



# Ignite the F.I.R.E.



## Families Involved in Religious Education

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There has been a recurring theme throughout all of human history...God establishes a relationship with us, sets the rules to help us achieve happiness and peace, we mess it up, and He redeems us and somehow shows us mercy when we don't deserve it. If you've ever read through the first few books of the Bible, you will notice it happening several times, and it continues throughout salvation history and even into our current lives.

Sometimes it can be frustrating how easy it is to "get it wrong" on our parts, but the hope comes in the fact that Jesus did what He did to save us once and for all. The beauty of the season of Lent is that we are given the time to really reflect on our lives and how we affect those around us. Sin rarely affects just the sinner, even when we think we're alone or isolated, and it causes damages that are not always visible and can sometimes take generations to surface.

In the biblical book of Numbers, Israel has set out for the Promised Land through the desert, where God leads them to wander around for 40 years, a trip that would normally take a fraction of that. It is during that time that God establishes a deeper relationship with them in attempts to purify their hearts of the damages of the slavery and idolotry imposed on them in Egypt.

How similar today the season of Lent? We have 40 days where we are hopefully led by God, to fast from the things that have enslaved us or that we have allowed to become idols in our lives, and He guides us to the truth of His love, the mercy of His heart and the hope of eternal life spent in happiness with Him.

As we enter into the last 3 weeks of Lent, look deeply into what your soul desires and longs for and usually it will lead you to the heart of Jesus and He will heal the wounds in your life.

**"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire!" ~ St. Catherine of Siena**