

Pieces of Lent

*Light a candle and remember the presence of God is with you.
Before you begin, cut out the Lent Wreath pieces.*

The season of Lent is the time when we prepare for Easter. The church uses the color purple to show when we are getting ready for something important.

Every week is a different piece of a what becomes very special story.

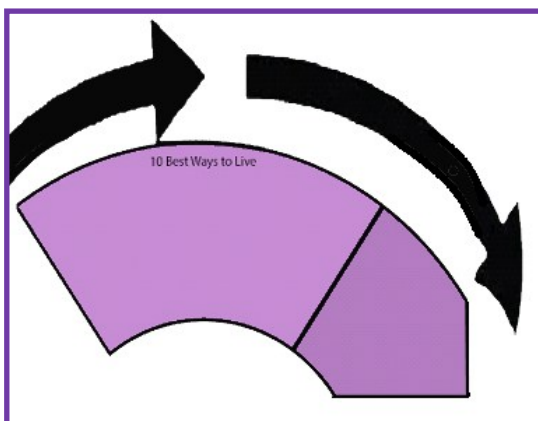
Let each person cut out or touch a piece of the wreath.

There is one... (Pause)

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
		Shrove Tuesday Mardi Gras	Ash Wednesday			
Lent Week 1						

Two... Three... Four... Five... SIX weeks for Lent.

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
	HOLY WEEK Lent Week 6					
Palm Sunday				Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	Holy Saturday



Lent has pieces your family and friends are putting together. There are lots of special people and stories. Some are in the Bible and some are in your life.

Point to each person around you, and say their name.

Today we create a foundational wreath to help us experience the Bible stories.

The Bible stories help us get ready for Easter.

Each week you will layer a new piece on top of the matching story piece.

Each week you will journey closer to the empty cross of Easter.

Let us put together our foundational pieces.

Work together to put the pieces of the puzzle together or have each person take a turn.

Stop and enjoy the puzzle!

I wonder...

how you get ready to talk to God? Worship?

how you will get ready for Easter?

what those other holidays mean?

what stories might go with these pieces?

what you may take on or give up?

how these pieces and stories fit into your daily life?

How to Work with This Collection of Stories

To prepare for this first week of Lent, simply cut out the wreath and place it somewhere central for your worship time.

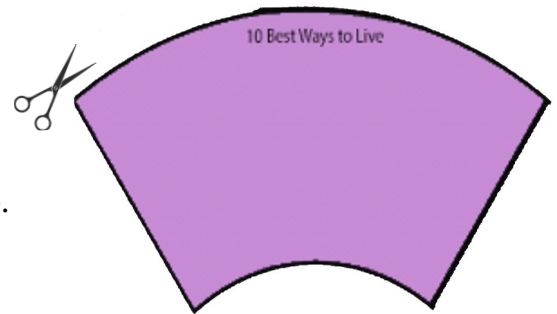
- Cut out the Lent Wreath Puzzle found on the 8x11 printout.

(We suggest using cardstock if possible.)

Helpful Hint: You may choose the white OR the purple.

If you use the white, we encourage your family to color each piece some type of purple, but white works too.

- Each week a new story has a new piece to place on the puzzle.



“Giving Up” or “Taking On”

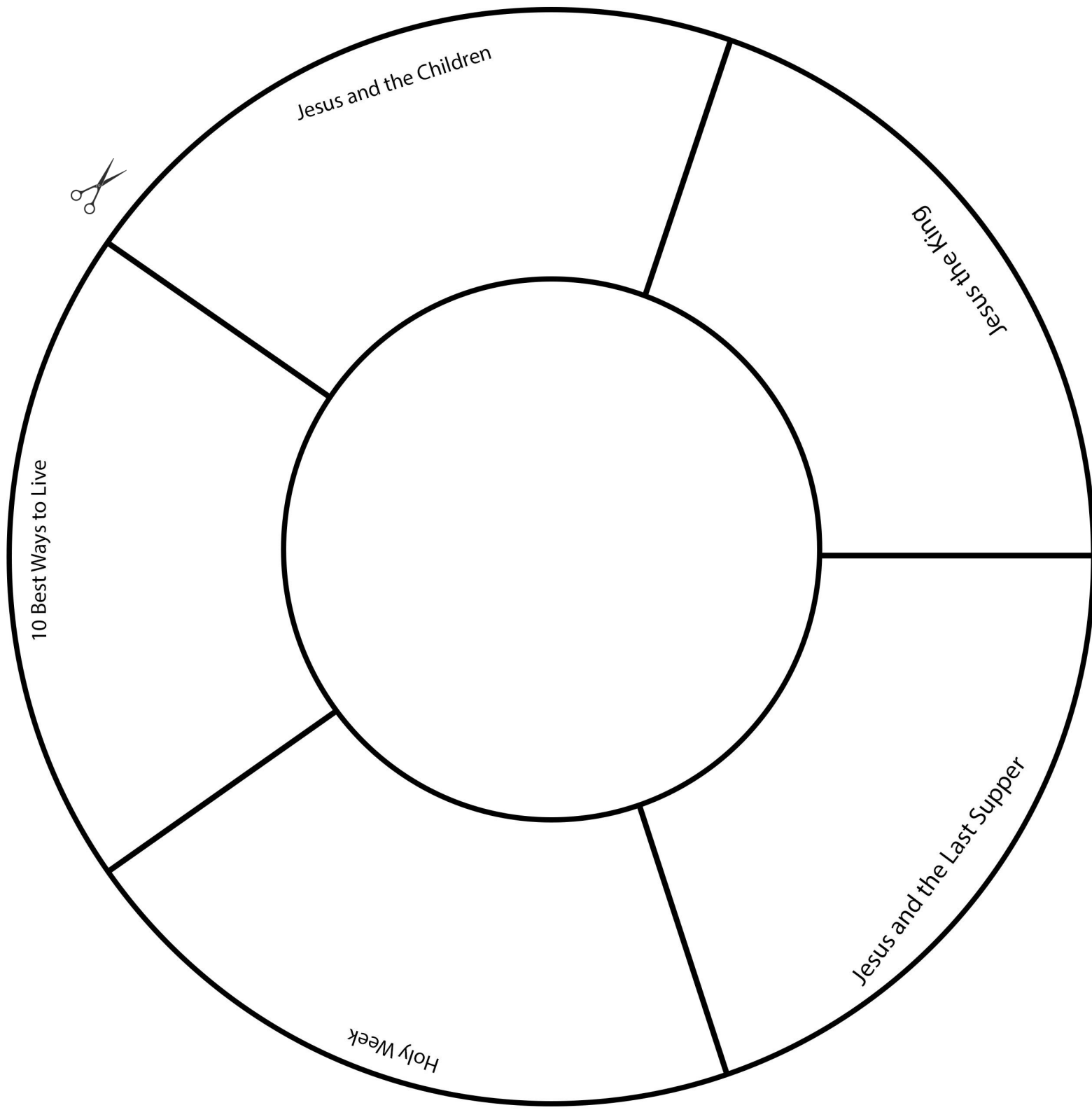
Lots of people “fast” or “give up” something during the time of Lent. Some people “take on” a faith idea. By doing these stories each week, you are already taking something on to help your faithful relationships.

Matthew 6:25-27: (Common English Version)

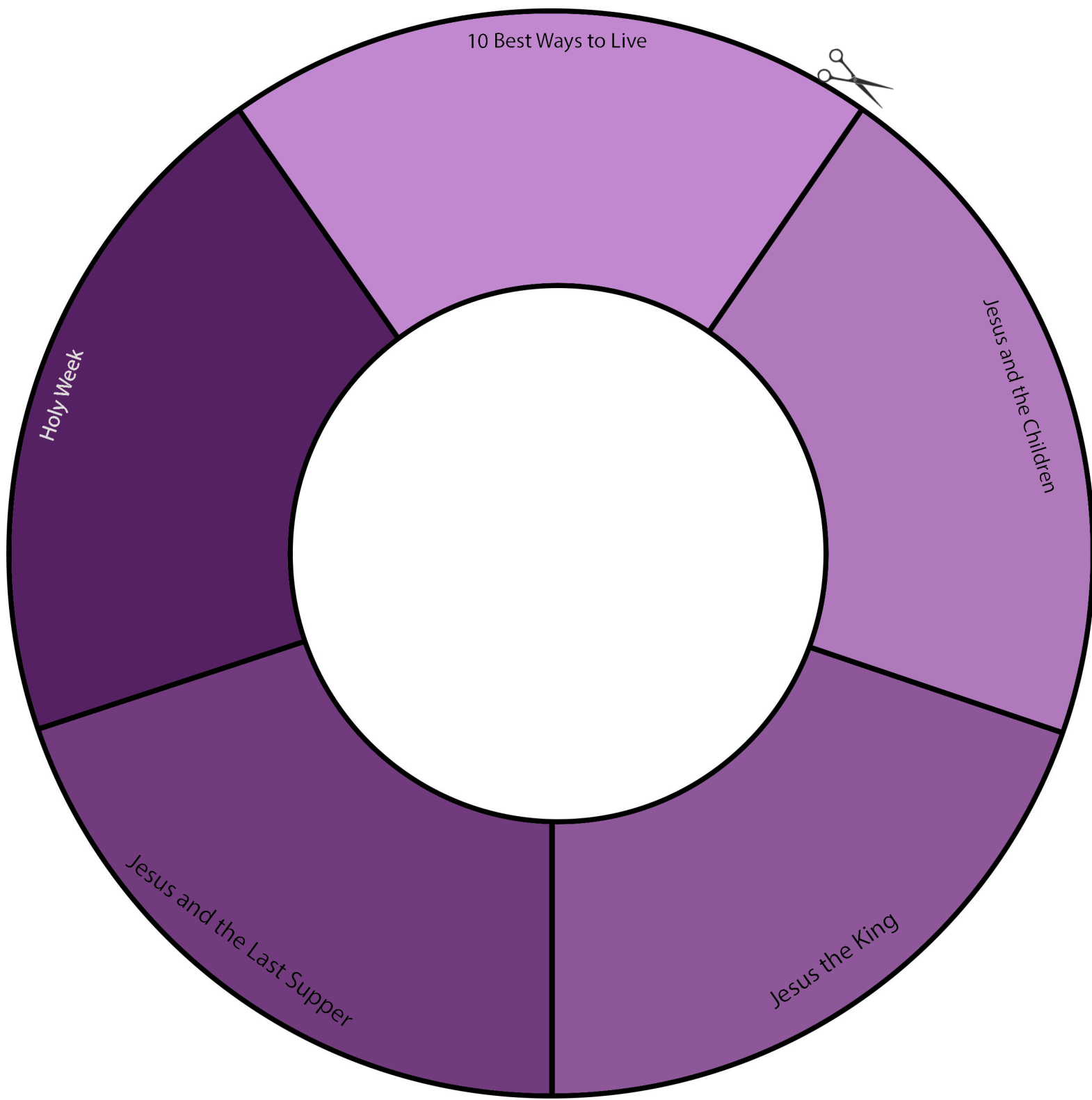
Therefore, I say to you, don't worry about your life, what you'll eat or what you'll drink, or about your body, what you'll wear. Isn't life more than food and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds in the sky.

They don't sow seed or harvest grain or gather crops into barns.

Yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Aren't you worth much more than they are? Who among you by worrying can add a single moment to your life?



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