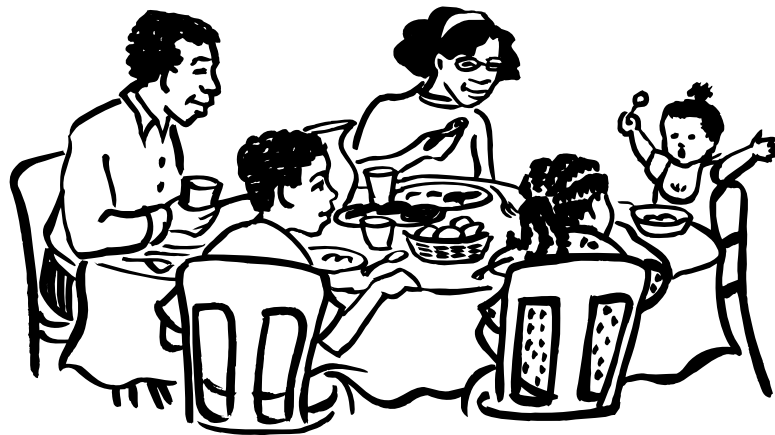# ſend

Sharing a meal

In Jesus' story, the father had a big party to celebrate his son's return. What is something we can do to remember Jesus' love for us? To find the answer, write the letter that is added to the second word in each blank. Then read the answer.

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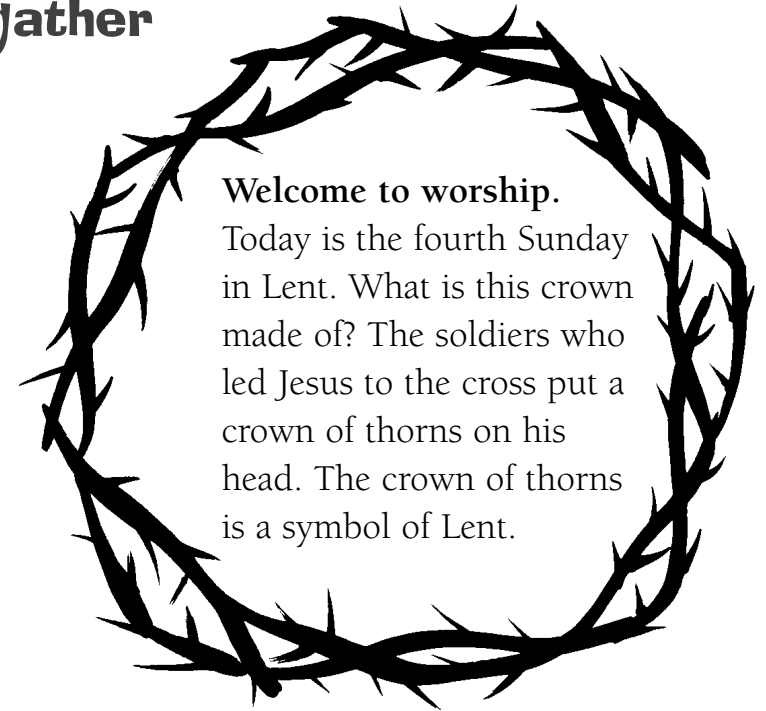*Dear God, thank you for the meals we share. Amen*

This week

Help your family prepare a special meal to celebrate God's love and forgiveness.

Kids Celebrate
Fourth Sunday in Lent

gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the fourth Sunday in Lent. What is this crown made of? The soldiers who led Jesus to the cross put a crown of thorns on his head. The crown of thorns is a symbol of Lent.

Thorns protect the beauty of the rose, the sweet juice of the pineapple, and the water of the cactus. Crowns of thorns can remind you that sadness comes before the joy of Easter.

Look for something rough or scratchy in your worship space.

A father forgives his son

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Jesus told this story:

A man had two sons. The younger son asked his father to give him his half of the family's money. Then the younger son traveled to a faraway land, where he spent all of his money. He had to live with pigs on a pig farm. The younger son knew he would have a better life if he returned home, so he finally headed home.

When the father saw his younger son, he was happy and hugged him. The father had a big party. The older son was angry, though. He worked hard for his father, but his father never had a party for him. The father said to his older son, "Son, you are always with me. But we're having a party because your brother was lost and has been found."

Draw plenty of food for the party.

Eating and drinking

In the story Jesus told, the father had a big party because his younger son came home. We celebrate God's love and forgiveness for us by eating and drinking, too. This meal is called Holy Communion or the Lord's Supper or the eucharist (YOU-car-ist). Everyone has a place at God's table.

Draw the altar in your worship space.

Draw bread and wine on top of it.