

Mass on Ash Wednesday is always the same to prepare us for Lent. After the homily, the priest blesses ashes from the palms blessed the preceding year for Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion. Then the ashes are placed on those who come forward. When you get the ashes, you may hear, "Repent, and believe in the Gospel" (Mark 1:15) or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19).

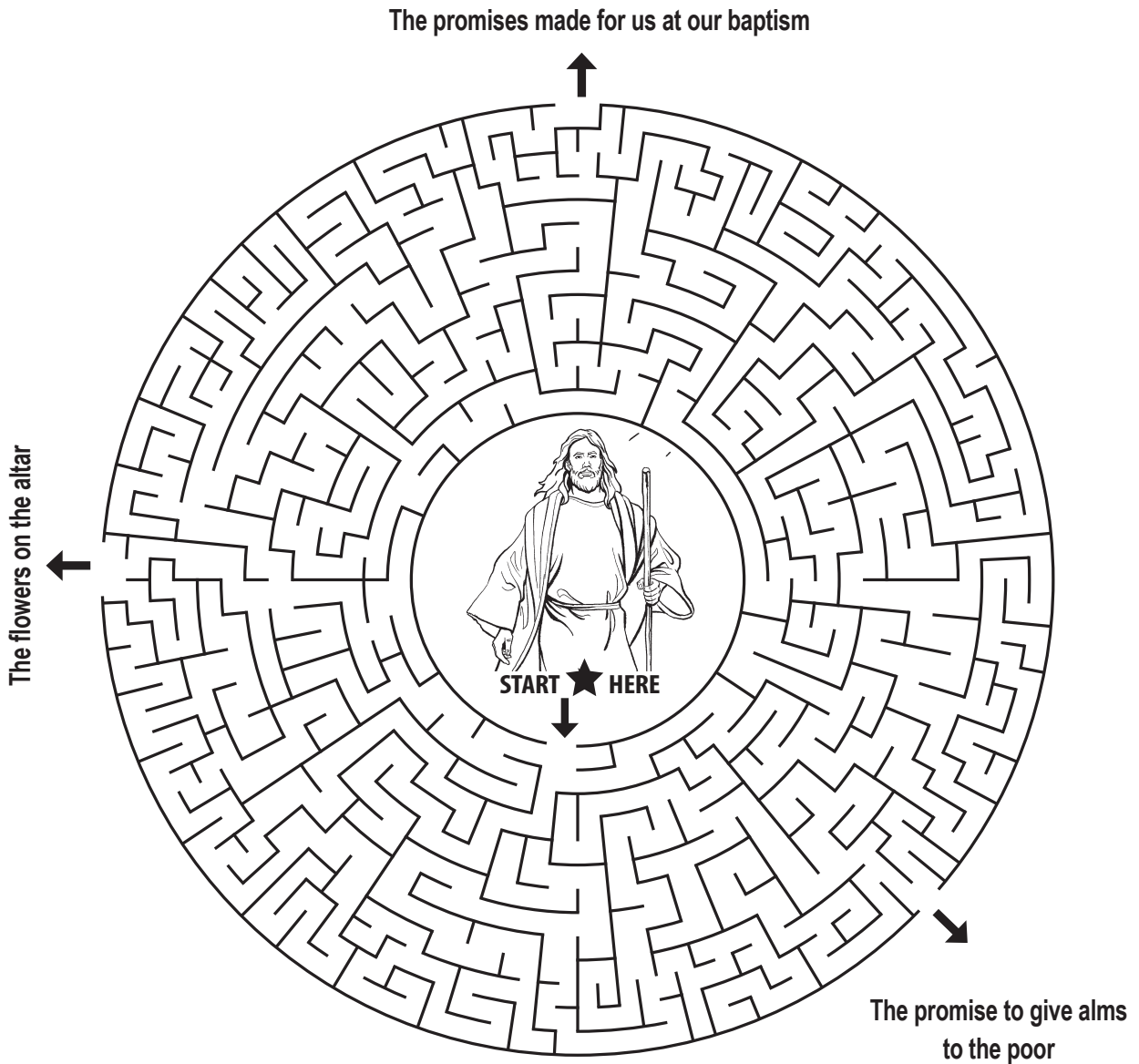
Lenten Maze

ASH WEDNESDAY

DAY 1

In Lent we go into the desert to imitate Jesus by fasting and praying for 40 days to prepare for Easter! Then, during Easter Sunday Mass, the priest will ask every one of us to “renew” something.

What do you think it is? Solve the maze to find out!





Lenten Adventure

Mass Quiz: Ash Wednesday

1. The color vestments the priest is wearing are _____.
2. The First Reading is from the book of
 - a. Jeremiah
 - b. Deuteronomy
 - c. Joel
3. Fill in the missing word from the First Reading: "Then the _____ was stirred to concern for his land and took pity on his people."
4. Fill in the missing word from the Responsorial Psalm: "Be merciful, O Lord, for we have _____."
5. The Second Reading is from the second letter of
 - a. Thessalonians
 - b. Corinthians
 - c. Romans
6. In the Second Reading, St. Paul says that we are:
 - a. Ambassadors of Christ
 - b. Children of God
 - c. A light in the world
7. The Gospel reading is from the Gospel of _____.
8. To whom is Jesus speaking to in this Gospel Reading?
 - a. Mary
 - b. His disciples
 - c. Caesar
9. In this Gospel Reading, what does Jesus say to do?
 - a. Keep the Ten Commandments
 - b. Multiply fish and loaves of bread
 - c. Pray to the Father in secret
10. Fill in the blank from the Gospel Reading: "And your Father who sees what is will repay you."