

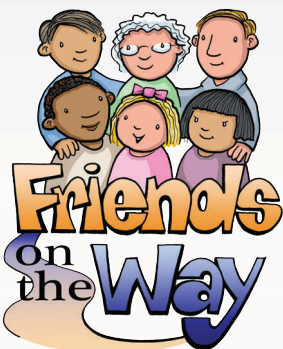
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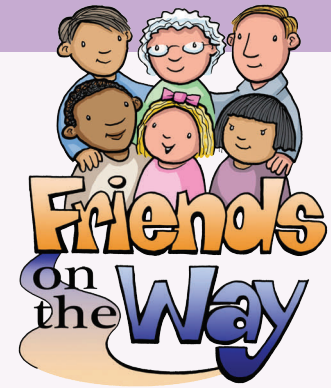
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First Sunday of Lent, Year C



Desert Place Prayer Jars

Activity based on Luke 4:1-13

Invite the members to make a desert place prayer tool to display at home throughout Lent. Show the sample and say:

Sometimes we can use a visual that helps us focus during prayer. This desert-type plant (this sand) reminds us of the forty days Jesus spent praying in the wilderness. We remember that Jesus faced temptation. The power of the Holy Spirit and knowledge of Scripture helped Jesus deal with evil temptations. Our desert place visuals help us remember to pray when we face temptation, to read the Bible, and to ask the Holy Spirit to strengthen us.

Demonstrate how to make a Desert Place Prayer Jar.

For cactus jars:

1. Wrap twine around the top of the jar several times, and tie securely. Cut dangling ends.
2. Use scoops to layer gravel, sand, and potting soil, leaving space at the top for soil around roots.
3. Carefully transplant mini-cactuses into the jar.
4. At home, add a bit of water once a week.



For layered sand bottles:

1. Place a funnel in the top of a bottle.
2. Scoop one color of sand at a time, and pour through the funnel, tilting the bottle to create interesting layers. Fill the bottle.
3. Tightly screw the cap onto the bottle.

Display in the family prayer area near the Bible throughout Lent as a reminder to pray to resist temptation as Jesus did.