

# More Than Hearing Worksheet

Episode: CLent3x2016

Text: [Luke 13:1-9](#)

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. 2 He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? 3 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. 4 Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? 5 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

6 Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. 7 So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ 8 He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. 9 If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

## Word (I), Math (I/SFX), Body (SFX), Nature (I/SFX), Self (I)

Smarts	Images in the text	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic		<p>Is there a connection between this parable about a fruitless fig tree, sin, and Adam and Eve sewing fig leaves for clothes to hide their shame?</p> <p>There is certainly a verbal connection with the story of Jesus cursing the fig tree in Jerusalem, no?</p>	
Eye - Visual/Spatial			see <b>Body</b> below
Math - Logical/Mathematical		<p>Logical progression? It sounds like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) random violence</li> <li>b) greater sin? no</li> <li>c) will my sin lead to random violence?               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>yes.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>But it is perhaps more accurately:</p>	<p>Venn Diagram of sinners See <a href="http://morethanhearing.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/Screen-Shot-2016-02-22-at-10.24.16-PM.png">http://morethanhearing.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/Screen-Shot-2016-02-22-at-10.24.16-PM.png</a></p>

		<p>a) random violence  b) greater sin? no  c) life uncertain and need for repentance urgent? YES!</p>	
Body - Kinesthetic			<p>Have a volunteer come forward and stand like a tree, with arms held out and up. Notice that there is no fruit on the branches. Clearly the tree needs to repent! So have the tree turn around and face the other way. Hmm. Oddly, there is still no fruit on the branches. In much the same way, while repentance does mean to turn around or change one's mind, we know it has become a reality when there is fruit growing from the tree! Consider what some fruits of repentance would be -- feed the hungry, help the suffering, visit the lonely, ... (pick introvert and extrovert friendly fruits, also vertical and horizontal relationship fruits) -- and have fig-shaped construction paper cutouts with these writ on them, and tape them to the volunteer tree's arms.</p>
Musical			
Natural		<p>Indulge in the imagery of the parable, without needing to allegorize or spiritualize it -- just dig in, as it were, to make it real, and let the people figure out what it means for them</p> <p>re: figs</p>	<p>Serve fresh or dried figs during or after the worship service.</p> <p>Invite a master gardener to talk with you about how to cultivate fig trees</p>

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People - Interpersonal			
Self - Intrapersonal		<p>We are fifteen years out, but hearing this passage (v.4 esp.) still makes me think of 9/11/01, and it isn't far from there to all the horrible feels.</p> <p>We might associate the atrocity in vs.1 with recent violence by Daesh or the Michigan shooter this past weekend.</p> <p>Is Jesus really saying there is a connection between sin and this sort of arbitrary or random tragedy? Not unheard of in biblical theology, but damn.</p>	