

TOTALLY LENT!



A KID'S
JOURNEY TO
EASTER 2022

For Intermediate Grades





Today's Gospel + Luke 5:27-32

The Pharisees and scribes complained, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" (5:30)

Was Jesus giving everyone a mixed message? He said to live a good life but he ate dinner with people who didn't! Let's look at it a little differently.

A great doctor was asked to come to a village where many people were sick. The doctor went. The leaders of the village were so happy that they threw a great banquet to honor the doctor. But the doctor didn't show up at the banquet. After hours of searching, they found the doctor tending to the sick, trying to help them get better.

The story makes sense, doesn't it? Why should someone who came to help others spend time with people who don't need help?

Here is a "mixed" message of pictures, symbols, and words. **Sound them out and decode them to find what Jesus told the Pharisees.**



Answer

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Hocus Pocus

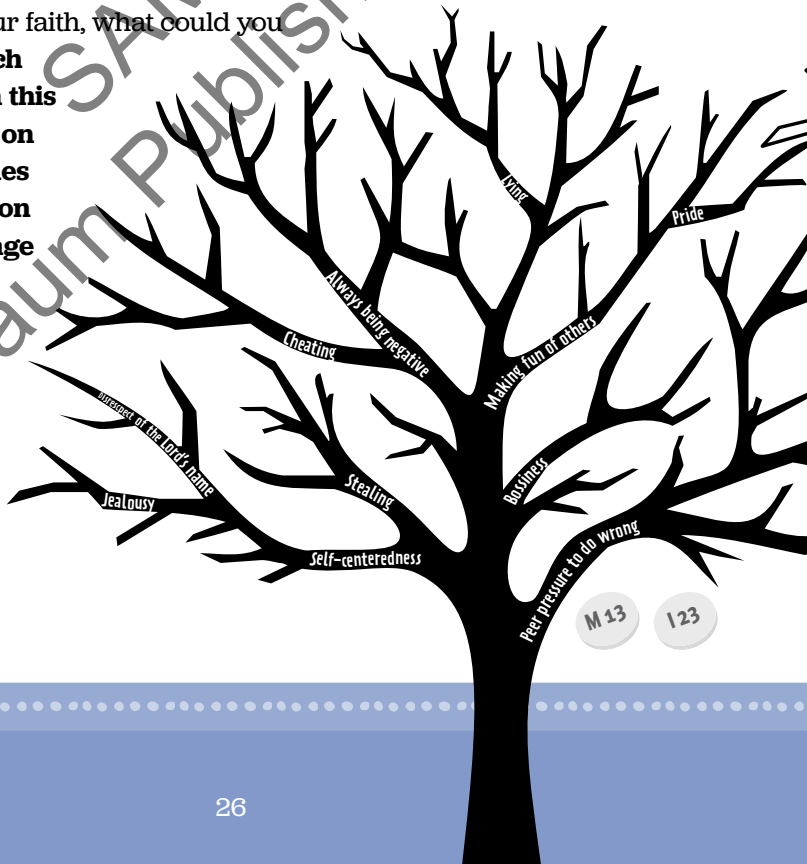


A man found no fruit on a fig tree planted in his vineyard. He said to the gardener, “For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down!”

The gardener pleaded, “Sir, let it alone for one more year. I will dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.” The gardener had faith that if the tree was given proper care, it would become healthy.

Based on Luke 13:1-9, the Gospel for the Third Sunday of Lent.

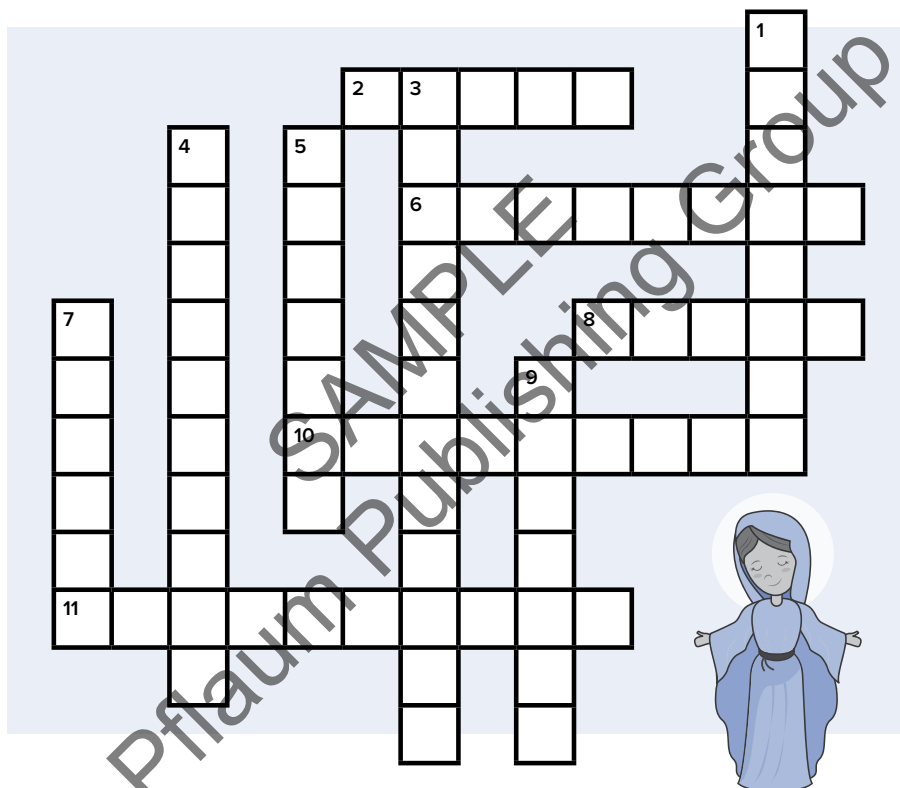
If you are like the tree in this story, and a swarm of “locusts” is eating away at your faith, what could you do? **For each “locust” on this tree, write on the branches of the tree on the next page what you could do to chase that locust away.**





Today's Gospel + LUKE 1:26–38

We move our thoughts away from Lent-just for today-to celebrate the angel's announcement to Mary that she would be the mother of Jesus. **Read today's Gospel and see if you can complete this crossword puzzle.**



ACROSS

- 2** Jesus would rule over this ancestor's house.
6 Mary's hometown
8 Jesus was a descendent of this great Jewish king
10 Mary's cousin who was also expecting a baby
11 This person of the Trinity "came upon Mary" to make Jesus' birth possible (2 words)

DOWN

- 1** This power "over shadowed" Mary. (2 words)
3 What this feast is called.
4 Nothing will be _____ with God.
5 The area of Palestine where Mary's home town was.
7 Mary was engaged to him.
9 The angel's name.



Ups and Downs



This Sunday begins the holiest week of our Church year. It begins on a joyous note. But it is a week of ups and downs. This Sunday even has two names—Passion Sunday and Palm Sunday.

Passion/Palm Sunday

On this day, the people greet Jesus as he rides into Jerusalem. The people cheer “Hosanna” and wave palms in honor of him.

We process around the church on Palm Sunday. We carry and wave palms. We remember the day Jesus is greeted with joy into the city he loves. We sing joyful songs.

On this same day, we hear the story of the rest of the week, which is not happy at all. The story we hear is called the Passion of Our Lord. It tells us of the last days Jesus spends on this earth.



Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday

In our Gospel readings, we carry a sense of anticipation of the tragic days ahead when Jesus suffers and dies.

On Monday, Jesus visits his friends in Bethany—Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. It is there that Mary anoints Jesus with expensive perfumed oil.

On Tuesday, Jesus talks with his Apostles and warns them that one of them will betray him.

On Wednesday, Judas turns Jesus over to be arrested.

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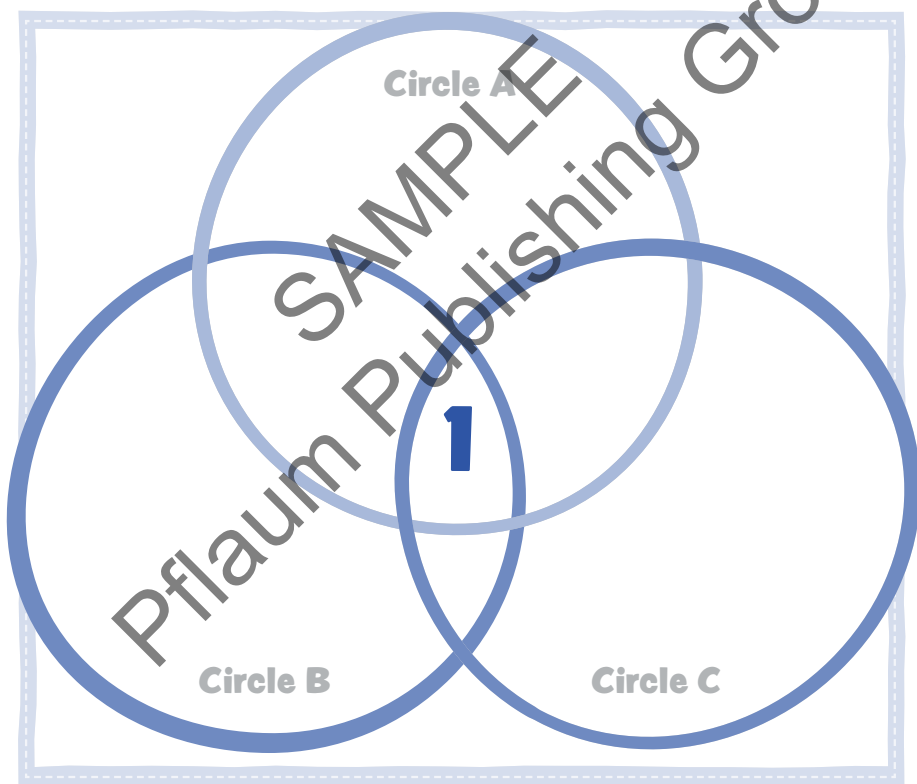
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Today's Gospel + Matthew 26:14–25

One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What will you give me if I betray him to you?" (26:14-15)

To learn what the chief priests paid Judas to betray Jesus, complete this puzzle. The number 1 is already in place within Circles A, B, and C. Decide which two other numbers are needed to make all three numbers in each circle equal 10. You may use only the numbers 2 through 7 one time each.



What is the total of the three circles after you have added the numbers? _____ That is the number of silver pieces Judas was paid to betray Jesus.