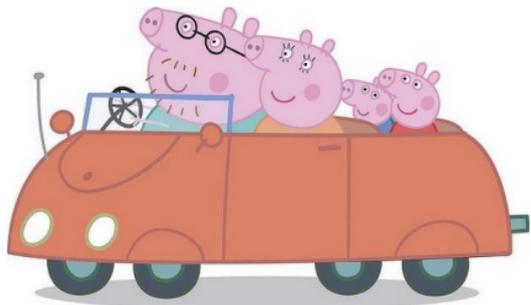


Car Qs

Sunday, February 18th



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2. Where are some places we see icons?
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Praying Together:

Lord Jesus,

You came down from Heaven as a human, just like all of us. When we pray with icons, help us to remember that you are always with us and that because you came to earth, we can go to Heaven someday.

Amen.

Parents' Cheat Sheet - Car Qs

Feb. 18/18, Sunday of Orthodoxy (1st Sunday of Lent)

1. What are icons?
 1. Icons are holy images of Jesus, Mary, the saints, or important events that have happened in the lives of Jesus, Mary, or the church.
 2. Icons are painted/written¹ in a specific style that is not meant to be realistic. Instead the image reflects a more theological understanding of the persons/events depicted.
 1. For example, eyes and ears are usually depicted as larger than mouths, showing that we should be quicker to listen and see rather than speak.
 2. Specific colours and patterns are limited to certain people. Mary usually wears a blue dress with a red veil, showing how she was human first and became holy after. Jesus is the opposite, showing how He was holy first and put on humanity.
2. Where are some places we see icons?
 1. Icon screen (iconostas) at church, other places around the church, in a home's icon corner, in other rooms of a house, schools, parish offices, museums,
3. How can we pray with icons in our own homes?
 1. Stand in front of an icon in your house, light a candle, and say your prayers. It's that easy!
 2. All families are encouraged to have an icon corner somewhere in their house. For more info on how to set up your own icon corner, check out "How to Make a Family Prayer Corner" in *Making God Real in the Orthodox Christian Home* (p.93-94).
 1. Here are some examples of family icon/prayer corners:



3. If you don't have much space for an icon corner, hang an icon in the bedroom or somewhere in the living room and use that as a focal place for prayer.
4. For more fun things to do with your kids during Lent, check out OrthodoxMom.com!

¹ Traditionally icons are said to be "written," rather than "painted," but some vehemently disagree with this expression. See <http://orthodoxhistory.org/2010/06/08/icons-are-not-written/> and <https://russianicons.wordpress.com/2011/08/31/is-an-icon-painted-or-written/> for more info.