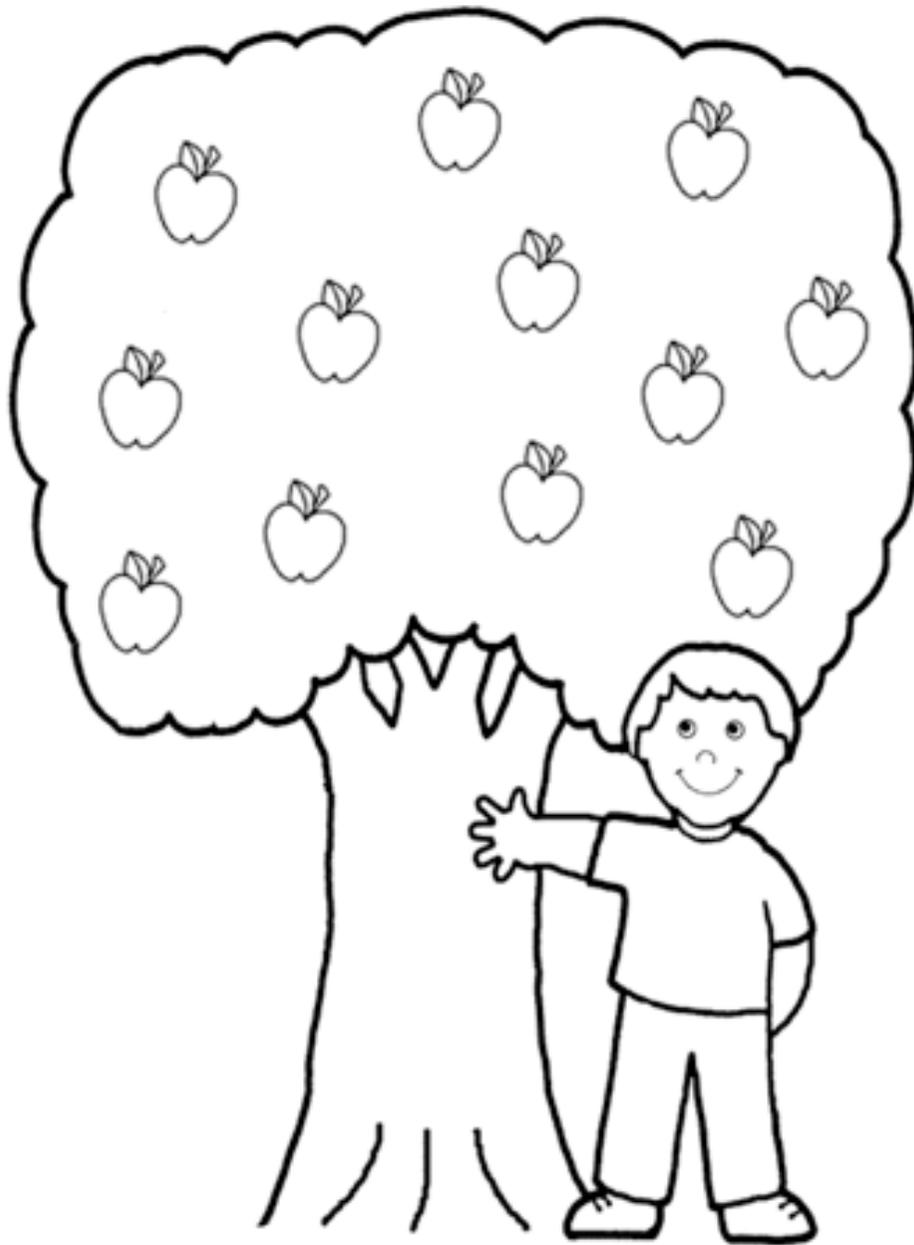


Children's Activity Sheet

The Cathedral Church of St Marie
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to Mass today.



Bearing Good Fruit

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Bearing Good Fruit

Third Sunday of Lent. Year C.

Do you like apples? A nice, juicy apple is one of my favorite snacks, and not only do they taste good, they are good for you too. Apples are fat-free, and a good source of vitamins to help you grow.

As I am sure you all know, apples come from apple trees. Well, what would you do if you planted an apple tree in your garden, watered it, and took care of it and it never produced any apples? It wouldn't be much good as an apple tree, would it?

Jesus told a story about a man who had a fig tree in his vineyard that didn't produce any figs. For three years he waited for the tree to produce fruit - but still no figs. He went to the man who took care of the tree and told him to cut it down. The caretaker asked the owner to give him one more year to dig around the tree and fertilise it to see if the tree would produce some figs. The owner agreed to give the tree another chance. In telling this story about the fruit tree, Jesus was really talking about us - and about God. God has "planted" us on this earth and he expects us to produce good fruit in our life. What kind of fruit does God expect? Things like love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, and gentleness. When He doesn't see these things in our life, He is very disappointed - but He is willing to give us another chance.

Jesus wants to care for us and help us to be the kind of fruit-bearing children that God wants us to be. If we will trust in him, read his Word, and pray, he will help us to produce lots of good fruit.

Word Search

But the gardener said to him, "Master, give the tree one more year so I have time to feed and care for it. If it still has no fruit, then cut it down".

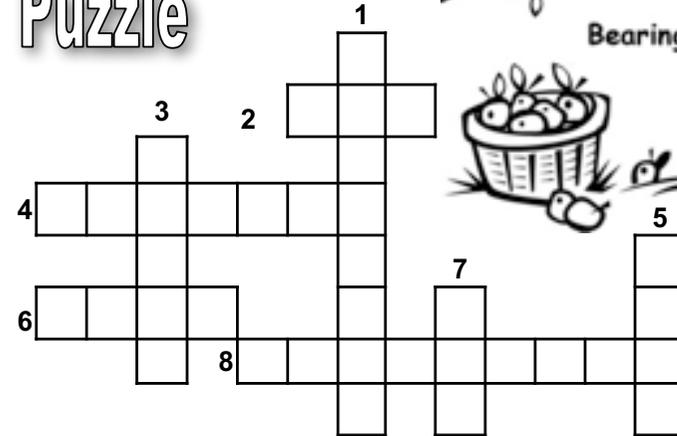
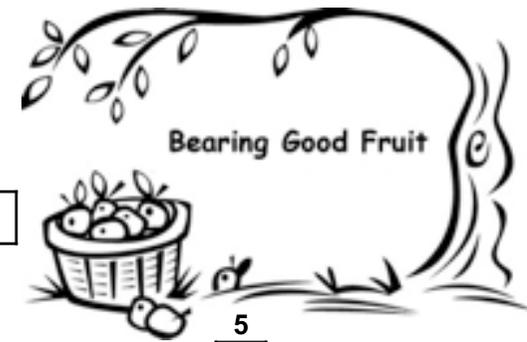


This week's word search is based on Luke 13: 1-9

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

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

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

DOWN

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

Dig	Vineyard	Tree	Parable
Fig	Fertilise	Soil	Fruit

Children's Prayer

Heavenly Father, help us to have the kind of fruit in our lives that would be pleasing to you. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

