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Grade level: K-1, but activities could be adjusted to fit older students

#### Lenten preparation basket craft

1. Help students prepare for Easter with this Lenten basket. This activity is best done right before Lent or near the beginning of Lent. It is sometimes difficult for younger students to remember what they give up for the entire season of Lent so this is an alternative that allows them to do a different thing each day, or as a supplement to their Lenten long sacrifice.
2. Begin by creating a "basket" by decorating a small container, such as a paper bag, shoe box, or empty tissue box.
3. Copy each of the pages of "eggs" and give students one copy of the page with eggs with words and two copies of the page with blank eggs.
4. Explain the project outlined in the parent letter. Brainstorm ideas that they might have for the blank eggs.
5. Send home the parent letter, egg pages, and basket with students.
6. Periodically check in with students to see if they are continuing to use their baskets throughout Lent.

(parent letter)



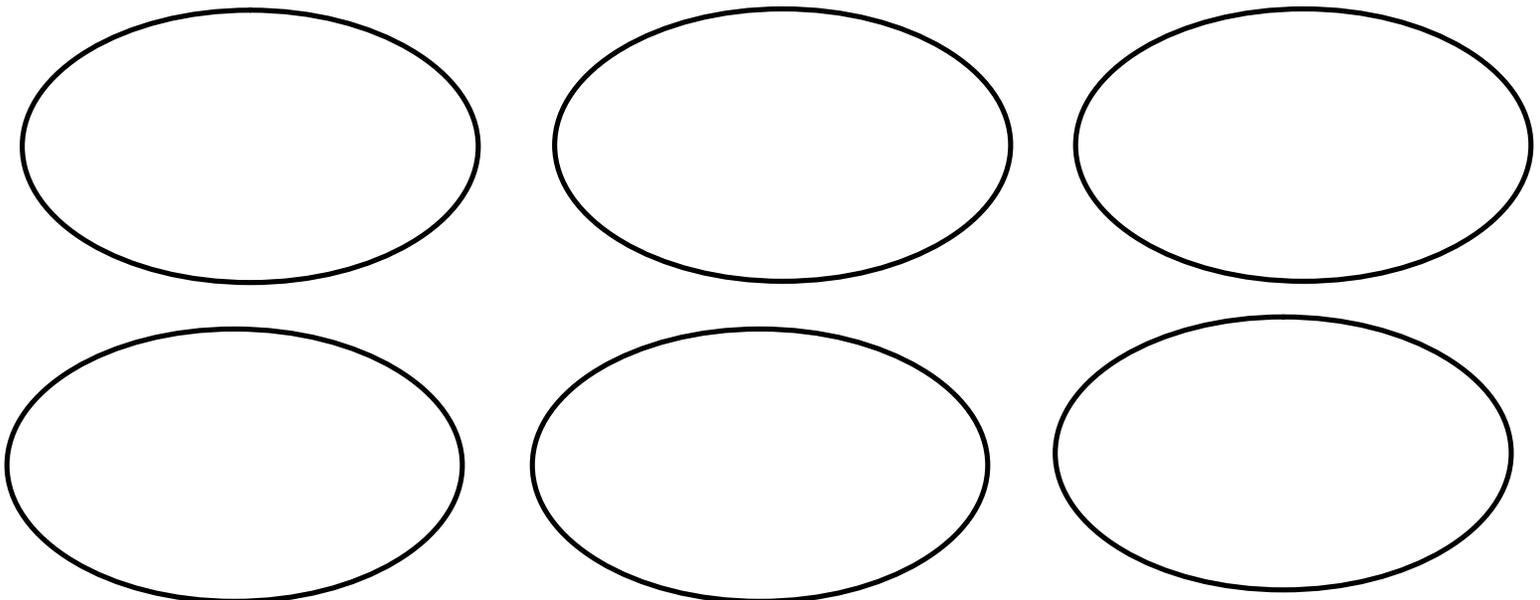
Dear parents,

We are beginning the solemn season of Lent. Lent is a time of preparing for Jesus's Resurrection at Easter through prayer, fasting, and good works. We would like to encourage the students to continue to pray, fast, and perform good works throughout all of Lent with this Lenten basket project.

Your child has 3 pages of "eggs". One page of eggs has different tasks that your child can perform; the other two are blank for them to fill in with their own ideas. As your child performs a task (preferably one for each day of Lent), they are to color the egg, cut it out, and put it into the basket they have decorated. Hopefully on Easter, they will have a basket full of prayers, sacrifices, and good works!

Thank you for your help in your child's religious development. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me!

In Christ,



Pray an extra  
Hail Mary for your  
mother

Clean the dishes

Give up your  
favorite game  
for the day

Read to your  
brother or sister

Read a story from your  
children's Bible

Pray an extra  
Our Father for  
Your dad

Clean your  
room without  
being asked

Give up  
watching your favorite  
TV show today

Pray an  
Our Father for the poor

Help fold or  
put away laundry

Give up  
playing on the computer  
today

Pray an  
Angel of God for the  
souls in purgatory

Give up candy  
for the day

Help lead the  
family in praying a Rosary

Play with  
someone whom you don't  
usually play

Do your homework  
without being asked

Go to the Stations of the  
Cross with your family

Help your family  
without being asked

