



# ASK, SEEK, FIND

40 Seek-&-Find Devotions for the Season of Lent

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Jesus said, "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened." - *Matthew 7:7-8*

**L**et's take a good look at Lent. What hidden sights will we see? A robe? A palm leaf? A wooden cross? Now that we've found them, just what do these hidden objects mean?

**T**his season, children will discover the answer to these Lenten questions and more as they search through brightly-illustrated Seek-and-Find pictures for the hidden objects that tell the story of Jesus' passion and resurrection.

**D**aily rhymes, devotions and Bible verses help children discover God's plan for our salvation through his Son, Jesus.

God created the earth and the blue **sky** above.  
Every **bird**, every creature, is cared for and loved.  
When the time had arrived for God's love to draw near,  
**Mary's** baby, God's Son, came to live with us here.

Day 1 **SKY** *Read Genesis 1:1-6*

Where should we start our Lenten journey? Let's start with creation. God created the earth to be a perfect place for life to flourish and grow. The water and atmosphere that surrounds us makes that life possible.

Walk outside on this first day of Lent. Look up and thank God for creating this ever-changing, ever-growing world. And thank God for caring enough to make you a part of it.

Day 2 **BIRD** *Read Matthew 6:25-29*

This world is not the perfect place God created it to be. Adam and Eve, the first man and woman, chose to disobey God. Sin came into God's creation because of that choice. And along with sin comes worry, fear, and sadness.

But our Lord Jesus reminds us that God is still in charge of the world. "Look at the birds," Jesus tells us. "They don't worry at all, but God still provides them with everything they need." (Perhaps that's why we call them bluebirds of happiness.)

What things worry you? What things make you feel blue? Share those concerns with God. God will provide the care and comfort you need.

Day 3 **MARY** *Read Luke 1:26-33*

In the beginning, the Bible tells us, God walked with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. After they had sinned, God sent them out of the garden. Sin pushed people away from God.

But God knew how to bring us close to him again. When the time was right, God sent his Son, Jesus, to live with us. He is our Immanuel—God with us. Mary is the woman God chose to be Jesus' mother. Find her name in this picture.

Through Jesus, we are drawn close to God again. Because of Jesus, we walk with God every day of our lives.



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When John baptized Jesus, he saw Three-In-One.  
A voice from a **cloud** announced, "This is my Son."  
The Spirit came down like a **dove** to the site  
Where Jesus, the **Lamb** of God, bathed in the light.

## Day 4 **LAMB** *Read John 1:29-31*

When I think of something that is pure, I picture clean clothes coming fresh out of the laundry. John must have imagined a similar image when he baptized people at the Jordan River.

John told those people to apologize for the sins that dirtied their lives. John told them to clean up and be ready when the Lord arrived.

When Jesus came to be baptized, John could see that he was already spotless, clean, and free of sin. "Behold the Lamb of God," John said.

Look for the white lamb in this picture, and remember that only Jesus, the pure Lamb of God, can wash away the sins of the world.

## Day 5 **CLOUD** *Read Mark 1:9-11*

God spoke to Abraham from the heavens. "I will be your God and you will be my people," God said.

From a cloud atop Mt. Sinai, God gave Moses ten commandments: rules that set God's chosen people apart. And when the people saw a cloud in the temple, they knew that their God was with them.

On the day Jesus was baptized, God spoke from the clouds again. The heavens parted and a voice said, "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

Find the white cloud we have hidden in this picture. Know that through Jesus, God the Father has chosen you. God is with you. And God loves you!

## Day 6 **DOVE** *Read John 1:32-34*

Look for the white dove in this picture. It represents God the Holy Spirit, who appeared as a dove at Jesus' baptism. Jesus was about to start his preaching ministry. The Spirit came to be with him as he set out to share God's good news.

God is there at your baptism day, too. God the Father claims you as his child. God the Son washes your sins away. God the Holy Spirit fills you up with the power to share God's love.

Ask the Spirit to be with you this Lent as you spread the good news about Jesus.

