

SOUTHMINSTER 'EASTER IN A BAG' INSTRUCTIONS

Southminster Families,

Welcome to 'Easter in a Bag!' Since our children's ministry is not meeting in person right now we wanted to give you some fun and engaging resources to help you learn about Lent and Easter at home in a fun and powerful way. Below are the details for the resources in the bag.

- **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party** – Have you ever heard of Shrove Tuesday, also called Fat Tuesday? It's the day before Ash Wednesday. Many people traditionally eat pancakes on this day. We've provided a box of pancake mix (just add water) so that you can have a pancake meal together on this day if you wish. There is also a devotional with a few pancake themed games to help us talk about what we will be doing during Lent.
- **Lent Adventures** – This is an adventure booklet to help you and your kids journey through Lent together. This booklet is full of daily devotionals, activities that use common items from around your house, and some ideas about things your family could do to celebrate together. There is no pressure to do everything. If you like a few things, then try them out.
- **Crayons & Stamp Pads** – These are for some of the activities in the Lent Adventures booklet.
- **No Bunny Loves You Like Jesus x 3** – These are sweet reminders that you are loved by Jesus! Encourage the kids to pick a friend to give these to, and consider attaching a piece of candy or something special. One side is a ballerina, and the other side is a pirate.
- **Jesus Storybook Bible Reading Plan** – The strips of paper (1-40) attached to the No Bunny Loves You papers are a reading plan for Lent. The Jesus Storybook Bible is one of our favorite resources. Glue or staple each paper together in order to form a paper chain, then let your kids take off a new chain each day to read another story from the Jesus Storybook Bible. Have some fun with it and turn it into a new daily tradition. You can buy the JSB on Kindle if you'd like a digital copy. Reach out to Pastor Andrew if you'd like a physical copy and he can get you one quickly.
- **Holy Week Box** – The small jewelry box contains a little book for Holy Week. Each day has a short reading and an activity all contained in that little box. Simply read each day and complete each activity to journey through Holy Week together.
- **Butterfly Easter Invitation** – This invitation is to give out to a friend. Invite them to go through Lent and celebrate Easter with us at Southminster. Our Easter website (southminpres.org/Easter) will be live before Ash Wednesday with more details.

We pray these resources will help you and your kids experience Lent in a fresh and exciting way together. Please reach out to us with any questions along the journey.

In Christ,

Pastor Andrew & the Children's Ministry Team