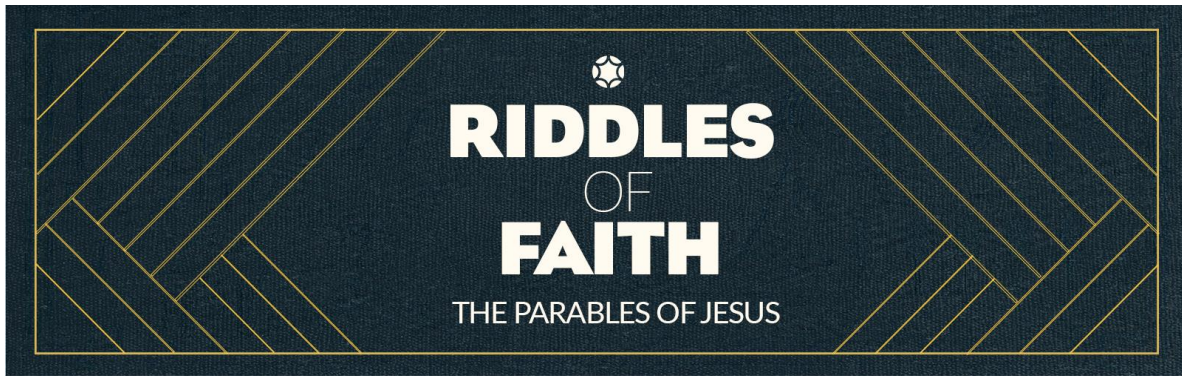




Riddles at Home

Family Companion Guide

Week One // Speaking in Stories

Start with a Riddle

What kind of tree can you carry in your hand?

[Answer: A palm tree!]

Big Idea

Jesus told stories called parables to help us understand God's truth and respond to it.

Read Together

Read Luke 13:6–9. Jesus told a story about a fig tree that was not producing fruit. The gardener asked for more time to care for it and help it grow. This reminds us that God is patient with us and wants our lives to produce good things.

Talk About It

- What was the owner hoping to find on the tree?
- How did the gardener show patience and care?
- What kind of “fruit” does God want to grow in us?
- Where might God be helping you grow right now?

Examples of good fruit include kindness, patience, honesty, forgiveness, generosity, and love.

Try It Together

Let each person choose one kind of fruit they want God to grow in their life this week. Complete this sentence:

With God's help, I want to grow in _____.

Share one practical way you can demonstrate that quality this week.

Remember This

"But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear."
Matthew 13:16

Pray Together

Jesus, give us eyes to see, ears to hear, and hearts that are ready to respond. Thank you for being patient with us. Help our family grow and produce the good fruit of love, kindness, and faithfulness. Amen.

Keep It Going

Choose an activity to enjoy together:

- Garden together: Plant a flower, herb, or vegetable. Talk about the care and patience it takes for something to grow.
- Go on a fig tree hunt: Look around your neighborhood, visit a garden center, or search for pictures of fig trees and fruit.
- Try a fig snack: Buy fresh or dried figs—or enjoy a package of Fig Newtons together.
- Look for good fruit: At dinner or bedtime, ask, "Where did you see good fruit growing today?"