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- Jambo You(th) is a weekly news letter aimed at helping the Youth in molding their daily lives in Christ.
- Our vision consists in two phrases: 'GOOD CHRISTIANS' and 'HONEST CITIZENS.'

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THE ANT AND THE CONTACT LENS

Brenda was a young woman who was invited to go rock climbing. Although she was scared to death, she went with her group to a tremendous granite cliff. In spite of her fear, she put on the gear, took a hold on the rope and started up the face of that rock. Well, she got to a ledge where she could take a breather. As she was hanging on there, the safety rope snapped against Brenda's eye and knocked out her contact lens. Well, here she is on a rock ledge, with hundreds of feet below her and hundreds of feet above her. Of course, she looked and looked and looked, hoping it had landed on the ledge, but it just wasn't there. Here she was, far from home, her sight now blurry. She was desperate and began to get upset, so she prayed to the Lord to help her to find it. When she got to the top, a friend examined her eye and her clothing for the lens, but there was no contact lens to be found. She sat down, despondent, with the rest of the party, waiting for the rest of them to make it up the face of the cliff. She looked out across range after range of mountains, thinking of that Bible verse that says, "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth." She thought, "Lord, You can see all these mountains. You know every stone and leaf, and You know exactly where my contact lens is. Please help me." Finally, they walked down the trail to the bottom. At the bottom there was a new party of climbers just starting up the face of the cliff. One of them shouted out, "Hey, you guys! Anybody lose a contact lens?" Well, that would be startling enough, but you know why the climber saw it? An ant was moving slowly across the face of the rock, carrying it. Brenda told me that her father is a cartoonist. When she told him the incredible story of the ant, the prayer and the contact lens, he drew a

picture of an ant lugging that contact lens with the words, "Lord, I don't know why You want me to carry this thing. I can't eat it, and it's awfully heavy. But if this is what You want me to do, I'll carry it for You." **By Elisabeth Elliot**

Lesson: *We are all given certain tasks to perform. We may not understand at times why we have to do it. But everything has a purpose in God's economy.*

LENTEN REFLECTION

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BEYOND EATING AND DRINKING...

Lenten fasts have a tendency to be oriented toward things like giving up certain food such as meat. But there are many other creative ways we can live fully the spirit of the Lenten Season. Below are some suggestions you may want to consider.

Fast From... Anger and Hatred... We all get angry for one thing or another. We hate certain people, environments etc. Indeed, many things irritate us daily! In this Lenten Season, strive to pass at least a day without thinking negative things about people or situations that make you angry. Give your family and everyone you come across, an extra dose of love each day.

Judging Others ...Before making any judgments, take the time to recall how Jesus overlooks our faults. Think about this fact: 'What we see and judge in others is in fact what we are.' In other words, we project our own weaknesses to others. In this Lenten Season, Let's examine ourselves before we say something about others!

Discouragement... Someone said, 'discouragement is the common tool that the devil uses to trap Christians.' We are discouraged by many things – our endless weaknesses, our human limitedness, our many sins, etc. In this Season of Lent, be aware of one thing that discourages you quite often, that makes you feel useless. Hold on to Jesus' promise that He is with you always!

Complaining... In our living environments, we have several things to complain about. In fact, complains or grumbling have become like a 'human virtue.' Can a day pass without complaining about something? Examine yourself! When you find yourself about to complain, close your eyes and recall the many ways Jesus has blessed you. Count your Blessings!

Receiving... Our life-experience shows us that we receive more than we give. This is a human fact! Just sit and think how much – things, information, etc – do we receive in a day? If what I receive outweigh what I give, then I need to examine my Christian practice. During this Lent, fast from receiving and practice more giving. Remember, there is more joy in giving than in receiving!

Talking... Have you ever passed a day without talking to anyone? If not, perhaps you know very less about God and yourself. Talking too much de-links us from the 'real' reality around us. In this holy season of Lent, take a commitment to silence. Talk only when it is necessary!

By Anastasio

GOD IS LIKE...

God is more than what we ever relate to or imagine, ponder these..

God is like **H.F.C.K**, the rock of ages.

God is like **Safaricom**, the better option.

God is like **Johnson's product**, he is there from the day you wereborn and even before.

God is like **Raid Insecticides**, deadly for dudus and gentle on you

God is like **Omo**, huondoa madoa doa yote, huondoa uchafu wote.

God is like **Blueband**, He gives you energy to grow.

God is like **Securicor**, He offers 24 hours protection.

God is like **Toyota**, with Him everything goes right.

God is like **energizer batteries**, Never say die

God is like **Crest**, stand out from the crowd.

God is like **MasterCard**, available world wide.

God is like **M-net**, He won't stop the magic.

God is like **Coke**, He is the real thing.

God is like **DSTV**, He is all in one.

By **Reginah Wachira Kikuyu Parish**

KNOW THE BIBLE – LEVITICUS & NUMBERS

From Leviticus...

1. Which is the bird chosen for burnt offering to the Lord? (Turtle doves or Pigeons)
2. Which is considered as the Sabbatical year in the book of Leviticus? (The seventh year after entering the Promised Land)
3. What is the unavoidable ingredient in every offering? (Salt)
4. What is the sin offering prescribed for the remission of the sin of an anointed priest? (A bull without blemish)
5. What is the sin offering prescribed for the remission of the sin of a ruler? (A male goat without blemish)
6. What is the oil used in the lamps to be kept burning regularly in the sanctuary of the Lord? (Oil of beaten olives)
7. Who are the sons of Aaron? (Nadab, Abihu, Eleazer and Ithamar)
8. Mention different kinds of offerings commanded by the Lord on Mt. Sinai to Moses (Burnt offering, the grain offering, the sin offering, the guilt offering, the offering of ordination, and the sacrifice of well being)
9. Why Israelites are not allowed to eat any blood? (For the life of the flesh is in the blood)
10. Which day is considered as the Day of Atonement? (The tenth day of the seventh month)

From Numbers...

1. Who were given the charge of performing the guard duty of the Tabernacle of the Covenant? (The Levites)
2. How was Miriam the wife of Aaron punished for speaking against Moses? (She became a leper)
3. What was the previous name of Joshua? (Hosea son of Nun)
4. On which mountain did Aaron die? And how old was he? Mount Hor. At the age of 123.
5. Who was the successor of Moses? (Joshua).
6. What was the other name of Jacob? (Israel)
7. Why were Moses and Aaron not able to enter the Promised Land? (Because they did not trust God and struck the rock twice instead of once at the waters of Maribah)
8. Why did Balaam's donkey refuse to move as he was going to curse the Israelites? (Because the donkey saw an angel with a sword in front of it)
9. Who was appointed as the successor of Aaron? (His son Eleazar)
10. Which was the tribe of Joshua? (Ephraim)

(NB: 'Know the Bible' Series will be continued in the coming Jambo Youth Issues)

A SITE FOR LENTEN PRAYERS

www.roman-catholic-prayers.com/lent_prayers.htm

This site gives an in-depth analysis of the historical background of the season of lent. There are traditionally forty days in Lent which are marked by fasting, both from foods and festivities, and by other acts of penance. The three traditional practices to be taken up with renewed vigor during Lent are prayer (justice towards God), fasting (justice towards self), and almsgiving (justice towards neighbor). This site also provides you with a wide variety of Lenten prayers.

Kindness in words creates confidence.
Kindness in thinking creates profundity.
Kindness in giving creates love.

There is no greater loan than a sympathetic ear. **Frank Tyger**

Deeds of kindness are equal in weight to all the commandments. **Talmud.**