

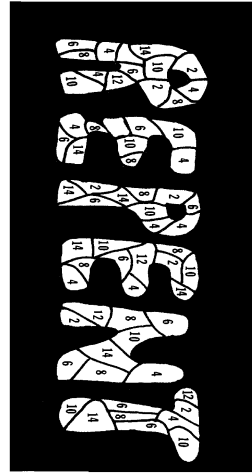
# TURN FROM YOUR SINS, JESUS SAYS

*(In Galilee)* — "Everybody has the same problem," Jesus taught. He said that everybody needs to turn their lives around and start to live a different way. A word that means to change your life is "repent."

Jesus said that we cannot enjoy God's promises until we first repent. Nobody is so good that they do not need to repent. To show what repenting is like, Jesus told a story about a fig tree. He said we are all like that tree. It would not grow any figs. This made the owner angry and he wanted to chop down the tree. But the gardener said, "Let's wait a year. Maybe the tree will repent. Maybe it will change itself and start to grow fruit." So the owner gave the tree another year to do better. That's the way God treats us, Jesus said.

Luke 13:1-9

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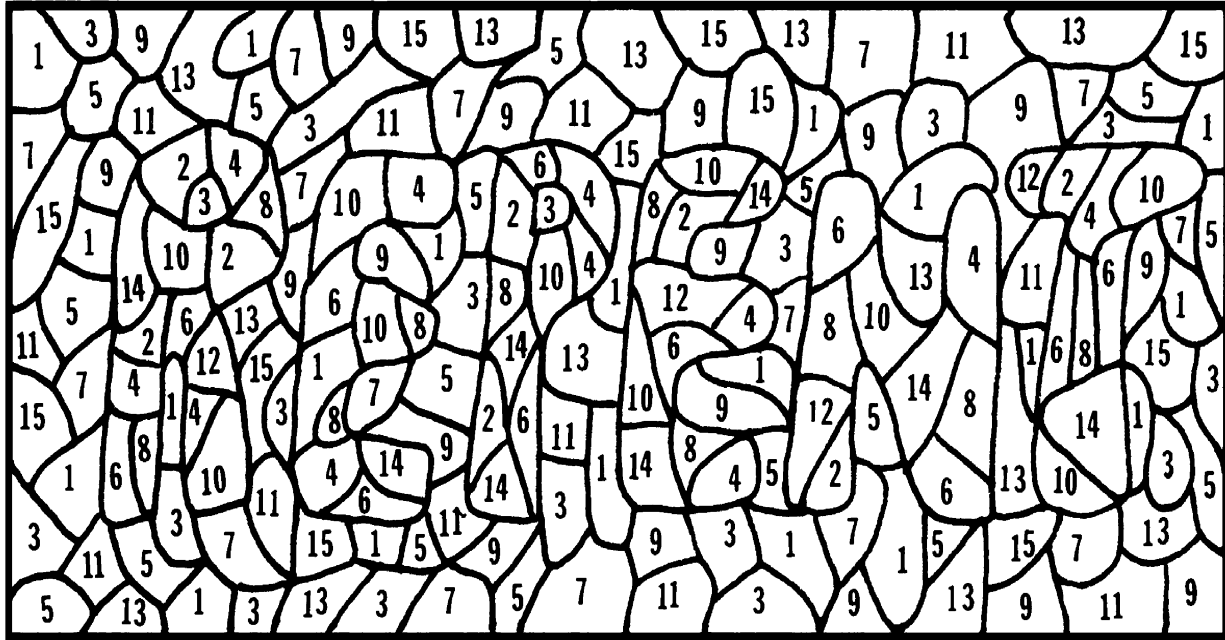
ANSWERS

# GOSPEL GRAMS

## SUNDAY ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN



**Looking For a Special Word.** Today's Gospel story makes us think about a special word that means "turn around." To find the word, color in all the odd-numbered spaces in the puzzle below. Do not color in the even-numbered spaces. Hint: odd numbers include 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15.



**Which Tree Are You Like?** Here are two trees. Both look exactly alike. Draw some fruit on one of the trees (you can decide which kind of fruit). Then put an "X" underneath the tree that you want to be like. Remember, Jesus says God wants us to be like a tree that grows good fruit.

