

# Kids @ Highgate Email Update



Hi Everyone

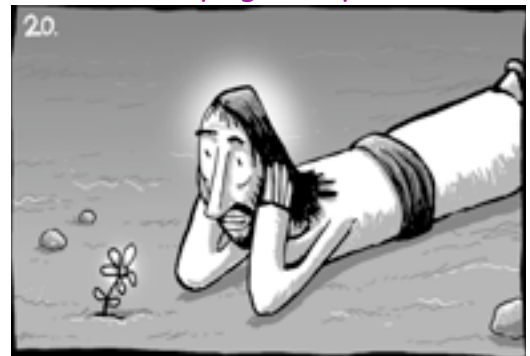
February 7<sup>th</sup> 2010

It's the start of Lent. 40 days (+ Sundays) in the lead up to Easter. It's 40 days because we start by remembering the story of Jesus going into the wilderness for 40 days where he spent time praying and thinking and wondering about whether he was strong enough to do the things God wanted him to do. But this retreat of Jesus' was far from serene. It was a period of challenge and temptation. He encountered seductive promises and enticing images where "Satan" tried hard to snare him. But Jesus found that having spent this time with God, it gave him strength to resist the temptations presented to him.

Maybe this Lent if we set aside time for God we may become more aware of the realities of God's world and where we need to resist temptations set before us.

The colour of this season is purple. This colour symbolizes the theme of lent which is reparation. For children it could be explained that it is the colour that helps us focus on saying sorry to God or "help me begin again God".

Christ of the wilderness and of the crowded street.  
Whispering in the desert and shouting in the market.  
Help us to hear you above temptations promises.  
Strengthen us to follow you on the highways of your world.



## EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARIES:

National Children's Day: Park and Play:

Nairn Street Reserve: Sunday March 7<sup>th</sup> 10.30am-3pm.



The Kids @ Highgate leaders thought it would be a good idea to take our children down to this event which is being hosted by Kaikorai Presbyterian Church on March 7<sup>th</sup>. It starts with a "kids friendly" church service at 10.30am and then there are lots of family friendly activities available. It would be good to be able to go down "on mass" as Kids @ Highgate Team. We thought we would all come to Highgate at 10am as usual on this day and Jono would send us off from church with a blessing. We would love as many children as possible to attend. I have flyers available for parents with more details about this event and will be sending permission slips soon. If parents would like to come with us that would be great. Otherwise we could take the children down in various cars and meet parents afterwards at the park around 11.30. You could then decide if you wanted to stay on with your child/ren or leave at this point.

## Who's Leading Kids @ this Week

Jason and Leah are leading younger group.  
Mark is leading Older group.

