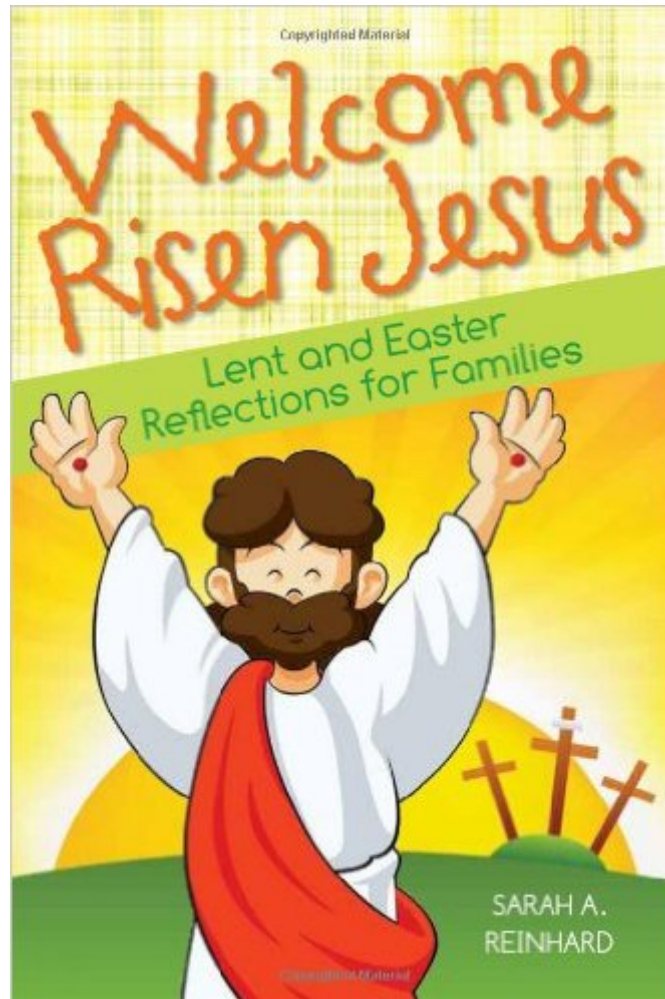


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Welcome Risen Jesus: Lent And Easter Reflections For Families



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"Welcome Risen Jesus offers daily reflections and thoughts that encourage families to THINK, PRAY, ACT based on words from scripture. These exercises are designed to engage your household during the Lenten season by tying scripture and reflection to your daily life. With each passing Sunday, your family's faith will grow stronger, and the true meaning of this season will be discovered."

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Customer Reviews

Sarah is a friend of mine*, and when I saw the cover for this book, I thought, "Well, I'm sure it's very nice, but probably not my thing." I was wrong. Wrong. What you get:-A daily meditation on a short Gospel passage. Down-to-earth, no-nonsense Catholic spirituality of the type you get from the best of seasoned parish priests. Written to kids, so read-aloud-able from about five and up, and maybe 4th grade and up would be comfortable using this as a devotional on their own. But the advice is sound for grown-ups too -- I'm giving a copy to my mother-in-law who usually buys one of the made-for-adults devotionals, now that I've seen how good it is.-A suggested act of charity for the day. Write a thank-you note, gather up old toys and clothes to donate, something like that.-A suggested act of penance for the day. Drink only water, sleep without your pillow, don't complain all day long.-A short prayer. Very grounded in real, normal-people spiritual needs -- for those of us who want to be better Catholics, but maybe we aren't so brilliant at it all the time. The penance, prayer, and charity are all drawn straight from St. Therese and the Little Way. I don't mean copied, but rather, Sarah has very obviously made that part of her life as a mom, wife, and writer, and it shows

through. I think that's why this is such a good book. Also, I love the changing penances. I probably couldn't do any of them for 40 days, but for one day? It would be something I could try. Having read the entire book, my family is planning to use it this Lent as the heart of our Lenten devotions.*****I specifically did not ask her for a review copy, because I didn't want to be in the awkward position of having to think up something nice to say in a review since she's my friend. My usual fare is more _Gargoyle Code_. I went and bought my own copy when I saw it in our local Catholic bookstore (\$1.99 - you can't go wrong), planning to look at it, say a few nice words to her, and pass it on to someone else. Now I have to go back and buy more copies, because I'm keeping mine. I know I'll use it again in future years.

I bought this book hoping for something new, interesting and meaningful I could do with my children during Lent and this book gave me more than I could imagine. My kids are 6 and 3 and the concepts and activities in this book, while excellent for older children, are also excellent for us. (True, my 3 year old can't grasp all the concepts but he can benefit from reciting the prayer with us and learning to set aside some time for God each day.) There is a very brief scripture quote for each day. A child-friendly "think" point about the scripture that really brings it to an interesting and relevant level for kids. Next is an "Act", a simple, prayerful activity for a child to do. For example: "Put a cross in your pocket today. Whenever you touch it or feel it there, say a prayer for a special adult in your life." Then there's a "fast" - an act of sacrifice for the day such as "put aside one of your favorite toys and do not play with it all day". Finally, each page concludes with a simple prayer. Although appropriate for children, it can also help adults who are struggling with Lent as well. The simple, practical ideas can be put into practice by people of all ages. This book is an excellent resource for Catholic families who want to grow in faith together. The appealing format and graphics of the book make it enjoyable for kids to use as well. I am so happy with this book. Will definitely be getting the author's Advent book as well.

Welcome Risen Jesus is Sarah Reinhard's second book and follows the same easy-to-read format of her first book (Welcome Baby Jesus: Advent and Christmas Reflections for Families). In the introduction, Sarah writes, "This booklet will help you and your family focus each day on the three pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving." Welcome Risen Jesus offers reflections for Lent and Easter (up to Divine Mercy Sunday). Each day has a think, act, pray section, although this version also includes a paragraph entitled "Fast." Each page lists a pertinent Scripture passage. A few examples from the "Act" sections: "Do you have lunch money or some saved allowance? Give all or

part of it to a food pantry or soup kitchen," or "Wash the dishes or help with the cleanup as much as you can." The Fast sections include suggestions such as: "Give your dessert -- or the favorite part of your snack -- to someone else," or "Don't eat between meals today," or "Do a chore you hate without mentioning you hate it or calling attention to the fact you're doing it." This is a beautifully written and illustrated book. The fact that it is geared to both parents and children is what I love most about it. Both parent and child have a unique opportunity to grow in faith during the Lenten season. I have enjoyed using this booklet with my family and I highly recommend it to all families who wish to grow in faith during the Lenten season. Ellen Gable Hrkach award-winning author

This is a wonderful book to use during lent. I am really looking forward to using this with my daughter. It has day to day explanations and things a child can give up.. It's truly an amazing book and perfect for catholic families. My daughter is really excited to use this. For the price you can't go wrong. Buy it you will not regret it!

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