

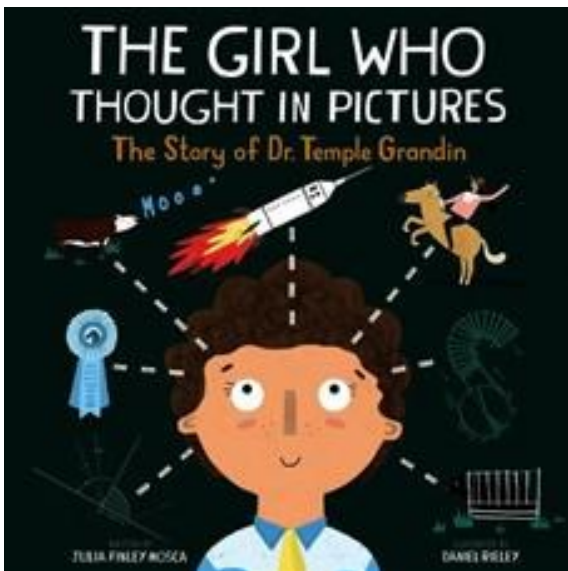
Week 3: Know That You Are Worthy

READ THE STORY: Luke 13:1-9, the parable of the fig tree (page 372 in the Spark Story Bible).



WONDER:

- How do you think the story ends? Does the fig tree make fruit next year? If not, does the owner cut it down? Does the gardener argue for more time?
- Do you think God is more like the vineyard owner or more like the gardener? Why?
- What does it feel like to be measured in only one way? (*like by the grades you get, or how fast you are, or how well you read—especially if your best gifts are in another area*)
- What else do trees do, other than provide fruit? (*ex: Make homes for animals, provide shade, anchor the soil, produce oxygen, etc.*) Are these things more or less important than making figs?



LISTEN: Enjoy the book *The Girl Who Thought in Pictures: The Story of Dr. Temple Grandin* by Julia Finley Mosca, illustrated by Daniel Rieley. Published by The Innovation Press, 2017. Find a read-along on YouTube [here](#).

- How do you think it made Temple feel to hear doctors and teachers say she wouldn't ever be able to do anything helpful?
- Has anyone ever made you feel like you aren't good enough? How did that feel?
- How do you think Temple felt when her mother and teacher encouraged her to follow her interests and special skills?
- Who helps to encourage you?

CREATE: Draw, paint, or color a tree to remember that you are worthy and loved, no matter what kind of gifts you share.



PRAY: *Dear God, thank you for giving us all different gifts. Help us to remember that we are worthy and loved, whether we produce the fruit others expect or not. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*