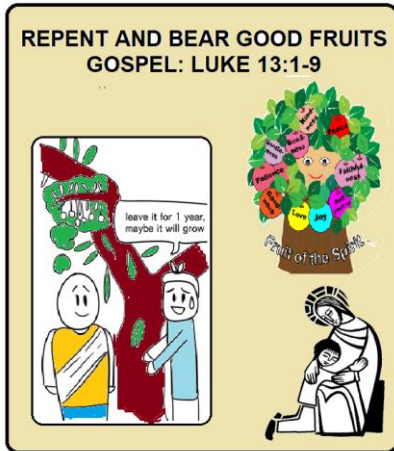


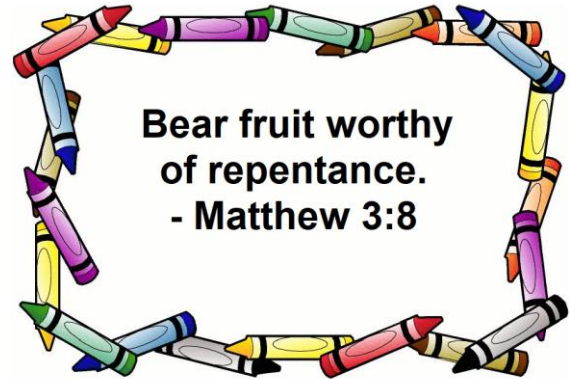
'Repent and Bear Good Fruits for the Lord'

Children's liturgy activity March 20th, 2022

Third Sunday of Lent



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Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

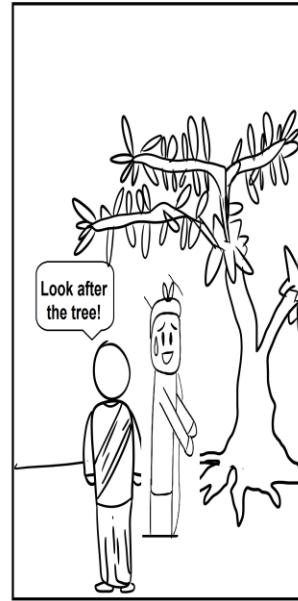
In the gospel today, Jesus reveals a message to repent and bear fruits for the lord.

Jesus tells a parable : A man planted a tree in his vineyard. He appointed a man to look after it and provide everything needed for the tree to grow healthy. He waited for three years with great expectation of getting good fruits from the tree. Good fruits: that he can share with many, help many, and he himself can be satisfied. What is that you think a tree needs to grow healthy and produce good fruits? Sunlight, water, fertilizer, good soil, pruning, preventing infections of pests etc. The owner came looking for fruits but found none. He was disappointed and complained to the man who looked after the tree, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none'. He asked the man to chop down the useless tree. But the man asked the owner to give the tree one more chance, of a year. The man promises to give intense care for the tree: to dig up more around and manure it. He gave a hope to the owner that it may bear fruits next year. If still it doesn't bear fruits, then cut it down.

What is Jesus revealing to us through this parable? Each of us are the tree planted in God's vineyard to bear good fruits. When our father comes, will he see us bearing fruits? Or like the barren fig tree or like a tree bearing bad fruits? What might be the reasons of our unfruitfulness to lord? Laziness, Disobedience, unfaithfulness, bad nourishments like bad company, reading bad books, gaming etc.

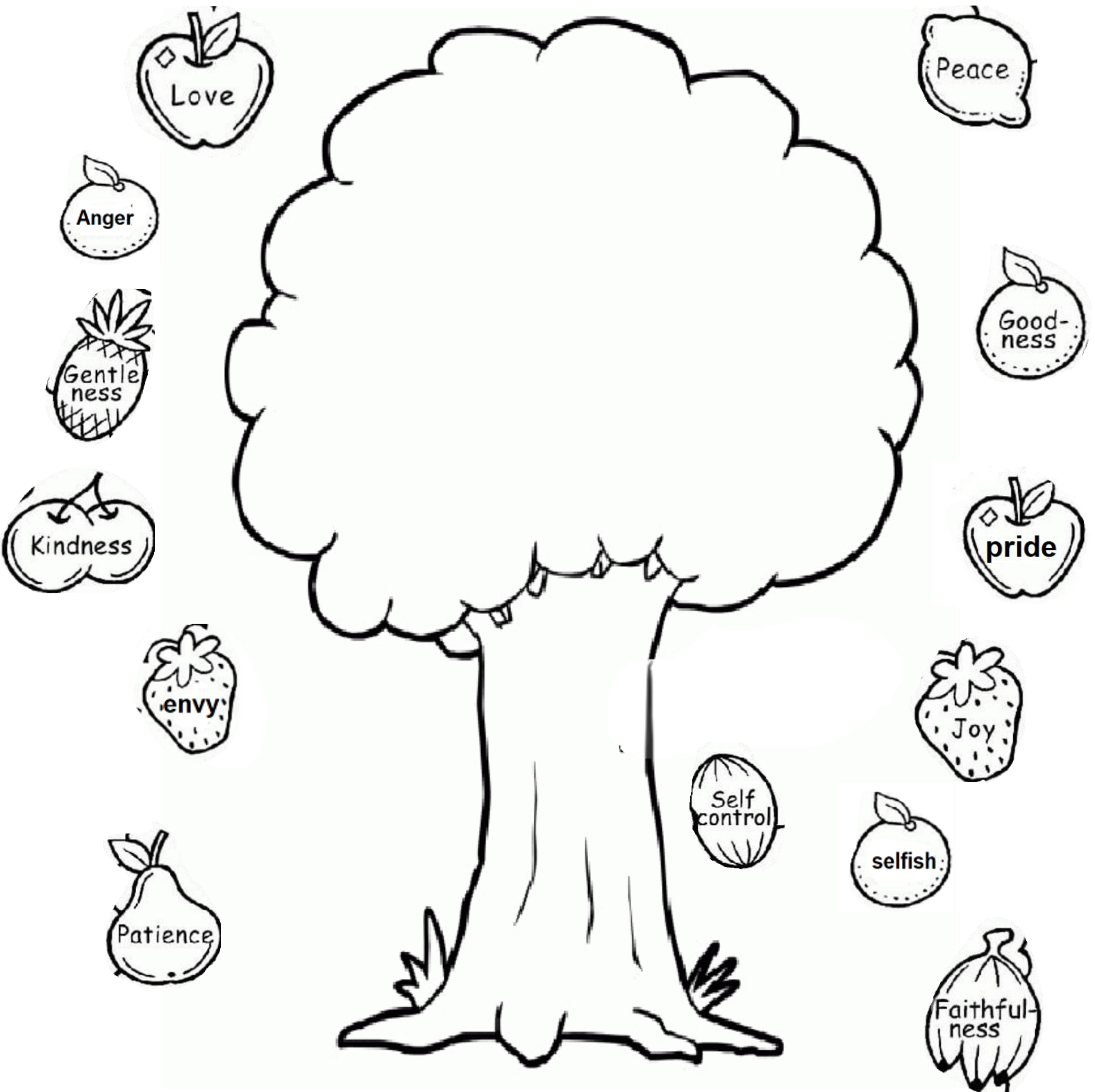
Our heavenly father is a merciful lord who always gives us chances. He gave us Jesus to take away all the infections and weeds in us. Jesus provided us with Holy Spirit and everything needed for our spiritual growth and to bear fruits of the spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, self-control, generosity and faithfulness. Jesus asks us to repent of our unfruitful nature and of the nature of bearing rotten fruits. He is ready to prune us by his living word. Are we ready to get pruned and molded? Are we ready to acknowledge our sins and shortcomings and surrender to lord Jesus in faith to grow us to bear good fruits for the lord? Let us repent and reconcile with our lord and live in His Holy Spirit, doing what Jesus says and when the lord comes, let us be seen as God's Children covered with fruits by showing love, joy, peace patience kindness goodness self-control generosity and faithfulness to God and all our fellow beings.

Can you order the Parable in the right sequence? Cut and paste in the box given below.
Colour it too.







The Parable of the Barren Fig tree

Did you see the tree below? Imagine that it is you. Write your name on the tree.
Can you search for good fruits desired by our lord and stick it on the tree?
Please avoid all the bad fruits around!



Match the right fruits that we must bear in the following situations.

<p>fight</p> 	<p>share</p>
<p>selfish</p> 	<p>joy</p>
<p>p r o u d</p> 	<p>forgive</p>
<p>sad</p> 	<p>humble</p>



Let us Pray,

Dear Merciful Father, we thank you for your unconditional love for each of us. We thank you for giving us Jesus who took away our sins and gave us new life in Holy spirit. Help us to respond to your calling of love, to change our way of living and make use of your grace and the power of Holy spirit to say no to the evil desires and bear fruits of the Holy spirit so that we are seen filled with good fruits when Jesus comes, worthy to enter the eternal life.

In Jesus' name we pray, amen.