

St. Bartholomew's Fig Tree

Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." (John 1:50)

(Share the story of how Jesus picked his disciple, Bartholomew, on page 2)

SUPPLIES NEEDED

- Tree Trunk Template *(to follow)*
- Fig Template *(to follow)*
- Fig Leaf Template *(to follow)*
- Brown paper for tree trunk
- Green paper for fig leaves
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Glue

WHAT TO DO

Step 1:

Print the Tree template, Fig template, and Fig Leaf template. *(For younger students, cut out the figs, one for each student, and using green paper, cut out several fig leaves for each student.)*

Step 2:

Fold the brown paper in half. Trace the Tree Template onto the brown piece of paper as shown in the image.



Step 3:

Cut around your tree drawing, so you end up with 2 paper trees as pictured.



Step 4:

Fold the paper trees in half and glue them together as pictured. Your paper tree should stand up,



Step 5:

Give each student a "fig". Have students color their fig purple and glue onto tree. *(Make sure this paper is lighter in weight than the brown paper, otherwise your tree will just tumble over)*

Step 6:

Using the Fig Leaf template, older students may cut out many green fig leaves to glue to their trees.



JESUS PICKS HIS DISCIPLE, BARTHOLOMEW

Jesus wanted to go to Galilee and He found (6) Philip and told him to “Follow me.” Philip found (7) Bartholomew. He was also called Nathanael. He asked Philip if anything good could come out of Nazareth and Philip told him to come and see Jesus!



They went to Jesus and Jesus greeted them and told Bartholomew, “Before Philip called you, I saw you sitting under the fig tree.” Bartholomew was amazed and Jesus told him that he would see greater things. Because Jesus had known that Bartholomew was sitting under a fig tree, he knew that Jesus was special!