Celebrate Blessings from God this Lent with your congregation! Each week, during the midweek Lenten service, highlight a blessing from God. Hand out reminders ("gifties") for the families to remember those blessings during the following week!

- **Ash Wednesday (March 5, 2014)** – Tonight we are thankful that God has blessed us with a place to worship! During the week, we can also worship at home. Tonight I give you a piece of cloth (ex. Purple felt) for your home altar. Please add a candle and your Bible and your Lenten devotional (if your church is giving one) for you and your family. We will add other things over the following weeks!
- **March 12** – Tonight we remember the blessing of baptism! God names and claims us as His children. (giftie – a shell)
- **March 19** – Tonight we remember the blessing of communion! God has given us the gift of communion and meets us at the altar each week! (giftie – a communion glass or a piece of wheat)
- **March 26** – Tonight we remember the blessing of God’s Word! (giftie – a picture of the Bible)
- **April 2** – Tonight we remember the blessing of Strong Faith! (giftie-a rock)
- **April 9** – Tonight we remember the blessing of Holy Week and the Easter Story. (giftie of a cross of your choice – suggestions a cross made from nails or a cross made from Christmas cards).
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