The Parable of the Fig Tree

Complete the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the story.

Jesus Tells a Story

Then he told this _____: "A man had a _____ tree, planted in his _____, and he went to look for _____ on it, but did not find any. So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For _____ years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig _____ and haven't found any. _____ it down! Why should it use up the _____?'

" 'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more _____, and I'll _____ around it and _____ it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it _____.'
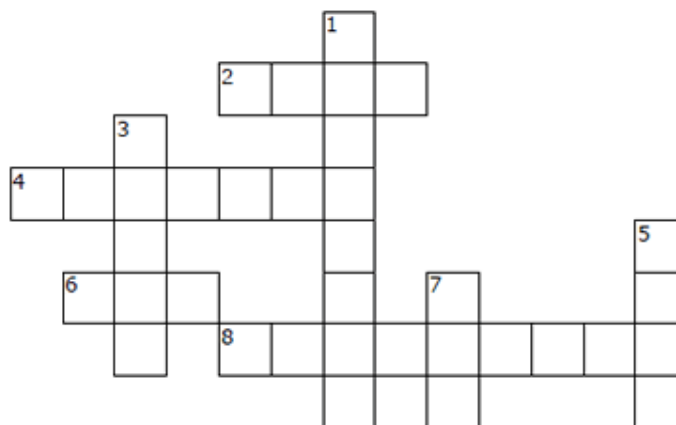
Luke 13:6-9 (NIV)

cut	fertilize	parable	tree
dig	fig	soil	vineyard
down	fruit	three	year

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ACROSS

2. The top layer of the earth's surface favorable to plant growth.
4. A simple story teaching a moral or religious lesson.
6. To break up and move dirt using a shovel.
8. To spread a something on land or plants to help plants grow.

DOWN

1. An area of ground planted with vines and fruit trees.
3. The usually sweet-tasting part of a tree which can be eaten.
5. A large plant with a trunk, limbs, branches, and leaves.
7. The sweet, pear-shaped, fruit of a plant found in Bible lands.

PARABLE	TREE	VINEYARD	SOIL
FIG	FRUIT	FERTILIZE	DIG

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Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
G	N	V	M	A	B	U	I	W	O	E	Z	J	R	K	T	Y	P	L	H	D	Q	X	S	F	C

1. 25-11-14-16-8-19-8-12-11 _____

2. 3-8-2-11-17-5-14-21 _____

3. 25-14-7-8-16 _____

4. 24-10-8-19 _____

5. 18-19-5-2-16-11-21 _____

6. 18-5-14-5-6-19-11 _____

7. 16-14-11-11 _____

8. 25-8-1 _____

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PLANTED	FIG	FERTILIZE	SOIL

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U  S  B  F  E  R  T  I  L  I  Z  E  T  T  A
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B  A  R  N  T  P  H  T  C  E  S  L  I  I  R
R  U  F  L  H  A  A  O  S  A  E  U  N  M  E
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M  O  S  E  E  M  G  Q  B  Z  L  R  H  S  L
D  A  P  L  A  N  T  E  D  N  L  X  V  J  D
K  Z  N  L  U  L  G  S  B  O  L  U  C  W  M
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YEARS	THREE	LOOK	LEAVE	FRUIT
DOWN	FIND	VINEYARD	MAN	TOLD
PLANTED	USE	SOIL	ALONE	FIG
FERTILIZE	DIG	PARABLE	TREE	CUT

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Enter the correct words in the boxes based on the shape of the letters.

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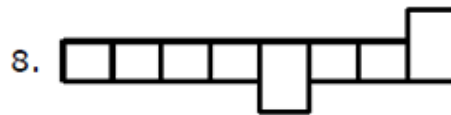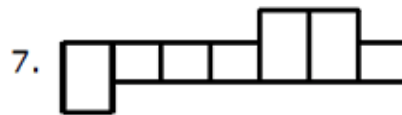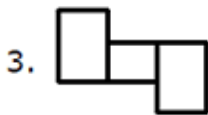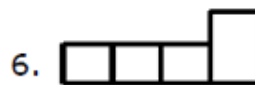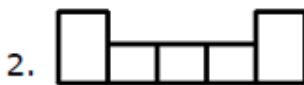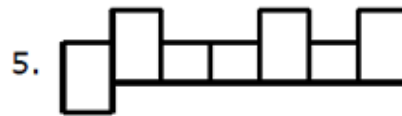
| parable | tree | vineyard | soil |
| fig | planted | fruit | fertilize |

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Luke 13:1-9