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LENT B 2027

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■ WELCOME

Thank you for choosing Faith Inkubators Lent B 2027. This resource is designed to be genuinely flexible: use it as a complete stand-alone Lent series, as a complement to your existing programming, or simply as a toolbox — pulling individual pieces like the PowerPoint presentations, drama skits, Bible verse songs, or small group activities to enhance what you already do. However you use it, everything is here and ready to go.

Before you dive in, take a few minutes to work through these planning questions. Your answers will shape how Lent comes to life in your congregation:

Setting

Will you use this resource during worship, Sunday school, or a special event?

Timing

How much time do you have? This resource works well in 60, 75, or the optimal 90 minutes.

Space

Will your large group gather in the sanctuary or fellowship hall? Can small groups work around tables? Where will everyone reconvene for the closing?

Food

Is there an opportunity to begin or end with a shared meal or snack? Highly recommended!

Exploring the files and folders below will help you answer these questions and start shaping your Lent plan.

■ WEEKLY PROGRAM OUTLINE

This resource includes three lesson themes — each covering two Sundays — to carry your congregation through all six weeks of Lent, from the First Sunday in Lent through Palm Sunday.

WEEK 1 (or 3 or 5) — THEME UNVEILING

Using the Main PowerPoint Presentation + Main Presentation section of the Leader's Guide

Large Group — Opening and Theme Presentation (approx. 30–40 min)

Kick things off with energy and music, then teach the theme through Bible activities, learning games, and engaging images and analogies.

Small Group — FAITH5 Small Group Time (approx. 20–25 min)

Use the printable Small Group Handout to guide groups through Share, Read, Talk, Pray, and Bless.

Large Group — Wrap Up, Prayer, and Blessing (approx. 10 min)

Bring everyone back together for a quiet, meaningful close. Don't miss the Prayer Journey in your Leader's Guide.

WEEK 2 (or 4 or 6) — THEME CELEBRATION

Using the Celebration PowerPoint Presentation + Celebration Notes section of the Leader's Guide

Large Group — Theme Review (approx. 1/3 of your total time)

Review last week's theme using the Celebration PowerPoint. Consider adding slides from the Main Presentation that were cut the previous week.

Small Group — Creative Time (majority of your time)

Focus on theme-based activities and art. Find several options in the Cross+Gen Theme Arts section of your Leader's Guide.

Large Group — Show and Tell + Closing

Reconvene to celebrate everyone's creativity. Close with prayer and blessing.

The PowerPoint slide trays are fully customizable. Add, remove, or rearrange slides to fit your setting and schedule. Think of each tray as a menu of options — you don't need to use every slide. Learn to love the delete key!

■ YOUR FILES AND FOLDERS

Each theme folder follows the same numbered structure. Here's a quick tour of what's inside and how to use it.

THEME 1 — HE COMES TO CHALLENGE

Lent Weeks 1 & 2

1 — Leader's Guide

The central planning document for Theme 1. Read it alongside your PowerPoint presentations — it walks through every slide and activity in detail, and also includes this theme's own two drama skits, a puppet play, and a QuizBowl review sheet.

2 — Small Group Handout

Your printable handout for Small Group Time. Includes FAITH5 discussion questions, a Kids' Corner, and a take-home coloring page.

3 — PowerPoint

Two fully customizable slide trays — one for each week.

Week 1 — Main Presentation • Week 2 — Celebration

4 — Theme Music — “Take Up Their Cross”

Standalone audio files for the Theme 1 Scripture song. Use as background music before your gathering, during prayer, or for quiet worship moments.

Vocal • Instrumental • Piano (relaxed arrangement for reflective moments)

5 — FAITH5 Home Devotion Guides

Daily devotion guides for every age group — print and hand out, or email directly to participants. Five versions, so every age group has something made for them.

Adults • Young Adults • Teens • Elementary • Young Children

6 — FAITH5 Bookmarks

A print-and-cut bookmark for each week — hand out at the gathering or email to participants. Front: weekly theme, Bible verse, and daily scripture readings. Back: FAITH5 steps for home use each night.

Tip: print double-sided with your printer set to flip on the short edge, so the front and back line up correctly before cutting.

Week 1 Bookmark • Week 2 Bookmark

7 — Sheet Music — “Take Up Their Cross”

Sheet music for the Theme 1 Scripture song, for use with live musicians. Also makes excellent special music for worship.

8 — Bonus Drama Skits

Two optional cross-generational skits — not part of the printed Leader's Guide, but a fun, memorable way to bring the theme to life through performance. See Leader Instructions inside this folder for full details.

Bonus Skit 3 — Signal Lost (4 cast members • 8–10 min) • Bonus Skit 4 — Life Hacks Live (8 cast members • 12–15 min)

THEME 2 — HE COMES TO CONFRONT

Lent Weeks 3 & 4

1 — Leader's Guide

The central planning document for Theme 2. Read it alongside your PowerPoint presentations — it walks through every slide and activity in detail, and also includes this theme's own two drama skits, a puppet play, and a QuizBowl review sheet.

2 — Small Group Handout

Your printable handout for Small Group Time. Includes FAITH5 discussion questions, a Kids' Corner, and a take-home coloring page.

3 — PowerPoint

Two fully customizable slide trays — one for each week.

Week 3 — Main Presentation • Week 4 — Celebration

4 — Theme Music — “Three Seventeen”

Standalone audio files for the Theme 2 Scripture song. Use as background music before your gathering, during prayer, or for quiet worship moments.

Vocal • Instrumental • Piano (relaxed arrangement for reflective moments)

5 — FAITH5 Home Devotion Guides

Daily devotion guides for every age group — print and hand out, or email directly to participants. Five versions, so every age group has something made for them.

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Week 3 Bookmark • Week 4 Bookmark

7 — Sheet Music — “Three Seventeen”

Sheet music for the Theme 2 Scripture song, for use with live musicians. Also makes excellent special music for worship.

8 — Bonus Drama Skits

Two optional cross-generational skits — not part of the printed Leader's Guide, but a fun, memorable way to bring the theme to life through performance. See Leader Instructions inside this folder for full details.

Bonus Skit 3 — Open House (4 cast members • 8–10 min) • Bonus Skit 4 — The Verdict (8 cast members • 12–15 min)

THEME 3 — HE COMES TO DIE

Lent Weeks 5 & 6

1 — Leader's Guide

The central planning document for Theme 3. Read it alongside your PowerPoint presentations — it walks through every slide and activity in detail, and also includes this theme's own two drama skits, a puppet play, and a QuizBowl review sheet.

2 — Small Group Handout

Your printable handout for Small Group Time. Includes FAITH5 discussion questions, a Kids' Corner, and a take-home coloring page.

3 — PowerPoint

Two fully customizable slide trays — one for each week.

Week 5 — Main Presentation • Week 6 — Celebration

4 — Theme Music — “Even Though I Must Die”

Standalone audio files for the Theme 3 Scripture song. Use as background music before your gathering, during prayer, or for quiet worship moments.

Vocal • Instrumental • Piano (relaxed arrangement for reflective moments)

5 — FAITH5 Home Devotion Guides

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Week 5 Bookmark • Week 6 Bookmark

7 — Sheet Music — “Even Though I Must Die”

Sheet music for the Theme 3 Scripture song, for use with live musicians. Also makes excellent special music for worship.

8 — Bonus Drama Skits

Two optional cross-generational skits — not part of the printed Leader's Guide, but a fun, memorable way to bring the theme to life through performance. See Leader Instructions inside this folder for full details.

Bonus Skit 3 — Deep Clean (4 cast members • 8–10 min) • Bonus Skit 4 — The Grand Entrance (8 cast members • 12–15 min)

■ ALSO IN THIS FOLDER

2 — Sermon Aids

Weekly preaching helps for pastors and worship leaders, keyed to the Lectionary texts for each week of Lent B — sits right alongside this Getting Started Guide at the top level of the Lent B 2027 folder.

■ A FEW THOUGHTS BEFORE YOU BEGIN

- **You don't have to use everything.** Each resource is designed to stand on its own. Pull what works for your community and set the rest aside.
- **The PowerPoint is a menu, not a mandate.** Add, remove, or rearrange slides freely. Every congregation is different — make it yours.
- **One rehearsal is enough for the skits.** Actors read from their Actor Sides — no memorization required.
- **The more you use it, the easier it gets.** Each session will feel more natural than the last.
- **We're here to help.** Questions? Reach us anytime at info@faithink.com.

Blessings to you as you walk this Lenten journey to the cross with your congregation.