

Third Sunday of Lent

March 23, 2025

Luke 13: 1 - 9

# Parable of the Fig Tree

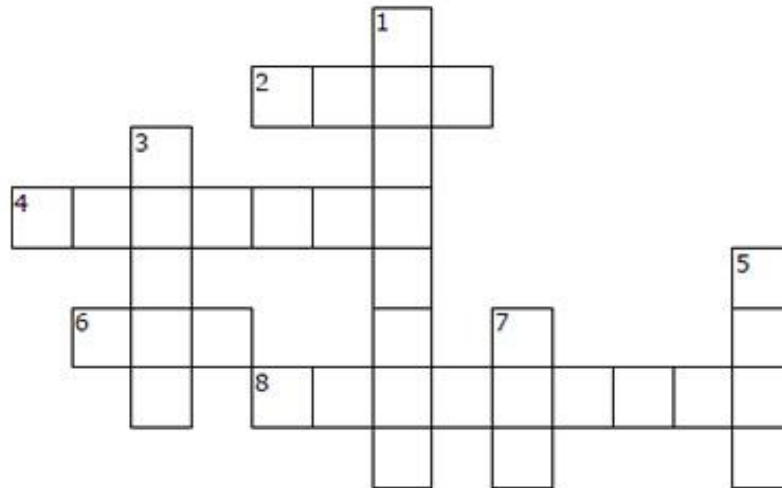


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## ACROSS

2. The top layer of the earth's surface favorable to plant growth.
4. A simple story teaching a moral or religious lesson.
6. To break up and move dirt using a shovel.
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.
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FIG	FRUIT	FERTILIZE	DIG

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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  
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 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

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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

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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

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

1.

5.

2.

6.

3.

7.

4.

8.

parable	tree	vineyard	soil
fig	planted	fruit	fertilize



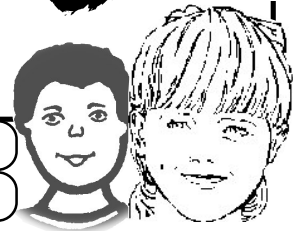
# Speak, Lord

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Exodus 3:1-8.13-15  
Psalm 102  
1 Corinthians 10:1-6.10-12  
Luke 13:1-9

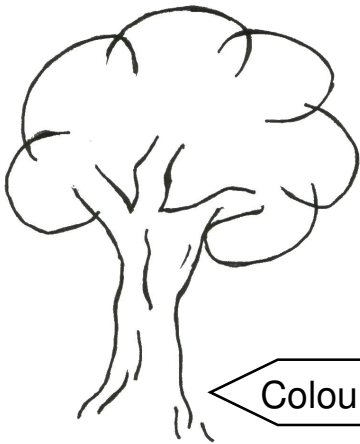
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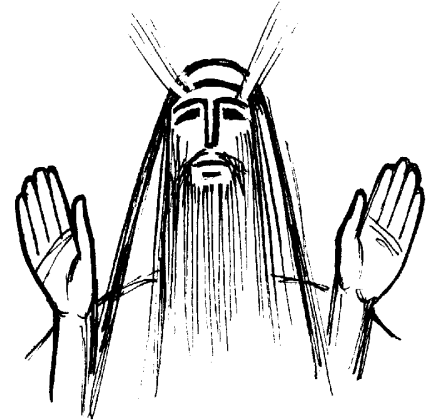


## MOSES AND THE BURNING TREE

God spoke to Moses through a burning bush.

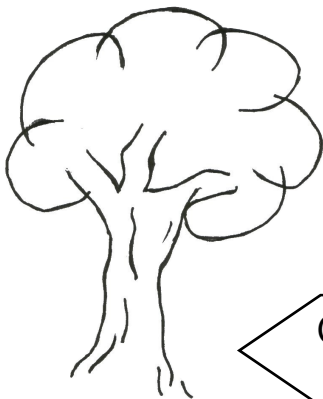


**Moses, Moses!  
I am choosing  
you to lead my  
people out of  
the slavery of  
Egypt.**



Colour in the tree and draw the fire coming out of it.

## JESUS' STORY OF A FIG TREE



**Let's not cut the tree  
down! I'll look after it  
for one year and see if  
it bears any fruit.**



Colour in the tree and draw the  
figs growing on it.

**TODAY IS THE  
3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY  
of  
LENT**



**GOD  
GIVES US TIME TO  
CHANGE AND BECOME  
BETTER PEOPLE.**