

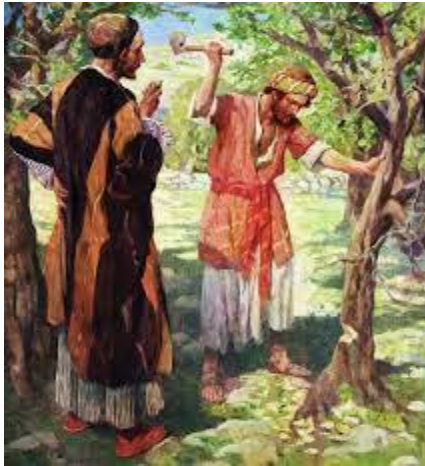
# CATECHESIS@HOME 2022 #6

"UNLESS YOU REPENT YOU WILL ALL PERISH..."

(3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent)



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## INTRODUCTION

Dear parents and guardians. This material has been prepared to provide families an opportunity to gather and spend time reflecting and discussing about the gospel reading of 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent.

## HOW TO USE THE MATERIAL

This document contains activities that members of the family may complete individually (just the children), in pairs (with parental assistance), or as an entire family. It would be helpful to print a hard-copy, so that members of your family may carry out different activities at the same time.

## WHEN TO USE THE MATERIAL

During the week after the family has celebrated the Mass of 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent.

## OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we have gathered here in the name of Jesus. May I always do what is right so that I may bear good fruit in all that I say and do in my daily life. Holy Spirit, guide us during this lesson. We make this prayer in Jesus' name, Amen.



### SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Invite someone to read Luke 13: 1-9. Later, reflect on the questions given together as a family, and share your responses with one another. (If necessary, parents are encouraged to rephrase the information and questions according to their children's level of understanding).

#### Time for reflection and discussion:

1. The gardener plants the tree. He waters it, feeds it, and prunes it. Everything he does is aimed at growing a strong, healthy fruitful tree. God is the Master Gardener. Describe how you see God's loving hand in all that happens to you?
2. Jesus tells us about God's patience and mercy. God is always ready to give us more time, to trust in our capacity to bear fruit, even after many barren years. How satisfied are you with the fruit you have borne for the Lord so far? What do you feel needs to change in your life order for you to bear more fruit in the Lord's vineyard?

#### Some thoughts on today's scripture

The story about the fig tree is about the patience of God and our need for time to repent and grow in our faith and prayer. God who gives us many chances to repent and change. This is because God never let's go of us and always believes in our future.

All of us carry particular faults and failings in our lives, and even though we try our best, we find that some of these faults and failings remain with us. God knows this and sees our efforts to change and be renewed. The important thing is to always try to change our ways.

During the Season of Lent, Jesus calls us to return to him so that we can become true sons and daughters of God and become more like him. In this way, we may bear the fruit that God desires from us both in our lives and in the lives of others.

### FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES

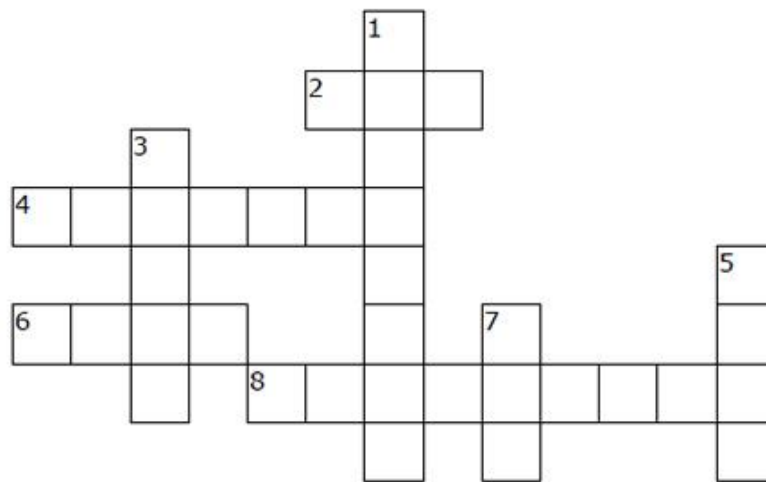
Below you will find some activities for younger children, revolving around the Sunday Gospel. Select the activities you would like to complete with your children, or try to complete them all if you can!

## Activity #1: Solve the puzzle

# Living a Fruitful Life

" 'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.' " Luke 13:8-9 (NIV)

Based on Luke 13:1-9



### ACROSS

2. The sweet, pear-shaped, fruit of a plant found in Bible lands.
4. A simple story teaching a moral or religious lesson.
6. The top layer of the earth's surface favorable to plant growth.
8. To spread a something on land or plants to help plants grow.

### DOWN

1. An area of ground planted with vines and fruit trees.
3. The usually sweet-tasting part of a tree which can be eaten.
5. A large plant with a trunk, limbs, branches, and leaves.
7. To break up and move dirt using a shovel.

DIG  
FIG


VINEYARD  
FERTILIZE

TREE  
SOIL

PARABLE  
FRUIT

### Activity #2: Find the words

D	N	U	O	R	G	I	M	T	H	GALILEANS	BLOOD	SINNERS	REPENT
I	R	I	G	U	S	S	A	N	S	PERISH	EIGHTEEN	TOWER	SILOAM
G	S	A	I	F	R	N	O	E	I	GUILTY	PARABLE	FIG	THREE
O	I	L	Y	B	E	A	L	P	R				
T	T	F	L	E	N	E	I	A	E				
Y	H	O	T	S	N	L	S	R	P				
T	O	R	W	L	I	I	S	A	A				
D	T	E	E	E	S	L	V	B	R				
T	N	E	P	E	R	A	O	L	A				
E	N	E	E	T	H	G	I	E	B				



### Activity #3: Colour the picture



Activity #4: Fig Tree Maze

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AMAZING MAZES FOR KIDS



Activity #5: Find the words.

## The Parable of the Fig Tree

" 'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.' "

Luke 13:8-9 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 13:6-9 (NIV).



U S B F E R T I L I Z E T T A  
Y Q N D O W N O W L U O V Z T  
B A R N T P H T C E S L I I R  
R U F L H A A O S A E U N M E  
Z E R A R R S L Y V Q W E A X  
J F U B E A J D H E A P Y K N  
S B I X E B Y O F T P L A T U  
P J T G T L V E S O I L R O L  
A W R Q P E J J A H T R D J P  
T L C G C U T F O R U P F K Z  
X R O F I N D Q I F S M O G S  
P Y E N E A I S V A E O F N Q  
M O S E E M G Q B Z L R H S L  
D A P L A N T E D N L X V J D  
K Z N L U L G S B O L U C W M

YEARS	THREE	LOOK	LEAVE	FRUIT
DOWN	FIND	VINEYARD	MAN	TOLD
PLANTED	USE	SOIL	ALONE	FIG
FERTILIZE	DIG	PARABLE	TREE	CUT

## Activity #6: Break the code

# The Parable of the Fig Tree

" 'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.' " Luke 13:8-9 (NIV)

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
G	N	V	M	A	B	U	I	W	O	E	Z	J	R	K	T	Y	P	L	H	D	Q	X	S	F	C

- 25-11-14-16-8-19-8-12-11 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3-8-2-11-17-5-14-21 \_\_\_\_\_
- 25-14-7-8-16 \_\_\_\_\_
- 24-10-8-19 \_\_\_\_\_
- 18-19-5-2-16-11-21 \_\_\_\_\_
- 18-5-14-5-6-19-11 \_\_\_\_\_
- 16-14-11-11 \_\_\_\_\_
- 25-8-1 \_\_\_\_\_

PARABLE	TREE	VINEYARD	FRUIT
PLANTED	FIG	FERTILIZE	SOIL

Activity #7: Find the right answers

## The Parable of the Fig Tree

" 'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.' "

Luke 13:8-9 (NIV)



Choose the word that best matches the definition.

- \_\_\_ 1. A simple story teaching a moral or religious lesson.  
A. fig B. parable C. tree D. fertilize
- \_\_\_ 2. The sweet, pear-shaped, fruit of a plant found in Bible lands.  
A. vineyard B. parable C. fig D. fruit
- \_\_\_ 3. A large plant with a trunk, limbs, branches, and leaves.  
A. parable B. fruit C. tree D. soil
- \_\_\_ 4. The usually sweet-tasting part of a tree which can be eaten.  
A. fruit B. soil C. tree D. fig
- \_\_\_ 5. An area of ground planted with vines and fruit trees.  
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- \_\_\_ 7. To spread a something on land or plants to help plants grow.  
A. fruit B. fertilize C. soil D. fig
- \_\_\_ 8. To break up and move dirt using a shovel.  
A. tree B. parable C. dig D. vineyard



Activity #8: Enter the correct words

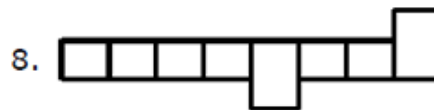
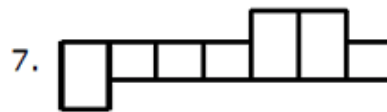
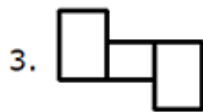
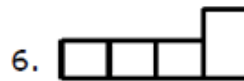
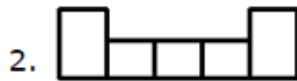
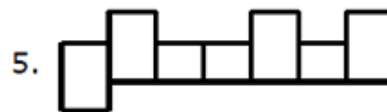
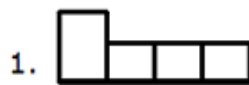
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Luke 13:8-9 (NIV)



Enter the correct words in the boxes based on the shape of the letters.



parable	tree	vineyard	soil
fig	planted	fruit	fertilize

Activity #9: Fill in the correct words

## The Parable of the Fig Tree

Complete the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the story.



### Jesus Tells a Story

Then he told this \_\_\_\_\_: "A man had a \_\_\_\_\_ tree, planted in his \_\_\_\_\_, and he went to look for \_\_\_\_\_ on it, but did not find any. So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For \_\_\_\_\_ years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig \_\_\_\_\_ and haven't found any. \_\_\_\_\_ it down! Why should it use up the \_\_\_\_\_?'

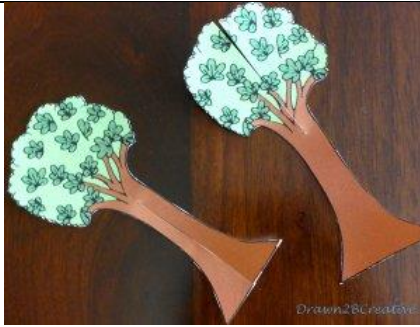
" 'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more \_\_\_\_\_, and I'll \_\_\_\_\_ around it and \_\_\_\_\_ it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it \_\_\_\_\_.'

### Luke 13:6-9 (NIV)

cut	fertilize	parable	tree
dig	fig	soil	vineyard
down	fruit	three	year

## Activity #10: Art and Craft Activity

Assembling your fig tree is super easy!



First print the printable on card paper (see next page). Color it and cut out the pieces.



Cut on the solid black line and then slide the two pieces together (one from the top and one from the bottom).



Secure the two pieces at 90 degrees from one another using tape on the backsides.



Ta-da! You have a free-standing fig tree.

# Parable of the Fig Tree

