

G O S P E L

A reading from the Gospel of Luke 13:3. 5-9

One day as Jesus was teaching, he said to the people, 'Unless you change your lives and give up your sinful ways, you will not have eternal life.'

Then he told them this parable: 'There was a man who had a fig tree in his garden. When he went to pick some figs, there weren't any on the tree. So he said to the gardener, 'I have been waiting three years for figs to grow on this green and I never find any. Cut it down. Why should it take up space in my garden?'

'But the gardener said, "Master, leave it here for one more year. I will dig up the dirt around it and put manure in the ground to help it grow. Let's wait and see if figs grow on it next year. If they do, that's good! But if not, then we'll cut it down." '

The Gospel of the Lord.

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CAN WE TALK ABOUT IT

In today's Gospel, Jesus shared a story about a gardener and a fig tree with no fruit. Instead of cutting the tree down, the man and the gardener agreed to wait one more year to see if the fig tree would grow fruit.

Like the gardener and the fig tree, Jesus gives us another chance to change and become better children of God. Just as the gardener helped the tree grow, so will God encourage us to change our lives to be more like Jesus.

For example, when there is a new student at school, you can make an extra effort to include the new student in your recess games and share our toys. At home, offer to help your parents with chores. By making good decisions and offering to help others, we can always change in good ways!

ACTIVITY

What are some ways you can offer to help others?
Write about it and discuss it with your family.

