

## Parable Tree Triangle | Judges 9

Jotham spoke a parable to the men of Shechem. Some trees who went to anoint a king over them. The noble trees, the olive, the fig and the vine, refused to stop being useful to rule others. But the lowly thorn bush, a picture of selfishness, happily agreed to become king. Make a Parable Tree Triangle. Fold the triangles down, one over another, placing the loves of heaven over the love of self, on the bottom.



### Materials Needed

*Parable Tree Triangle Template*

scissors

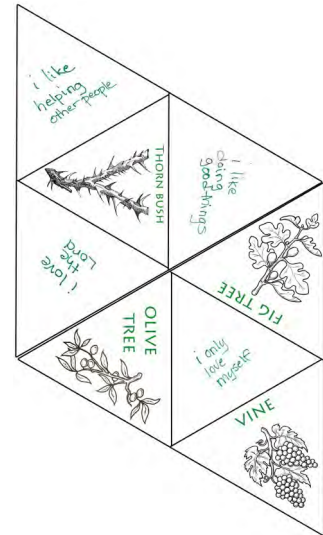
colored pencils or markers

pencil

tape

### Directions

1. Color the pictures of the trees and the thorn bush on the *Parable Tree Triangle Template*.
2. Cut around the outside of the *Parable Tree Triangle Template*. When done, you will have a parallelogram.
3. Fold the parallelogram in half along the double middle line to form a triangle. The Olive, Fig and Vine should be on one side; the Thorn bush on the other side.
4. Write the meaning of each tree on the back of its picture as follows:
  - Olive tree—I love the Lord
  - Fig tree—I like doing good things
  - Vine—I like helping other people
  - Thorn bush—I love myself



5. The Lord gives us all of these loves. He lets us choose which love we will make the most important. Fold the triangles along the black lines. Position the triangles to show the loves of heaven—with love for the Lord on top of the other loves.

6. Now turn the triangle over. What happens when we put the love of self on top? What happens to the other loves when the love of self “rules” other loves? Putting the love of self on top is a picture of how devils in hell choose to live.

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