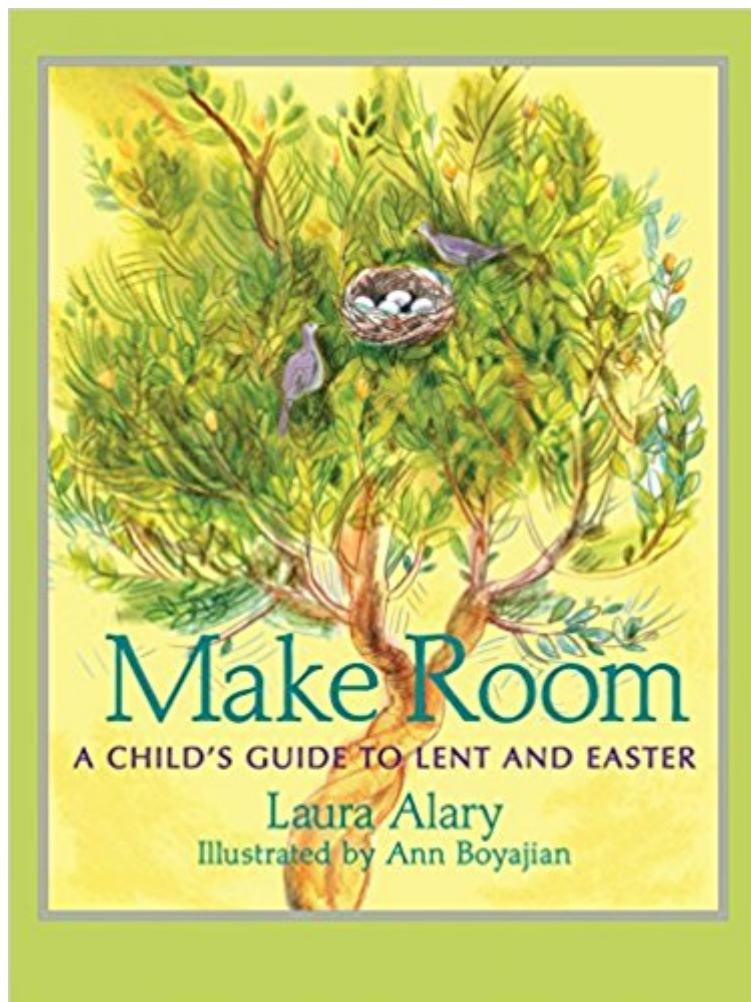


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# Make Room: A Child's Guide To Lent And Easter



## Synopsis

While the Advent season is filled with fun and expectations, Lent can be hard for children. It's travels through frightening places, loaded with themes of self-denial and death. How can children approach this season in a way that is meaningful and not frightening? Make Room presents Lent as a special time for creating a welcoming space for God. Other books offer excellent ideas for going through the Lenten season with children, but Make Room uniquely connects its projects to the story of Jesus. Simple and practical activities such as baking bread, having a neighbor over for dinner, uncluttering your room, and watching less TV become acts of justice and kindness, part of a life of following and imitating Christ, and a way to make room for God in our lives and in the world around us. Other books tell the Passion narrative for young readers; this unique book integrates themes of hospitality and self-giving that echo Jesus' ministry, Jesus' entire life. Make Room invites children to wonder about the story, to encounter Lent with all their senses, and to experience activities in Lent as part of a life of discipleship.

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## Customer Reviews

A great addition to your Lent / Easter Shelf Unit: This unique book invites children to experience Lent with all their senses, and to see it as a special time for creating a welcoming space for God. We recommend placing this book on the bottom shelf of your Lent / Easter shelf unit. •The

Rev. Cheryl V. Minor, Ph.D. Co-Rector, All Saints' Church, Belmont, MA Director of the Center for the Theology of Childhood The Godly Play Foundation While I realize my daughter will develop her own faith traditions, I want her to be aware of all the various ways she can remember all her Lord and Savior has done for her. This book explains why Lent helps us remember.  Taking us through the events of Holy Week, the author explains how all the Lenten traditions we focus on help us  "Make Room" for more of Jesus.  While the book is simple enough for a child, it unpacks the importance of participating in Lent very well.  •Traci Rhoades

 "The book reveals what is usually hidden: what we knew as penitential is actually life-giving and faith-building. After reading the book to my kids, my five year old daughter exclaimed "I can't wait for Lent! I just can't wait!"  •Gary Neal Hansen, Author of  Kneeling with Giants: Learning to Pray with History's Best Teachers  Dr. Alary truly respects the child and asks us to walk with them as they point us to Christ. This is a wonderful resource.  •Rev. Olivia Stewart, Director of Children & Worship  "This is a poetic, practical and theologically wise book for children.  •L. Ann Jervis, Professor of New Testament, Wycliffe College, University of Toronto. "Wow, what a wonderful children's book, delightfully illustrated and nicely told. It is an invitation for children to wonder about the Lenten story, helping children to experience Lent with all their senses.  I think it is a fine book for almost any kind of Christian."  •Byron Borger, Hearts and Minds Books

 Make Room: A Children's Guide to Lent and Easter was a solid addition to the religious education of our young children. Where many Easter books focus on the resurrection of Christ, this book tenderly and thoughtfully explained the Lenten season with child-appropriate examples of reasonable and realistic ways in which children can observe. With sections on reaching out to help others, giving away extra so that others can have simply enough, and ways to sit in quiet prayer and reflection, this book created room for ongoing thought-provoking questions. Best of all, the book is written in a way that allows the child to see ways in which to meaningfully participate in the process and shift attention away from a season of "I can't have..." to a season of preparation and dedication.

 Make room on your shelf for this title.  •Amy Shaw, EducatorReading  Make Room  with my two-year old Plum, I delighted to see how Alary makes room for our own conversation within her text, sprinkling pages with  I wonder  and  maybe. I wonder why Jesus went into the desert? I wonder who they thought Jesus was? Ann Boyajian  illustrations are  thought-filled and beautiful, making the book feel like a window into an active congregation where the Biblical stories are vividly live. I liked how Alary balances wondering questions with more straightforward teaching. She writes simply and clearly so

that small children will be able to understand, but older ones will also be able to find rich material for their own wondering. Intriguingly, Alary makes a point of creating a wide sense of space around both the crucifixion and the resurrection. She does not supply the theological meaning behind either aspect of the story, but rather describes the lived history and experience of Easter and again makes room for us all, whatever our theological understanding, within the story. •Katie Munnik, *The Messy Table*, A Presbyterian Record

“Children of all ages will come away with a broader understanding of the holy Lenten season and what it means to prepare for the glorious gift of Easter and new life in Christ.” •Michelle Thomas-Bush, *Big Ideas in Youth Ministry* [www.bigideasy.com](http://www.bigideasy.com)

Few books capture the heart of this season and invite you simply to live into Lent as a family making you aware of the heart of the season and how you can respond to God through it. Lovely!

My new favorite Lenten book! Goes perfectly with Children and Worship or Godly Play. Such a sweet way to encounter Jesus with children during Lent. I recommend this for every family!

This is a very useful book that is written in simple, clear language. :)

Great product -- no issues whatsoever.

Not at all what I expected. I thought this would be a devotional -- an organized weekly guide. Its not that.

Meaningful for children or adults. In some ways it reminded me of the levels of understanding in the Little Prince. I will be buying more copies for special people.

Beautifully written, clear unclouded message, perfect simple artwork. This book has been a gift to our family.

Gave these to families in our small churches -we dont have Sunday school and this is a good way for families to work at their own pace/direction

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