

# Live in Peace

2 Corinthians 13:5-13

New Testament Reading

“Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.” 2 Corinthians 13:11

Great Lent is a time to reset ourselves. It is a time in the life of our Church when we are asked to slow down and remove distractions from our lives.



Older teenagers and adults are expected to abstain from certain foods and to fast during certain hours throughout Great Lent. By doing this, we learn how to conquer our own desires, follow Jesus’ example, and perform penance for our sins.

Even though, as a child, you may be too young to fast from food, you can still participate in this liturgical season! Today’s reading can be used as a guideline for you during Lent or anytime.

Can you find the four things that you can do in the verse above?

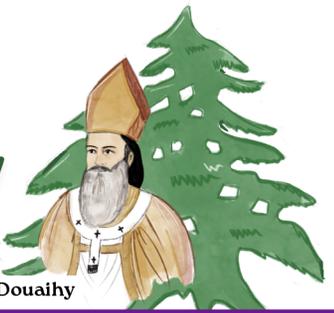
1. Mend your ways: stop the sins that you do each day and go to confession if you are old enough
2. Encourage one another: say kind things to others
3. Agree with one another: don’t argue
4. Live in peace: avoid fights and troublemaking



Lenten Memory Verse

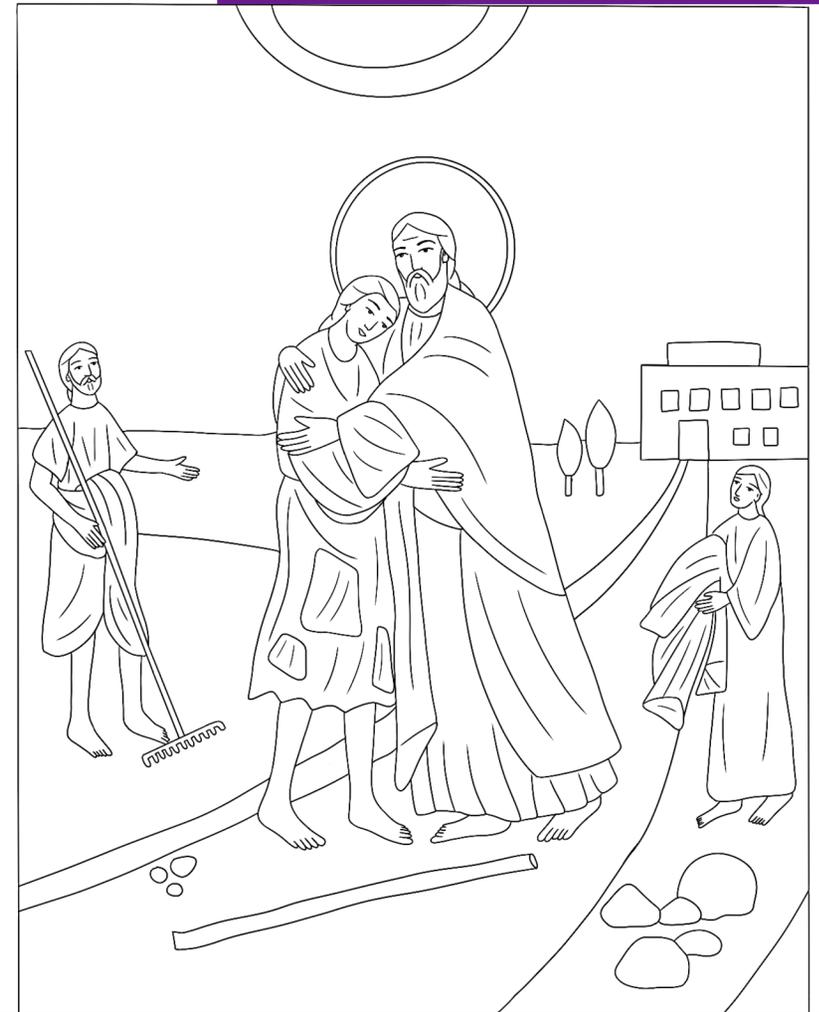
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The Father’s Son came to earth from heaven’s heights to restore our sinful world.

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Answers: 1. Contrition; 2. Prodigal Son; 3. Merciful Father; 4. Confession; 5. Encourage; 6. Fast; 7. Abstain



# Gospel Corner

Luke  
15:11-32

A parable is a short and simple story that teaches big, important lessons about life, morals, or faith. One of the most famous parables ever told by Jesus is called the Parable of the Prodigal Son.



Many people believe this story could also be called the Parable of the Merciful Father. In the story, the father has two sons. One day the younger son goes to his father and asks for his share of the estate that he should receive one day. Now, a person doesn't normally receive their inheritance until their father dies, so the son is basically saying to his dad: "I wish you were dead." The father doesn't get angry or say no, he simply does as his son asks and divides up his property between his two sons.

The younger son went off, far away from his father's house, and spent his money on bad and sinful things. When all his money was gone and he was desperate, he decided to return home, beg for forgiveness, and ask to be treated as a hired servant in his father's house.

Meanwhile, what was the father doing? We hear that the father saw his son at a distance coming toward his house - his father was always waiting and looking for his lost son! Immediately, the father ran out to his son and embraced him. Rather than scold him or demand an apology, the Merciful Father clothed his son, brought him to the house, and ordered a great feast be prepared. The father joyfully proclaimed, "this son of mine was dead and has come to life again."



The Lord God is also our Merciful Father. He loves us very much and wants us to love him in return, as well as all our neighbors, and he gives us free will to make this choice. When we choose to sin, and then repent and turn back to God, he is always ready to welcome us home with open arms and restore our relationship with him and with our neighbors.

## Did you know?

### CONTRITION

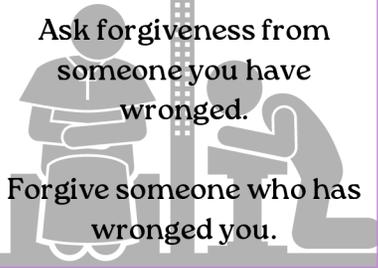
Contrition is when a person is truly sorry for the sins they have committed, they hate the wrong they have done, and they want to avoid sin in the future because they recognize how much it offends God, harms themselves and others. It is a heartfelt sorrow of the soul, not just feelings, that includes a firm resolution to amend one's life with God's help.

## What you can do

If you are old enough, go to confession before the Glorious Resurrection (Easter) in preparation for this great feast.

Ask forgiveness from someone you have wronged.

Forgive someone who has wronged you.



## Word Jumble

Unscramble the following words. Hint: you can find all these words in this issue of Cedar Kids.

1. TTINNCROOI \_\_\_\_\_
2. LOGPRADI ONS \_\_\_\_\_
3. ERCLUMFI TEHAFR \_\_\_\_\_
4. NFSSNOCEOI \_\_\_\_\_
5. NEURGEOA \_\_\_\_\_
6. TFSA \_\_\_\_\_
7. NTSBAAI \_\_\_\_\_

