

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

YEAR B

LENT IS A TIME TO **FOLLOW JESUS**





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Share your highs and lows, or respond to the following:

- 1. What does it mean to be powerful?
- 2. If you had the power to do whatever you liked, what would you do?



BIBLE READINGS

Read the following Bible readings throughout this week. Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.

1st reading

2nd reading Romans 4:13-25

Genesis 17:1-7. 15-16 Sign of the covenant

God's promise realised through faith

Gospel reading

Mark 8:31-38

Jesus predicts his death

DISCUSS

What does it mean to pick up your cross? How is it difficult to pick up your cross and follow Jesus?



ACTION RESPONSE

Jesus tells us that following him will mean taking up a cross - that is, saying no to ourselves and sometimes even suffering for him. Design crosses from wood, card or other craft materials. Attach your crosses to a wall in your home. Place the Verse of the Week underneath your crosses. Throughout the week share ways in which you have denied yourself for Jesus' sake.



Lord Jesus, help us to follow you today, putting your will ahead of what we want and others think. Amen.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Thank you, God, for you are good - you call, you guide, you feed. Help us to share all we have with those who are in need. Amen.



BLESSING

May God give you a strong faith, so that you trust in his promises and live to please him.

IF ANY OF YOU WANTS TO BE MY FOLLOWER, YOU MUST GIVE UP YOUR OWN WAY, TAKE UP YOUR CROSS, AND FOLLOW ME.

MARK 8:34



VERSE OF THE WEEK