

We have already learned that Advent is a time to get ready for Christmas. Now,

## Lent is a time to get ready for Easter.

There are 40 days in Lent. Ash Wednesday is the First day of Lent. Holy Saturday is the last day of Lent. This year, Lent begins on $14^{\text {th }}$ February (Ash Wednesday) and ends on 30 ${ }^{\text {st }}$ March (Holy Saturday).

## Why are there 40 days in Lent?

We learn from the New Testament in the Bible the reasons we have 40 days in Lent.
> Matthew Chapter 4, verses 1:11
$>$ Mark Chapter 1, verses 12-13
> Luke Chapter 4, verses 1-13

## Forty is a very important number in both the Old Testament and in the New Testament.

Use your Bible to fill in the missing gaps.

Book of Numbers 13:25
Genesis 7:11-12

Joshua 4:13
Numbers 32:13

2 Chronicles 9:30
Matthew 4:1-11

1. It rained for 40 days on N $\qquad$ and his family.
2. The $\qquad$ wandered in the desert for 40 years.
3. King S $\qquad$ reigned for 40 years.
4. 40 $\qquad$ helped Joshua fight.
5. Moses' twelve men spent 40 days exploring the land of

$\qquad$ .
6. Jesus spent $\qquad$ days in the desert and was tempted $\qquad$ times by the devil.
