



March 24, 2019
Third Sunday of Lent

Jesus told a parable about a fig tree (Luke 13:6–9).

The owner wanted the gardener to cut it down
because it was not growing fruit.

Christians can be like fruit trees when they do good things for God!

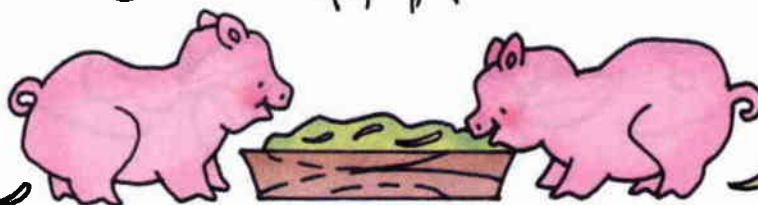
Unscramble the words in the treetop sections
to create four sentences that offer ideas for us.

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Forgive hard if

have Share
what you

who need in
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God people Love
you because loves





**God called out to him
from the bush,
"Moses! Moses!"**

Exodus 3:4



LENTEN COMPANION: MARY

We have a very special companion for this third week of Lent—Mary, the Mother of Jesus and our mother. Tomorrow, March 25, is the feast of the Annunciation, when we remember the angel Gabriel announcing to Mary that she was to become the mother of Jesus.



4 weeks to Easter: We travel with Mary, our Mother.

It might seem odd to think about Mary preparing for the birth of Jesus at the same time we are preparing to remember his death. But it makes sense if we remember that Jesus came into the world to do God's will and save us. His birth is the beginning of a lifetime of obeying God, even to his final act of love, his death on the cross.

Mary is a good model for us during Lent. She said yes right away to God's desire that she become the mother of Jesus. Mary teaches us to say yes to what God asks us to do. She cared for Jesus and taught him how to love God. Mary teaches us how to pray and love God. Mary was there on the road to Calvary as Jesus carried his cross. She is here with us when we have to do hard things. She stood with Jesus' friend John at the foot of the cross when Jesus was dying. She teaches us to stand with our friends even when it is hard. She was with the apostles when Jesus sent the Holy Spirit. Mary reminds us that we too are filled with the Holy Spirit so that we can spread God's word.

Next to these letters write some of the ways that Mary is our model.

A few are already written for you.

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Always near in times of trouble

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Gave us the **Rosary**

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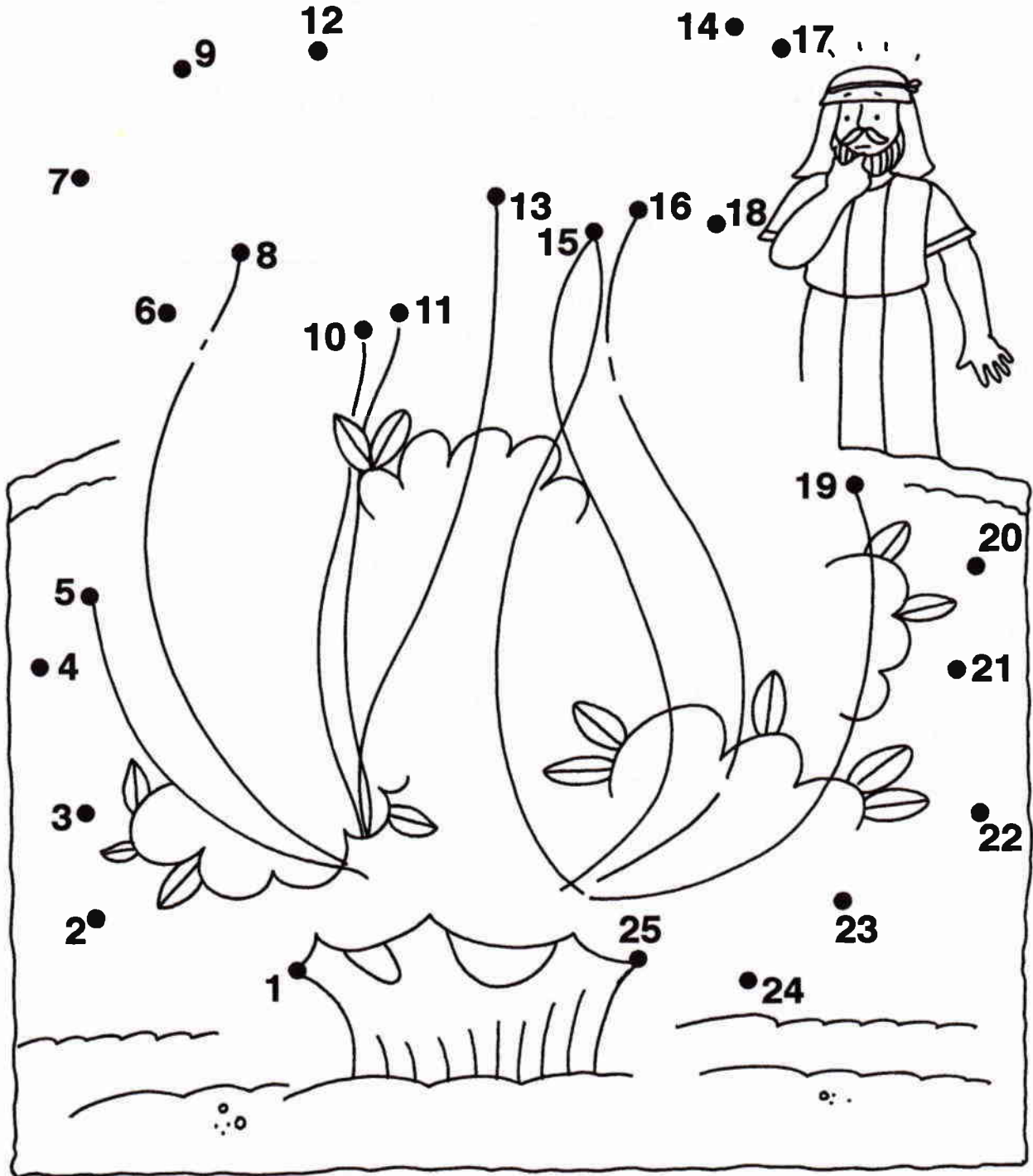
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Taught Jesus to **Love God**



Connect the dots to find
what God spoke to Moses from.

Do you remember what God asked Moses to do?
Read Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15 in your Bible to find out.



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