

Ideas for using *Kids Celebrate Lent & Easter*

- Point out to your child that your congregation is using *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* just like the people on the cover of this booklet.
- Place items similar to those portrayed on this booklet's cover on a small table or shelf in your home to create a prayer space for the season of Lent. Use your family's Bible for Lenten devotions. Use the water to mark one another with the sign of the cross as a remembrance of baptism.
- Bring home palm branches used in worship on Passion/Palm Sunday and place them in your home's prayer space or another visible spot.
- Have children listen for the word *Alleluia* in worship throughout the Easter season. Ask them to count how many times they hear this word in prayers, hymns and songs, choir anthems, readings, and other parts of worship.
- On Easter Day and all the Sundays of Easter, help children listen for the words "Christ is risen!" in worship. Teach them that the response to this greeting is "Christ is risen indeed!" Practice this greeting and response at home (for example, before school, before a mealtime prayer, or at bedtime) throughout the 50 days of Easter. Help children see that Easter is a whole season, not just one day.
- Use a calendar to count and "cross" off (use a + instead of an X) the 50 days of Easter. Explain that the last day of the Easter season is called "Pentecost," a word that literally means "fiftieth day."