

Lenten Jelly Bean Activity & Prayer



Here is an activity for your children that will help them to appreciate the virtues of Lent.

On Ash Wednesday, set out a glass jar for each child with a small copy of the jellybean prayer taped to it. Determine a behavior to go with each jellybean color (corresponding with the prayer). Each day the kids could earn a jellybean of any color they followed through on. They can't eat the jellybeans until Easter. They cannot earn white jellybeans because these represent the Grace of Christ, which is a gift not earned ourselves. On Easter morning, the kids wake to find their jars filled up where they were still empty (lacking) with white jellybeans (Christ's grace).

Jelly Bean Prayer

*Red is for the blood He gave
Green is for the grass He made
Yellow is for the sun so bright
Orange is for the edge of night
Black is for the sins we made
White is for the grace He gave
Purple is for the house of sorrow
Pink is for the new tomorrow*

This is how you could interpret each color or make your own ideas based on ages and needs of your children:

Red is for the blood Christ gave (each morning choose something to sacrifice that day to earn the red jellybean, something they would have the opportunity to have or do on that day)

Green is for the palm's cool shade (earned for good deeds, as it was a good deed to provide shade for Jesus with the palm)

Yellow is for God's light so bright (earned for sharing God's light through kindness to others)

Orange is for prayers at twilight (earned for attentive behavior during bedtime prayer time or night time bible story, etc.)

Black is for sweet rest at night (earned for going to bed well, or you could use blue since some kids are not fans of black jellybeans)

White is for the Grace of Christ (these cannot be earned as mentioned above)

Purple is for His days of sorrow (earned these through apologizing to anyone you hurt with your words or deeds that day)

Pink is for each new tomorrow (earned when you forgave those who apologized to us for hurtful behavior)