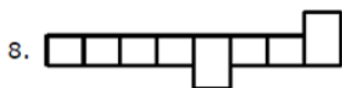
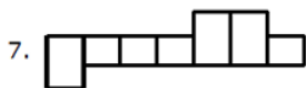
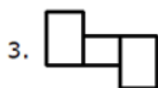
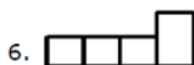
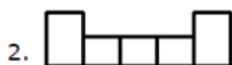
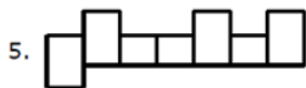
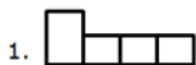


Parable of the Fig Tree  
Word Shape

'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)

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



parable	tree	vineyard	soil
fig	planted	fruit	fertilize

My Prayer for this week

Dear God, we admit we make wrong choices. We want to follow You. Help us to bear good fruit. In Jesus' name, amen.

# WELCOME

Theme: Fruit trees are expected to bear fruit –  
so are we (Luke 13:1-9)

# Bearing Good Fruit



Today we're going to hear about fruit. In the Bible, Jesus said He wants us to bear fruit like a tree bears fruit.

But how do we do that?

Before we read about the fruit Jesus was talking about, let's think about how a tree bears fruit.

What has to happen for a tree to really grow fruit?

The tree needs to be a fruit tree, first. And then it needs sun, water, and maybe some fertilizer. In the Bible, Jesus told a story about a man who planted a fruit tree, and the tree didn't grow fruit for three years. The gardener told the man, "That tree isn't growing any fruit. Cut it down. It's taking up space in the garden."

Why do you think the gardener would want to get rid of this tree?

The gardener wanted space for trees that would grow fruit. So he gave the man one more year to water it and take care of it, hoping it would grow fruit.

Like that fruit tree, Jesus says He wants us to grow fruit. Fruit for us is like characteristics or qualities that show we're really His followers. But like a tree must actually be a fruit tree to bear fruit, we have to be Jesus' followers before we can bear fruit. In the Bible, Jesus tells us to turn away from our wrong choices and believe in Him. Then, like a tree that has the right water and sun to grow fruit, we too, can grow "fruit."

## Bearing Good Fruit

God want's us to bear good fruit!

