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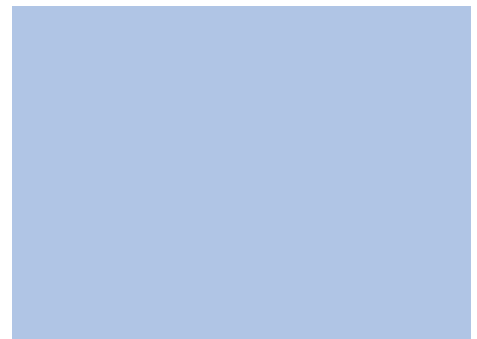
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1. What are treasures on earth? What can be destroyed by rust? By moths?
2. What kind of treasures can not be touched by rust or by moths?
3. What kind of things can change in a person where other people can't see it?

4. Why would this be more important than the things from question one?
5. What can you do this Lent to let go of earthly treasures? To build heavenly treasures?



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1. Why do we need to forgive others? What do we say about another person by forgiving him or her?
2. Why do we need God's forgiveness? What does it mean for God to forgive us?
3. How does forgiving others help us remember this?
4. How do you think confession relates to this?
5. What do we do in confession? What does God do?

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1. Why talk about forgiveness before fasting? How does fasting help us forgive others?
2. What does the order of this gospel tell us about fasting?
3. What are earthly treasures? How does fasting help us let go of earthly treasures?
4. What are heavenly treasures? How does fasting help us develop these?
5. What is this gospel suggestion to us about Lent?
6. Why do you think we fast during Lent?