

## CREATE A PRAISE TREE

### What you'll need:

- Small branches
- Vase or small jar
- Construction paper (green and other assorted colors)
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- Ribbon or string
- Markers
- Box or basket



### Instructions:

1. Collect some small branches that have fallen in your yard or a nearby park.
2. Arrange the branches in a vase or small jar. The branches will form the limbs of your praise tree.
3. Cut leaf shapes from the green construction paper. Cut flower shapes from paper of other colors. Punch a hole in each shape
4. Cut the ribbon or string into 4- to 5-inch pieces. Lace one piece through each hole.
5. Give each family member one green leaf and a marker. Ask each person to write on the leaf a praise statement, such as "I love you, Jesus!" or "God is great!"
6. Then invite each family member to write on a flower shape a blessing or something for which they would like to thank God.
7. Tie the leaves and flowers onto the branches of your praise tree.
8. Place a box or basket under the "tree." Put the remaining leaf and flower shapes into the container along with the ribbon and markers.
9. Continue adding your thanks and praises each Sunday of Lent until your branches are full.