the only One who raised Himself from the dead without the intervention of any other person. What does this tell us about Jesus?
2. Jesus appears to Mary at the tomb and reveals Himself by saying her name. How have you personally experienced Jesus’ love toward you?
3. How does Jesus’ resurrection victory compel you to love others in your life?

**SING THE FOLLOWING SONG TOGETHER:**

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” by Charles Wesley (1739)



# “CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY”

BY CHARLES WESLEY (1739)

1 “Christ the Lord is ris’n today,” Alleluia!  
sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!  
raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!  
sing ye heav’ns and earth reply. Alleluia!

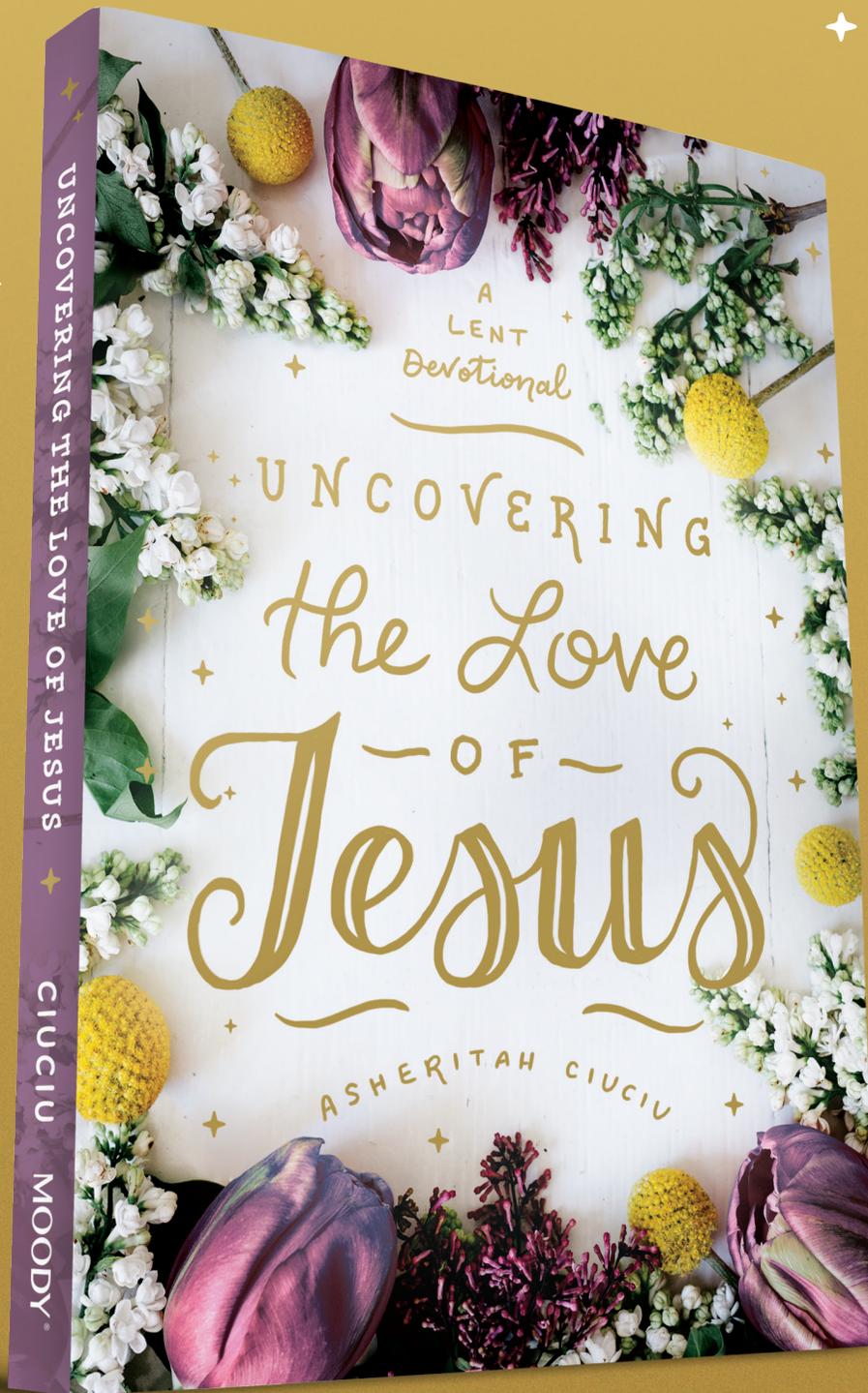
2 Love’s redeeming work is done; Alleluia!  
fought the fight, the battle won; Alleluia!  
death in vain forbids him rise; Alleluia!  
Christ hath opened paradise. Alleluia!

3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!  
Christ hath burst the gates of hell; Alleluia!  
death in vain forbids him rise; Alleluia!  
Christ hath opened paradise. Alleluia!

4 Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!  
where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once he died, our souls to save; Alleluia!  
where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

5 Soar we now where Christ hath led, Alleluia!  
foll’wing our exalted Head; Alleluia!  
made like him, like him we rise; Alleluia!  
ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!





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