

Lent Scripture Chain

You'll need:

- scissors
- tape, stapler, glue stick or stickers

Instructions:

- Print the "Sunday is a Feast Day" page on white paper, and all the verses on purple
- Cut apart the verses - no need to trim the sides.
- Connect the first 4 verses on purple paper.
- Add a white link for the first Sunday.
- Thereafter, connect 6 purple followed by the next white one for a Sunday.
- The order of verses within a week does not matter, but the last 6 in order are especially relevant to Holy Week
- You will end up with a chain of 46 links. Except for the first week of 4, the pattern is 6 purple, one white.*

Each morning, take turns in your family removing a link from your chain. Read the verse together and pray that God will help you think about the words during the day. I wonder how God will use those words in your heart, or in your actions toward others! Share in the evening if it made a difference to you or to someone else. Don't worry if you forget the words the first few days, it takes some practice. Just have another try the next day.

*FYI - There are 46 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday, but Sundays are not counted in the 40 days of Lent because they are Feast Days! The first week only has 4 purple ones because Lent starts on a Wednesday.

Scriptures are taken from the Contemporary English Version and compiled by Liz Stewart and Katy Wehr.

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Palm Sunday: Hosanna to the Son of David!

Easter: Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed. Alleluia!

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Don't tell your neighbor to come back tomorrow, if you can help today.
Proverbs 3:28

Jesus said, "Whatever you want people to do to you, do also to them."
Matthew 7:12

Do all you can for everyone who deserves your help.
Proverbs 3:27

Jesus said, "I have set the example, and you should do for each other
exactly what I have done for you."
John 13:15

-----LENT 1-----

Do your work willingly as though you were serving the Lord Himself.
Colossians 3:23

Jesus said, "And you are my friends if you obey me."
John 15:14

May you keep learning more and more about God and our Lord Jesus.
2 Peter 1:2

God says to you, "Don't be afraid, I am with you."
Isaiah 43:5

Don't forget to help others and to share your possessions with them.
This...pleases God.
Hebrews 13:16

Love others as much as you love yourself.
Romans 13:9

-----LENT 2-----

Jesus said, "Now I tell you to love each other as I have loved you."
John 15:12

Have faith in God who is rich and blesses us with
everything we need to enjoy life.
1 Timothy 6:17

God loves people who love to give.
2 Corinthians 9:7

God gives us richly all things to enjoy.

1 Timothy 6:17

Our Lord Jesus Christ was kind enough to give up all his riches and become poor so that you could become rich.

2 Corinthians 8:9

And you shall do what is right and good in the sight of the Lord.

Deuteronomy 6:18

-----LENT 3-----

God is our mighty fortress always ready to help in times of trouble,

Psalm 46:1

Be good and honest and truthful as you try to please the Lord.

Ephesians 5:9-10

If we confess our sins to God He can always be trusted to forgive us.

1 John 1:9

May Jesus help you to do what pleases God.

Hebrews 13:21

People who obey God are always generous.
Proverbs 21:26

Jesus said, "Treat others just as you want to be treated."
Luke 6:31

-----LENT 4-----

Stay alert and keep praying for God's people.
Ephesians 6:18

Christ gives me the strength to face anything.
Philipians 4:13

Jesus said, "While you are in the world you will have to suffer, but cheer up! I have overcome the world."
John 16:33

God cares for you, so turn all your worries over to him.
1 Peter 5:7

Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything.
Philipians 4:6

Never stop praying, especially for others.
Ephesians 6:18

-----LENT 5-----

Try to shine as lights among the people of this world.
Philipians 2:15

Jesus said, "I tell you to love your enemies
and pray for anyone who mistreats you."
Matthew 5:44

Nothing is impossible for God.
Luke 1:37

Jesus said, "Don't be ashamed of me and my message."
Mark 8:38

Jesus said, "The Son of Man came to look for and to save
people who are lost."
Luke 19:10

You belong to God. Try your best to please God and be like Him.
1 Timothy 6:11

-----HOLY WEEK-----

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Trust in God; trust also in me."
John 14:1

If you love me, you will obey what I command
and I will ask the Father and he will give you another counselor
to be with you forever - the Spirit of Truth.
John 14:15

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you.
Now remain in my love.
John 15:9

Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am
and to see my glory.
John 17:24

Jesus called out with a loud voice,
"Father into your hands I commit my spirit."
When He had said this, He breathed His last.
Luke 23:46

After the suffering of his soul he will see the light of life and be
satisfied. By his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many
and he will bear their iniquities.
Isaiah 53:11