

**Lent 2019**

**Prayer Journey**

**3rd Sunday**



3rd Sunday of Lent  
The Parable of the Fig Tree

“If the tree bears figs next year, so much the better.”

**GATHER**

Make the sign of the cross

Pray

**God of all people**

**As we journey through this Season of Lent, help us to build your Kingdom and do you will each day.**

**May we be people of prayer in all things so that our lives give glory and praise to you.**

**Amen**

**WORD - LISTEN**

Read or listen to the reading from the Gospel of Saint Luke (13:6-9)

*Jesus uses the story of a fig tree that hasn't produced any fruit for three years to describe God's patience and hopefulness, even when we turn away from God and sin.*

## RESPOND

Fig trees are very easy to grow but it is difficult to get them to produce fruit.

Have you ever tasted a fig, fresh or dried?

See if you can try one this week or spot them in the shops or market.

Say a prayer for the people who worked hard to grow and harvest the fruit.

How has God helped you to have a “fruitful” Lent so far?



Draw a fig for each “fruitful” action or prayer.

Extra

“Jesus often used parables to teach people and to make a point. Parables are a Jewish style of storytelling. The stories use situations from the ordinary life of people. Parables do not define things precisely, but use comparisons to help us understand how God works. The meaning of parables is never too obvious, and the purpose of parables is not to settle issues, but to challenge us to think more deeply about the issues.”

Read the scripture passage again, think about it some more, then complete the sheet “Bible notes for Kids”.

## **MISSION**

Pray

**Creator God,  
we thank you for the love and care that you show for us all. Help us to grow in your love, and to share that love with others as we continue on our Lenten journey.**

**Amen.**

How will you care for God’s Creation this week?