

Liturgical Year Puppet Show [*Look for rhythms and rhymes for maximum humor*]

Fishy	<i>(Sing to tune of Baa Baa Black Sheep)</i> Advent, Christmas and Ordinary Time, Won't you sing my Church Year rhyme? Advent, Christmas and Ordinary Time, Won't you sing my Church Year rhyme? Lent comes in February, then the Triduum, When the three days finish is Easter done? Lent comes in February, then the Triduum, When the three days finish is Easter done?
Fishy	<i>(speaking normally)</i> Now, Ducky. Do you know the colors we use to remember the different times of our Church year?
Ducky	Yes, quack.
Fishy	Alright. Let's see what you know.
Ducky	I'm ready, quack.
Fishy	What two seasons of the year do we remember with the color purple?
Ducky	Advent. <i>(quackish speech should remind kids of the AFLAC TV commercial: the children should understand before Fishy does; they'll be inclined to call out clarification and answers – encourage this)</i>
Fishy	Excuse me?
Ducky	Advent. Advent. Advent. Advent.
Fishy	Quit quacking and answer the question.
Ducky	I'm answering the question, quack. I said, "ADVENT!" Advent is purple on our Church calendar. Quack.
Fishy	Oh! I'm terribly sorry. I didn't understand you with your ducky accent. Please forgive me. Now there are two seasons which are remembered with the color purple. Advent and ...
Ducky	Quack. <i>(looks around)</i> Quack. LENT. Lent is also purple. Advent. Lent. Advent. Lent. That rhymes.
Fishy	Very good. Are you ready for the next question?
Ducky	Next. Next. Next.

Fishy	I beg your pardon?
Ducky	Next question. Ask me another one, quack.
Fishy	Oh, certainly. What season comes right after Advent and is remembered with the color white.
Ducky	Christmas. Quack.
Fishy	I say, could you speak more clearly. I'm afraid I don't understand you. It all sounds like quacking to me.
Ducky	<i>(looks at kids)</i> Quack. I said, "Christmas." Christmas is after Advent and is remembered by the color white. Okay, quack?
Fishy	Much better. Thank you. And what other season is remembered by the color white?
Ducky	Easter. Quack. Christmas and Easter. Jesus' birthday and a feaster. Christmas and Easter are remembered with the color white.
Fishy	Christmas and Easter are remembered with white. You are right. They're remembered with white.
Ducky	That rhymes. You are right, they're remembered with white. Christmas and Easter we could rhyme them all night! Quack.
Fishy	Thank you. That was very charming.
Ducky	You're welcome, quack.
Fishy	And now, let's ask the next question in a different way. What color do we use to remember Ordinary Time?
Ducky	Seaweed. Ordinary. Grass. Ordinary. Leaves on trees. Ordinary. Green gummy bears. Ordinary. Quack.
Fishy	Excellent. Green is the color of Ordinary Time.
Ducky	Quack. Do you think we could make it rhyme?
Fishy	Green is the color of Ordinary Time! Yes, I think we could make it rhyme!
Ducky	<i>(same rhythm as line above)</i> Quack, quack, quack, quack, quack, quack, quack, quack, quack, quack, quack, quack, quack!
Fishy	I didn't understand you. It all sounded like quacking.
Ducky	Quack. I was quacking. I quack when I'm happy. Quack.
Fishy	Okay, quick quiz... What seasons are purple?
Ducky	Advent and Lent! Advent and Lent. That pretty, pretty purple is Heaven sent! Quack.

Fishy	What seasons are white? Oh, I hope you will be right!
Ducky	Christmas and Easter, Jesus' birthday and a feaster!
Fishy	You're almost done and you've almost won! What is the color that we all have seen? It's a simple color, it's the color GREEN!
Ducky	Ordinary time is green you see, the color of the grass and the tall oak tree.
Fishy	I think I'll take a break, I guess my rhyming is done.
Ducky	Well thanks for the lesson, it was really fun! Quack, quack, quack...
Fishy	Oh, my! Ducky must be very happy indeed. Bye!
Ducky	Quack!

The End

[I gave the children an assignment to tell me the following week what color the priest's vestments were at Mass that weekend]