



# A KIDS FRIENDLY LENT & EASTER 2011

Dear Friends

Soon we will be heading into the season of Lent. Reflecting on the whole Easter story, including the cruel and violent parts, is central to our and our children's faith. Children can and do respond to traditional Lenten spiritual disciplines in meaningful ways. Our **Kids Friendly Lent & Easter** resource is full of ideas to help you effectively engage children in the Lenten journey.

**Jane Davis**, children's minister at **Highgate Presbyterian** in Dunedin shares her resources and plans for "**Celebrating Shrove Tuesday**" in that Kids Friendly resource.

**Wadestown Presbyterian** also organise a **Pancakes in the Park** event on Shrove Tuesday. For more information contact: Rev Sharon Ensor at [ministerwpc@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ministerwpc@xtra.co.nz).



**PCANZ** and **Presbyterian Support's Family Works** have partnered to create **PresCare Meditations for Lent**, daily reflections that focus on the plight of children and families in our country and reflect on how we as Christians can better demonstrate the love of God in the lives of the children and families in our communities. These booklets can be ordered from PCANZ



email: [office@presbyterian.org.nz](mailto:office@presbyterian.org.nz) or by phoning 04-8016000.

Kids Friendly has developed an interactive family Lent resource to be used alongside this. **The Family Faith Pack** invites families to choose one night each week of Lent when together they journey towards Easter by:

- ☺ Sharing an activity from the THINK BOX
- ☺ Reading the bible
- ☺ Talking about ways to share God's love
- ☺ Praying for God's guidance and for others
- ☺ Brainstorming ways to bless children and families in NZ



**The Family Faith Pack** is available as a pdf resource that can be photocopied and made into packs for families to use during lent. From 1 March, it can be downloaded from [www.presbyterian.org.nz/national-ministries/kids-friendly/kids-friendly-resources](http://www.presbyterian.org.nz/national-ministries/kids-friendly/kids-friendly-resources)

Or for those of you who haven't used it before, our **Families Lent Calendar** is a resource to copy (preferably in A3 colour) and give to families to help them share the Lenten journey with their children. It is full of interesting facts, fun and faith activities and ideas.

Network members can download all Kids Friendly resources at [www.presbyterian.org.nz/national-ministries/kids-friendly/-kids-friendly-resources/resources-log-in](http://www.presbyterian.org.nz/national-ministries/kids-friendly/-kids-friendly-resources/resources-log-in) or contact [jill@kidsfriendly.org.nz](mailto:jill@kidsfriendly.org.nz) to have them emailed to you.

Blessings. Jill