

Third Sunday of Lent. 20th March 2022



Lk 13, 1-9 GOSPEL

Ecological attitude
HOPEFUL PATIENCE

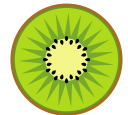


Farmers grow fruit trees and the fruits are sold in markets or shops. What would happen if fruit trees did not produce fruit but only leaves? We would not have fruit.

This Sunday's Gospel speaks of something similar. The owner of a farm has been looking for figs from a fig tree during three years, and it did not produce them. So the discouraged owner wanted to cut it down. But a good employee asked him to leave it for one more year and in the meantime, he would fertilize the land and take care of the fig tree.



Can you imagine why Jesus gave the example of a fig tree? Because in Israel, where He lived, there were not many kinds of fruit, because the land was arid and not many fruit trees grew there. The fig tree and the vineyard were more common.



Perhaps we live in a place with many varieties of fruit. We have many fruits trees and therefore we should always give thanks to God and prefer them instead of "junk" foods or those that are processed.



If you sort the letters in each jar, you can see which fruits each of us has to grow.

Do you know what processed foods or junk food are? Find out in the picture and cross them out.





Jesus compares our christian life to a fig tree, from which many fruits are expected. So He also expects good and many fruits from us.

What are these fruits?

They are love, sincerity, generosity, prayers, reading the Bible, treating others kindly, taking care of the plants and animals we have at home,

Commitment: not to waste water or light, much less contaminate.

Find the 7 differences



If we are doing it, we are producing good christian fruits, those expected by Jesus. God is very good, so he patiently waits for us to produce fruits of love and kindness around us.

During these days we were able to plant a small plant as a family, preparing it with soil and compost, taking care of it and helping it to grow, germinate and bear fruit with green branches and beautiful flowers.



Do you remember that the worker asked the owner of the fig tree to leave it for another year and in the meantime, he would dig around it and put manure on it, to see if it would bear fruit in the future? **Help the vinedresser to get to the fig tree.**

Which of the shadows belongs to the vigneron?



Prayer:

Dear God. May we see ourselves, as you see us, with patience, that we may not be discouraged in our efforts to do good in the world.
Amen.

