

## This Week's Lesson

### A Fruitful Life

#### Luke 13:1-9

In our Bible lesson today, Jesus told a story about a man who planted a fig tree in his garden. Year after year he watched the tree, but it never produced any fruit. Finally, the man went to the gardener who took care of the tree and told him since the tree was not giving him any fruit, to cut it down. But the gardener asked the man to give it another chance. He said, " Leave it for another year. I will give it special attention. I will dig around the tree and give it plenty of fertilizer. If it produces fruit next year, great, if not, then you can cut it down. "

In this story, Jesus was really talking about God as the man who owns the fig tree, Jesus as the gardener and us as the fig tree. God put us here on earth and He expects us to produce 'good fruit' in our lives. When He looks at the way we live, He wants to see us love each other, be joyful, share peace, have patience, give kindness, and be gentle with others. However there are times when He is disappointed in what He sees, but if we repent and ask for God's forgiveness, He will give us another chance.

What can we do to help ourselves produce good fruit? We can worship regularly, read our Bibles and pray each day. These things will help us live fruitful lives. Let's listen to God's words and follow in Jesus footsteps.

#### Prayer

*Heavenly Father,*

*We know you expect good things from your children. Give us the strength and courage to have fruitful lives. We thank you for nurturing us and the opportunity for forgiveness, and a another chance if we stop bearing good fruit in our lives. In Jesus name we pray, Amen*



# A Fruitful Life Lenten Lesson Craft

## Luke 13:1-9

### Materials:

Templates 1 & 2 on heavy cardstock  
Strips of different colored paper or construction paper  
Tacky glue  
Double sided tape (optional)  
Scissors  
Writing utensil  
Raffia or ribbon for hanging (optional)

### Directions:

Print and cut out templates.

Fold templates on dotted lines.

Glue and/or tape tabs to make each box...there is no lid.

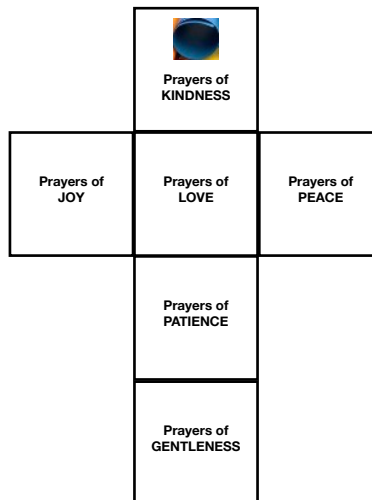
Glue and/or tape 4 boxes in a straight line with open ends facing forward.

Glue and/or tape the last 2 boxes on either side of the 2nd box to complete the cross shape.

Poke 2 small holes at the top of the first box and pull raffia or ribbon through holes and knot for hanging (optional).

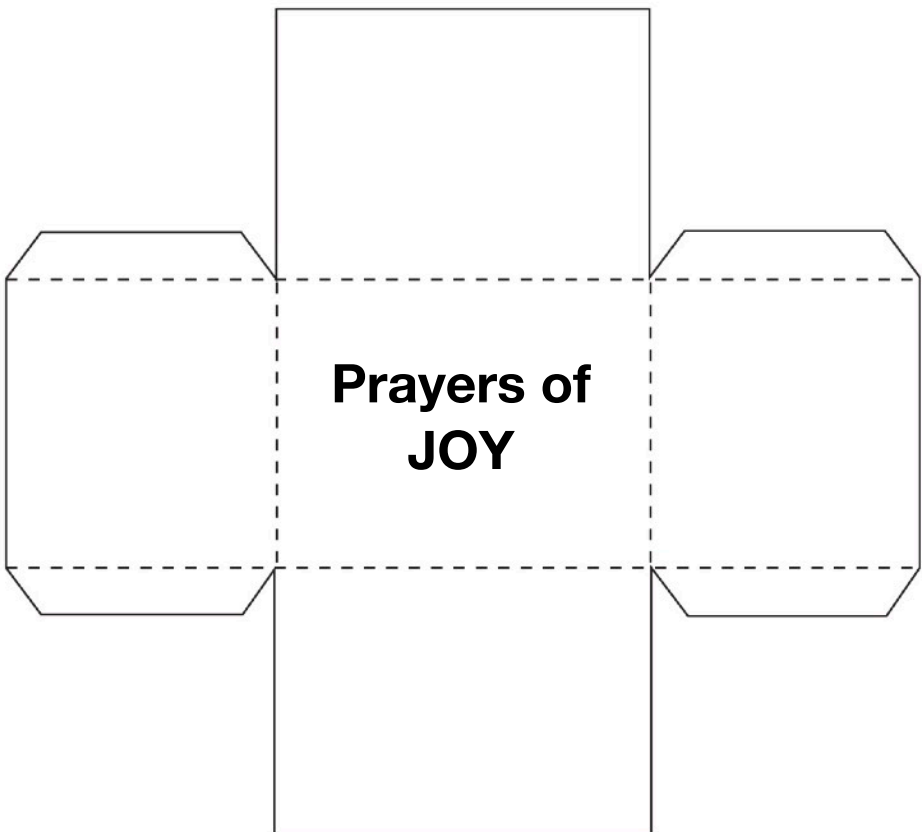
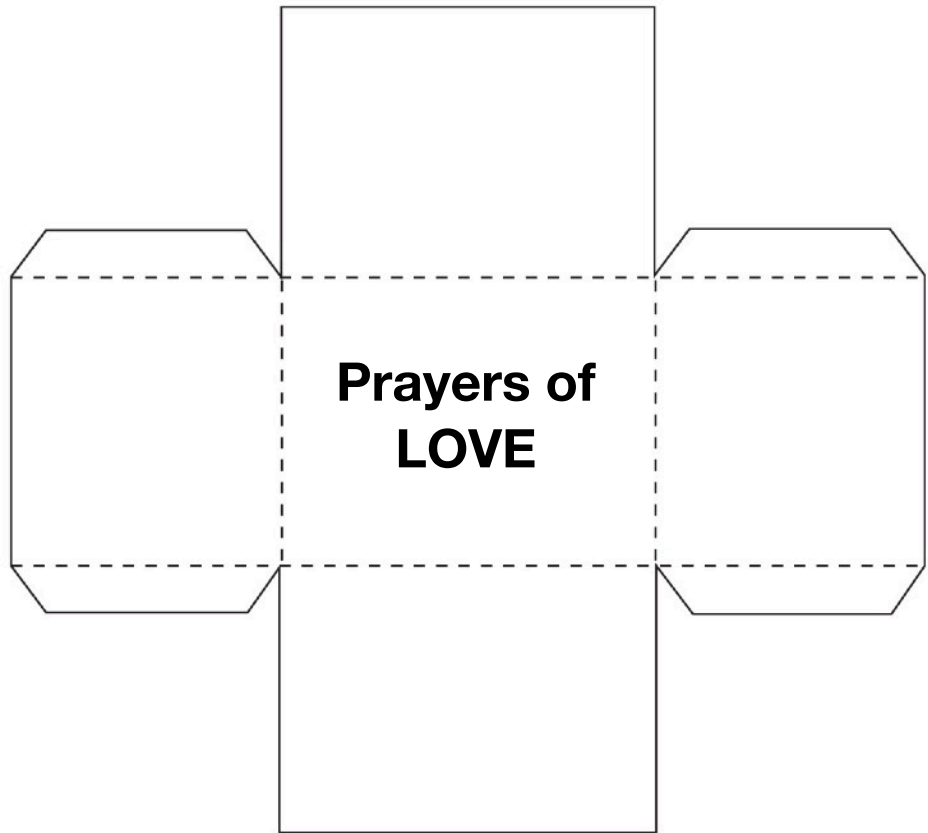
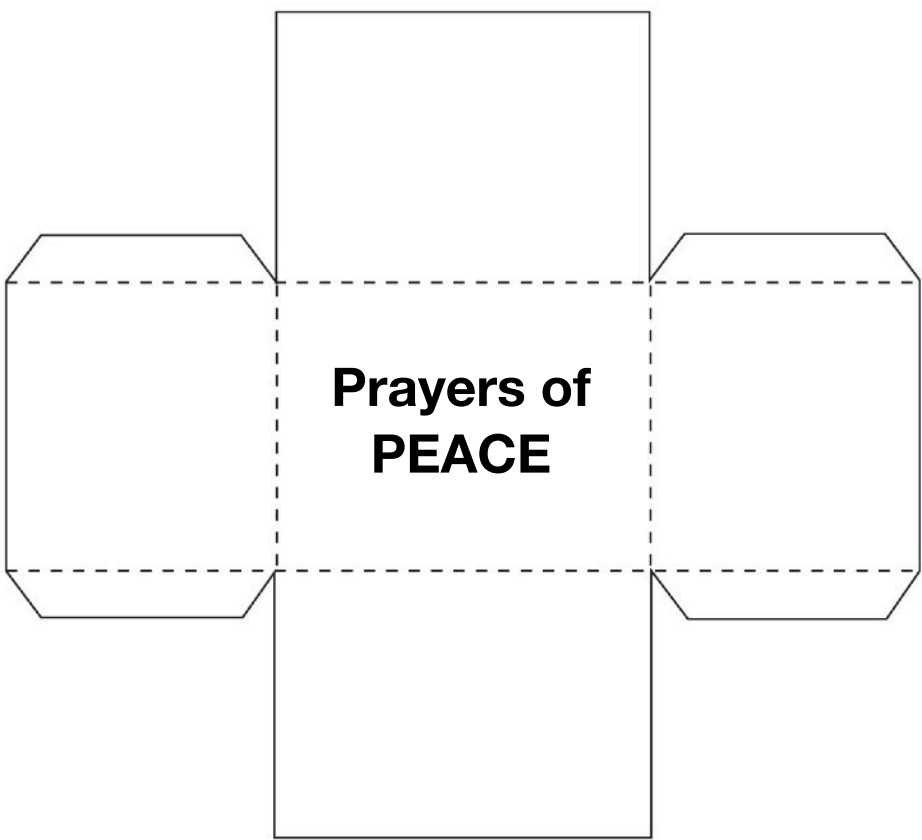


Write prayers on colored paper, roll up and place in appropriate box. Think about living a fruitful life each time you look at your cross. Read your prayers often...add more prayers now & then.



**LENTEN PRAYER CROSS BOX  
TEMPLATE 1**

**PRAYERS FOR A FRUITFUL LIFE**



**LENTEN PRAYER CROSS BOX  
TEMPLATE 2**

**PRAYERS FOR A FRUITFUL LIFE**

