







## Celebrate the Seasons Game Cards

 <p>Advent</p>	 <p>Advent</p>	 <p>Advent</p>
<p>The word “advent” means “coming” or “arriving.” During Advent, what “coming” are we looking forward to?</p>	<p>A symbol for Advent is a candle. How do we see candles used during Advent?</p> <p>Advanced question: Why do we light candles in Advent?</p>	<p>There are four traditional themes for Advent. They are hope, peace, joy, and love.</p>
 <p>Advent</p>	 <p>Advent</p>	 <p>Christmas</p>
<p>The colour blue is used during Advent because it is associated with hope. Sometimes a pink or rose candle will be used on the third Sunday of Advent. This colour is associated with joy.</p>	<p>Advent can also be a time to emphasize the prophets. Prophets are people who understand God’s ways and point others to the activity of God. Can you name a biblical prophet?</p>	<p>Christmas is the celebration of the birthday of Jesus.</p>





Christmas



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We often use a nativity or crèche to symbolize Christmas. What do you think the word “nativity” means?

Sometimes we give gifts at Christmas time. Why are gifts associated with Christmas?

Who were the first visitors to greet Jesus and how did they learn of his birth?



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We often see candy canes at Christmas time; why is that?

In which city was Jesus born?  
Why was he born there?

Why was Jesus born in a stable or barn?



Christmas



Epiphany and the Season  
after Epiphany



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Can you name or sing a  
Christmas carol?

Epiphany is the celebration of  
the Wise Ones coming to see  
Jesus. What are other names  
for those visitors?

How many Wise Ones do we  
think came, and why?



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What gifts were brought by  
the Wise Ones?

Why is the star a symbol of  
Epiphany?

Can you name or sing a song  
for Epiphany?



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The Wise Ones visited a  
king before they found Jesus.  
Who was this king?

Herod was frightened  
when the Wise Ones asked  
him about a new king.  
Why was he afraid?

Where did the Wise  
Ones find Jesus?



Baptism of Jesus



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Who baptized Jesus?

Where was Jesus baptized?

The Bible records that some  
people heard and saw things  
at Jesus' baptism. What did  
they see and hear?



Transfiguration Sunday



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The word “transfiguration” means to change or transform. On this day we celebrate a strange event that the Bible recounts (Matthew 17:1–8). Jesus and three of his disciples had gone up a mountain together, and when they reached the top, Jesus began to shine or glow. The disciples were both afraid and excited by what they saw. Suddenly, they began to see Jesus in a different way; they had a new viewpoint of Jesus.

Who were the disciples that went with Jesus to the mountaintop?

Who did the disciples see on the mountaintop?



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Ash Wednesday



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Have you ever discovered something new about someone that made you view them in a different way?  
[Hint: Perhaps you’ve learned that a friend had a hidden talent or a parent or grandparent had a surprising experience as a young person.]

Ash Wednesday is a serious day, a day of repentance. What is repentance?

What is the symbol for Ash Wednesday?



Ash Wednesday

Lent

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Why do we use ashes?

Lent is a time of getting ready.  
What are we getting ready for?

How many days are  
there in Lent?

Lent






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Can you think of any  
other time when the number  
40 was significant?

Why do we fast or give up  
something for Lent?

Why is purple the  
colour for Lent?

<p>Lent</p>	 <p>Palm Sunday</p>	 <p>Palm Sunday</p>
<p>During Lent we also remember that Jesus was tempted when he went into the desert. What does it mean to be tempted?</p>	<p>What are we celebrating on Palm Sunday?</p>	<p>Why do we wave palm branches on Palm Sunday?</p>
 <p>Palm Sunday</p>	 <p>Palm Sunday</p>	 <p>Palm Sunday</p>
<p>What word do we often shout on Palm Sunday?</p>	<p>What animal did Jesus ride into Jerusalem?</p>	<p>What is the colour for Palm Sunday?</p>



Holy Week



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Maundy Thursday is the day we remember Jesus' last supper with his disciples.

During Jesus' last supper with his disciples, he gave them bread to eat and wine to drink. How do we remember this special meal?

The Gospel of John (13:4-5) records that Jesus washed the disciples' feet. Why did Jesus do that?



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Easter

Good Friday is the day we remember Jesus' arrest and death on the cross. In Old English, "good" meant "holy," so the title Good Friday means "Holy Friday." A Good Friday service might include darkness and the removing of all decorations except the cross from the worship space.

Can you think of a special food that is baked for Good Friday?

Easter is the celebration of the risen Christ.



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What is the word that we often use to describe what happened to Jesus on the first Easter morning?

What are some of the ways we might greet one another on Easter?

What are some of the symbols for Easter?



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What is the colour of Easter?

What did the women bring to the tomb on the first Easter morning, and why did they bring this?

What did the women find when they came to the tomb on the first Easter morning?



Ascension Day

This day is the celebration of the ascension of Christ to heaven, a completion of the resurrection.



Ascension Day

Describe what you think of when you hear the word "heaven."



Pentecost

Pentecost is the day we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. Pente means five or 50 (a pentagon has five sides), and Pentecost is 50 days after Easter.



Pentecost

We call this the birthday of the church because after Jesus' ascension his friends were feeling frightened and sad, hiding together in a room. After they received the Holy Spirit in wind and flame, they went out into the streets to tell everyone about Jesus. Three thousand people were baptized, and the church was born.









Pentecost

What is the colour of Pentecost?



Pentecost

What are some symbols of Pentecost?

 <p>Trinity Sunday</p>	 <p>Trinity Sunday</p>	 <p>Trinity Sunday</p>
<p>Trinity Sunday is when we celebrate God as Creator/Father, God as Son/Christ/Redeemer, and God as Holy Spirit/Sustainer.</p>	<p>Trinity means three.</p>	<p>Can you think of something else that takes three different forms?</p>
 <p>All Saints' Day</p>	 <p>All Saints' Day</p>	 <p>Christ the King (Reign of Christ)</p>
<p>All Saints' is a day of remembering. We especially remember faithful people who have died, but we can also remember all those who help us know God in today's world.</p>	<p>Can you name a saint?</p>	<p>This is the day we celebrate Christ as a king or power in our lives. Can you think of other times when we think of Jesus as a king?</p>

<p>Season after Pentecost (Ordinary Time)</p>	<p>Season after Pentecost (Ordinary Time)</p>	<p>Season after Pentecost (Ordinary Time)</p>
<p>What do you think of when you hear the word “ordinary”?</p>	<p>Special Sundays such as Environment Sunday, First Nations Sunday, World Communion Day, Peace Sunday, Children’s Sunday, World Food Day, Remembrance Day, and Thanksgiving are all celebrated during this season. Can you describe how one (or more) of these Sundays is celebrated in your church?</p>	<p>This is the time when school comes to an end, summer begins, holidays are taken, we go to camp, school begins again, and the seasons change from spring to summer to fall to winter. What are your favourite things to do during Ordinary Time?</p>
<p>Season after Pentecost (Ordinary Time)</p>		
<p>We also hear this part of the church year referred to as Creation Time. Can you think of any creation stories? How is your church involved in taking care of creation? How are you involved in caring for creation?</p>		