

## Ideas for Lent in Congregations and Homes

- Congregational worship and studies
  - Lenten Studies
    - Congregation-wide across all ages, e.g. Adam Hamilton studies
      - Video-based Adults & Youth studies
      - Children's lessons
      - Titles for Lent include *24 Hours that Changed the World, The Way*
    - Studies for groups of different ages:
      - Adults: Thoughtful Christian downloadable studies, *Forgiveness: A Lenten Study* by Marjorie Thompson, lots of other options
      - Youth: Thoughtful Christian downloadable studies, Faith Questions mini-studies such as *Temptation, Forgiveness, or Prayer*
      - Children: Holy Moly's *Holy Week and Easter* unit
  - Intergenerational Worship and Prayer
    - Labyrinth prayer experience
      - Grace Presbytery canvas labyrinth (27' x 27')
      - Available for reservations of one week or less during Lent
      - [www.labyrinthlocator.com](http://www.labyrinthlocator.com)
    - Prayer stations and experiences
      - Prayer station ideas
        - <https://www.pinterest.com/apce0202/prayer-stations/>. APCE board on Pinterest
        - <http://www.parc-pcusa.com/lentholy-weekeaster2.html>. PARC Online Resource Center link.
      - Walk with Peter. Multi-sensory experience of Jesus' ministry through Peter's eyes. From the youth ministry book *Destination Easter*.
      - *The Greatest Story: Jesus* video with sand artist
    - Family observances in the home
      - <http://www.parc-pcusa.com/lentholy-weekeaster.html>. PARC link.
      - Holy Week playdough mats
      - Holy Week boxes

**Hospitality**  
**Gleanings from October 2015 SCRAPCE Workshop**  
**at Austin Presbyterian Seminary**

***Picturing Hospitality Exercise***

Choose one of the pictures and with a partner:

- Imagine a back story for the people in the picture
  - Discuss: *How could we extend hospitality to these people? What would we need to do with our facility to be more welcoming?*
- ⇒ Purposeful inclusion takes practice by everyone, not just staff or greeters

**YouTube Videos: *The Butterfly Circus* and *What If Starbucks Marketed Like the Church?***

#HospitalityFails vs #HospitalityWins

Cynthia Rigby quote: *Being engaged with the All and the Every is Trinitarian... Hospitality is about trying to mend the brokenness between the All and Every.*

Other Resources:

Contextual Bible Study. Moving from the What of the Bible to the How.  
[http://ujamaa.ukzn.ac.za/RESOURCES\\_OF\\_UJAMAA/MANUAL\\_STUDIES.aspx](http://ujamaa.ukzn.ac.za/RESOURCES_OF_UJAMAA/MANUAL_STUDIES.aspx)

Movie: *Lars and the Real Girl*. Thoughtful Christian has a discussion guide.