

Old Testament

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One Year Plan



GOD'S WORD

Created for use with young, unchurched learners Adaptable for all ages.

JOSHUA AND JERICHO



JOSHUA 5-6

Memory Verse:
“It is not by force nor by strength, but by my Spirit,” says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies.
Zechariah 4:6

Lesson Goals

1. Understand that God gave Joshua specific instructions.
2. Learn that the people obeyed God.
3. Understand that the people believed that God would save them.
4. Recognize that God was faithful to do what He said He would do.

Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for sending Jesus to deliver us from sin.
3. Ask God to help you follow Him.
4. Pray for friends and family members who need to be delivered from sin.

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Read Joshua 6:1-20. (Hold your Bible throughout the story.)

Do You Know Jesus?

We know that God takes care of us because He sent His Son to die for us. The Bible tells us that God loved us so much that He sent Jesus. (John 3:16) If we believe in Jesus and ask Him into our heart, we will live forever with God in Heaven.

Application

God gave Joshua specific instructions. Joshua shared God's instructions with the Israelites. They obeyed and believed God. The walls of Jericho fell just as God said they would. God wants us to obey and believe. He is faithful to do what He says He will do.

Begin With Prayer

God's people had wandered in the wilderness for 40 years. It was now time for them to enter the Promised Land, called Canaan. But first they would have to enter Jericho, a city with a huge wall. Earlier, the two spies had secretly entered Jericho, and Rahab had told them that all the people there were afraid of the Israelites.

One day, Joshua saw a man coming to talk to him. The man had a sword in his hand, so Joshua asked if the man was a friend or an enemy. The man replied that he wasn't either one, but he was the commander of the Lord's Army! When Joshua heard that, he fell to his face in respect. Joshua told the man that he would do whatever the Lord told him.

Then God spoke to Joshua. He told Joshua that He had a plan to help the people get into the city. Joshua's army was to march around the city one time every day for six days. God told Joshua to have the priests carry the Ark of the Covenant in front of them. The Ark held the gold jar of manna, Aaron's wooden staff that had budded, and the stone tablets with the Ten Commandments. (Hebrews 9:4)

Then on the seventh day, they were to march around the city wall seven times and then shout. The priests were to blow the trumpets as they marched around the city. Then the priests were to give one long blast of the horns, and all the Israelites were supposed to shout. When they did that, the walls of Jericho would fall.

The people of Jericho knew that God's people were coming, so they closed the city gate. The gate was attached to a wall that went around the city. The wall was tall and wide. It looked like no one could get through to the city.

Joshua called the priests together. He had the priests get the Ark of the Covenant. He placed seven of the priests with seven trumpets in front of the ark. Then the fighting men were behind them.

On the first day, the Israelites marched around the city of Jericho one time. They were to remain silent as they marched around the city. They did this for six days. Finally on day seven, they marched around the city seven times. Then the priests blew the trumpets with a long blast and the people shouted!

All of a sudden everyone heard rumbling because the walls were falling down!! God had opened the city walls! God's army took the city. Rahab and her family were saved because they had helped the two spies. She had put a red cord outside her window, so the army knew that she was the one that helped God's people.

"The people had faith. So the walls of Jericho fell down. It happened after they had marched around the city for seven days." (Hebrews 11:30) The people obeyed God. They followed His instructions and everything turned out just right. When we follow God's instructions in the Bible, things will be okay for us, too. We may not have everything we want, but God tells us that He will take care of His people. And that's a promise!

Planning for the next week:

The Sun Stands Still — Joshua 10

Memory Verse

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Zechariah 4:6

Preschool Lesson

Read Joshua 5:1-16. (Hold your Bible throughout the story.)

Begin With Prayer.

Teacher: Decorate a box to represent the Ark of the Covenant. Make trumpets out of paper towel tubes. Use them to tell the story. Have the children line up like the priests carrying the Ark of the Covenant, the priests with the trumpets, and the fighting men.

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The people of Jericho knew that God's people were coming, so they closed the city gate. The gate was attached to a wall that went around the city. The wall was tall and wide. It looked like no one could get through the wall to the city.

Then God spoke to Joshua. He told Joshua that He had a plan to help the people get into the city. Joshua's army would march around the city one time every day for six days. (Count to six.) Then on the seventh day, they would march around the city wall seven times and then shout. (Count to seven.)

So just as God said, the army marched around the city along with seven priests and God's holy box, called the Ark. The priests blew their trumpets, but everyone else was quiet. Finally on day seven, they marched around the city seven times. Then the trumpets blew a long blast and the people shouted! (Have the kids march around a table seven times then shout!) All of a sudden everyone heard rumbling because the walls were falling down!! God had opened the city walls!

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Remember that the people had to believe God and do what He said. The people obeyed God. They followed His instructions and everything turned out just right.

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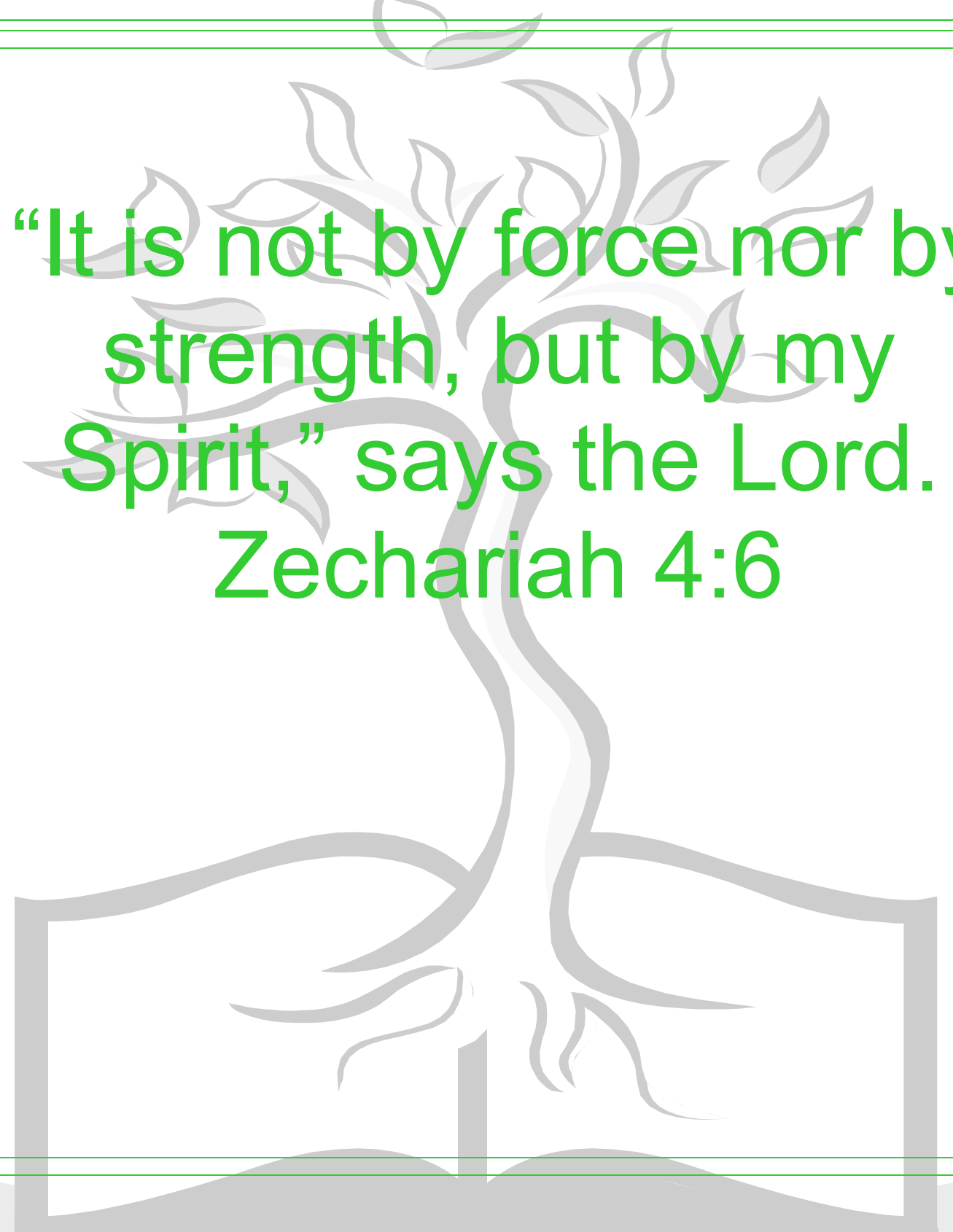
Sing the song:

Joshua fought the battle of Jericho, Jericho, Jericho
Joshua fought the battle of Jericho
And the walls came tumbling down.

Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for sending Jesus to take away our sin.
3. Ask God to help you have faith in Him.

Preschool Memory Verse



“It is not by force nor by strength, but by my Spirit,” says the Lord.
Zechariah 4:6

Learning Activities

•**Memory verse activity** — Make a Pretzel Wall. Lay pretzels on a pan. You may use frosting or marshmallow cream to glue the pretzels. Write the verse with icing on the wall.

•**Test your memory** — Decorate a box to represent the Ark of the Covenant. Make trumpets out of paper towel tubes. Use them to tell the story. Have the children line up like the priests carrying the Ark of the Covenant, the priests with the trumpets, and the fighting men.

•**Taste activity** —Use croutons and peanut butter to make a wall.

Bring “Bugle” corn snacks to remind the kids of the lesson.

Help the kids learn how to follow instructions by making a cake or other item. Talk about what happens if you do not follow the directions. Ask what would happen if you left out sugar, flour, etc. Share how God’s ways may seem unusual but HE knows and HE is in control.

•**Think about it** — It would have been so tempting to shout on the first day instead of waiting seven days. It would have been tempting to take things in Jericho that God told the people to leave alone. Ask the kids to think in their heads about something tempting for them. You may want to think of some situations that would be tempting and see how the group would handle them.

Bring a white board or chalk board. Have the kids list sins (wrongs). Now read the memory verse and erase the sins. Share how Jesus is the only one who can erase our sins.

•**Touch activity** — This is a fun story to act out. March around a cardboard wall (or wall of boxes) then knock them down after the seventh time!!

•**Run and play** — Play Jenga or Baby Jericho.

Play “God Says” like “Simon Says.” Talk about how God’s people were patient and did exactly what He said to do.

•**Listen** — As the children take time for silence, remind them that God wants us to listen to His instructions, obey Him, and have faith in Him.

•**Sing** — Sing “Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho,” “I’m in the Lord’s Army,” or another song related to the story.

•**Reach out** — During class, pray for kids that did not come today. Ask the children to go with you to deliver the handouts to those who were absent. Take some Bugle corn snacks for the children. Give them a copy of the memory verse.

Rooted and Grounded



Pray

Thank God that He is in control even when we don't understand His ways.
Thank God for sending Jesus to save us from our sins.
Ask God to give us more faith to trust Him and follow Him.
Pray for people you know who do not know Jesus.

Read the Bible Daily

This week, read Joshua 5-6.

Think About It

If God told you to march around a city for six days and then on the seventh day blow a horn and shout, would you do it? God probably doesn't want you to do that, but He does have an assignment for you like He did for Joshua. You can find it in the Bible. He wants you to know Him and help others to know Him, too.

Do It

Today's memory verse talks about how God's Spirit is the one who can defeat the enemy, not human strength or force. Our real enemy, Satan, cannot be destroyed with human weapons. God already defeated Satan when Jesus died on the cross and rose again. We must turn to God and ask Him to give us strength to fight Satan's attacks.

Tell About It

Share the Bible story with a friend. Talk about the faith it took for Joshua and the Israelites to follow God's instructions. Also share the memory verse.

Study It

Attend Bible study this week. Read a chapter out of Psalms and Proverbs each day.

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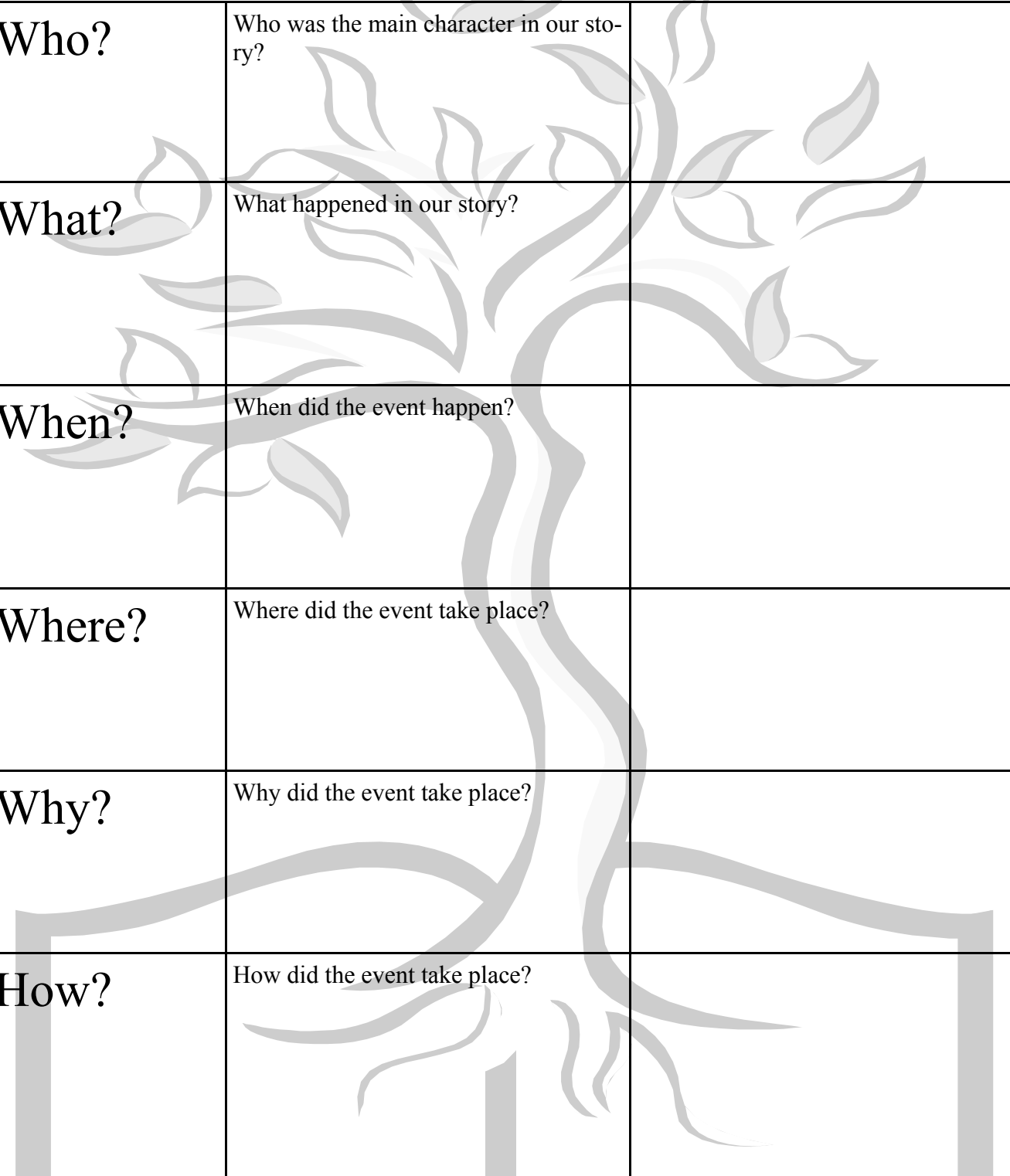


Trace the letters.

The people
obeyed and
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GOD'S WORD

Learning the Facts



Who?	Who was the main character in our story?	
What?	What happened in our story?	
When?	When did the event happen?	
Where?	Where did the event take place?	
Why?	Why did the event take place?	
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Word Search

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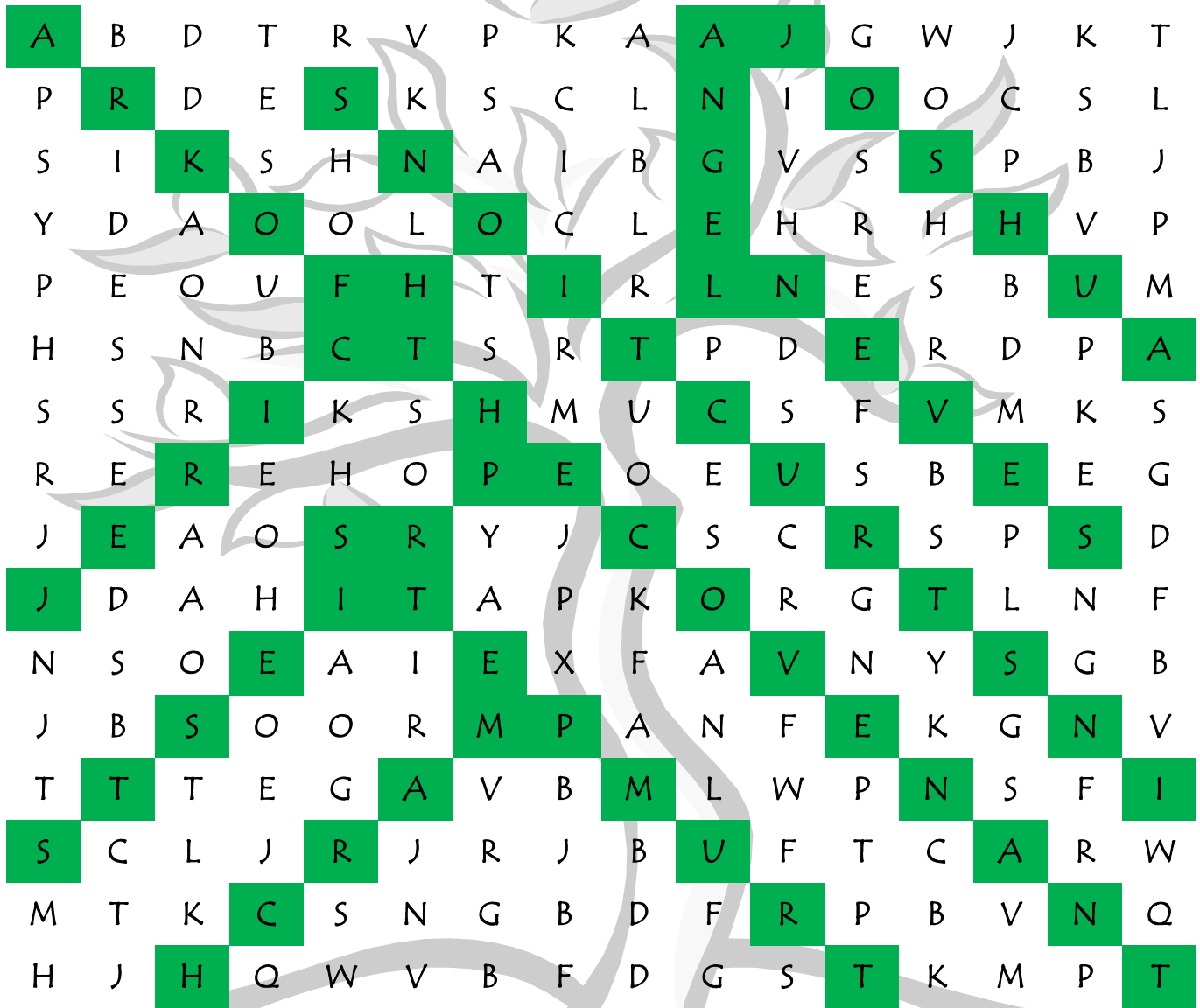
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