

What Kind of Fig Tree are You?



In today's Gospel reading, we hear a parable about a fig tree. The owner waited three years for it to grow some figs, but it still wasn't producing any. He told the gardener to cut it down. But the gardener said he would try just for one more year to get it to bear fruit- and if it didn't give any then he would cut it down.

The fig tree is like a person who can do good things but doesn't. The owner shows the justice of God- he has given the tree enough chances so its time is up. But the gardener is like God's mercy. He wants to give the tree one more chance. And he's going to give it extra fertilizer to try to help it.



Lent is a good time to look at our own life and see if we are doing all the good things we can. Maybe there's something nice that we know we could do for someone but we just never bother to. Or maybe we aren't praying quite as much as we know we should. God is giving us a chance to become better people this Lent, and it's your job to make it happen!

Answer to Word-Find: Free land

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*What's wrong with this fig tree?
See what the two men want to do with it by
reading what they say in a mirror.*

The Burning Bush Word-Find

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

See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in this story.



The left over letters tell what the Israelites in Egypt wanted:

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MOSES was looking after the sheep of his father-in-law, JETHRO, on Mount HOREB. Suddenly he noticed a BUSH that was BLAZING like FIRE, but it wasn't burning up! He came FORWARD to look closer, but GOD spoke from the FLAME, saying "Come no nearer. TAKE your SHOES OFF, for this is HOLY GROUND. I am the God of your fathers-of ABRAHAM, ISAAC and JACOB." Moses was AFRAID to LOOK at God, and covered his FACE. The LORD said, "I HAVE seen the MISERABLE state of my people in EGYPT and heard their cry to be FREE. I will DELIVER them from their SUFFERING and bring them to a new LAND."

A long time ago, GOD sent the Archangel Gabriel to Mary, to ask her if she would be the Mother of Jesus, the Mother of GOD. Thankfully she said 'Yes'. Can you colour in the picture of the Archangel talking to Mary?



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