

# MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH JUNIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

## The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree

### Lesson 81



Read this story in  
the Bible:

**Luke 13 v 6-9**

colour this picture



Jesus used the picture of a fig tree to teach us how we should live for Him. The owner of the fig tree wanted fruit. When he looked there were no figs. The tree hadn't had any fruit for 3 years, so he told the farmer to cut it down. "It's wasting space!", he said.

But the farmer said, "Let me dig around it and put fertiliser on the ground. Then it may have fruit next year. If it doesn't, then I will cut it down."

God the Father is like the owner of the tree. We are like the tree. God owns us because He made us. Our lives should be showing that we belong to Him. God wants us to love and serve Him, and to act in a way that shows that we are God's people.

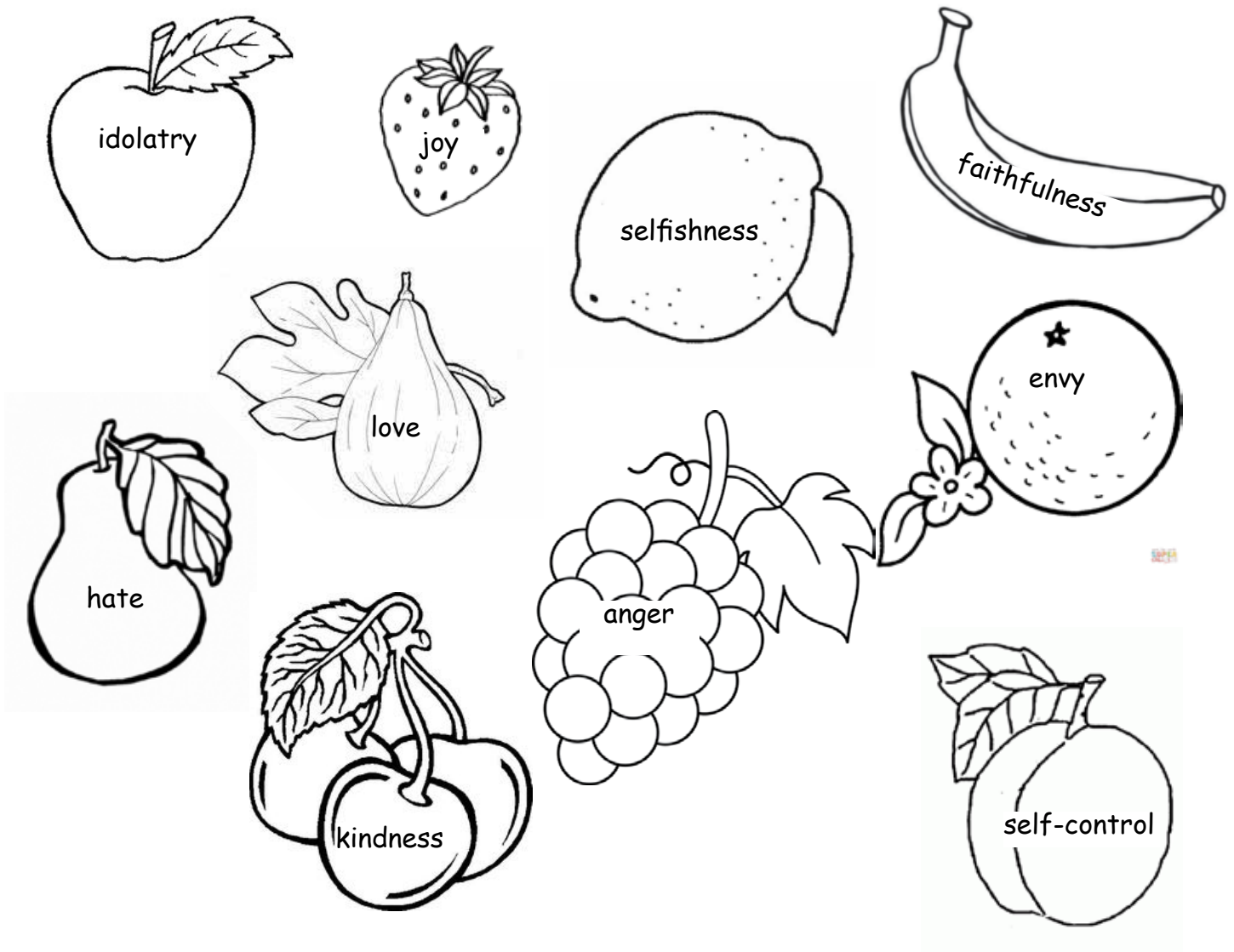
Sadly we don't live like that. When we are born our hearts are sinful, so we live in a selfish way, and don't love God. Jesus is like the farmer. He did something amazing to put us right with God. He came to earth and lived a perfect life. Then He allowed wicked men to put Him to death on the cross. As He died He was taking the punishment for our sins. We need to ask God to help us believe and trust in the Lord Jesus and what He did. Then we become His children and our lives will be changed. We will become people that show Who we belong to.

If you don't belong to God, ask Him to help you come to Him, trusting in what Jesus has done for sinners like you and me.

# The Barren Fig Tree

The Lord is our Owner and Maker. He gives us our life, and so many other good things. We should be willing to love and serve Him and live to please Him. Sadly we often forget all about Him and live in a way which is useless to Him.

Look at these 'fruits'. They come from examples in the Bible. Colour in the fruits which are GOOD. Think about them too. If you belong to the Lord, other people should be able to see these things in your life.



**A verse to memorise:**

**“Bear fruits worthy of repentance”**  
**Matthew 3 v 8 (NKJV)**