

# Old Testament

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## One Year Plan



GOD'S WORD

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

SOLOMON BUILDS THE TEMPLE



I KINGS 5-8

**Memory Verse:**  
Don't you know that you  
yourselves are God's temple?  
God's Spirit lives in you.  
1 Corinthians 3:16

**Lesson Goals**

1. Understand that David made the plans for the temple as God instructed.
2. Learn that Solomon spent seven years building the temple.
3. Recognize that Solomon listened to God.
4. Understand that God's presence filled the temple.

**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 I Kings 8:12-21. (Hold your Bible throughout the story.)**

**Do You Know Jesus?**

Jesus died on a cross for all the wrong things we have done. If we come to Him and ask forgiveness for our wrongs, He will clean us and come into our lives. Because Jesus came back to life three days later, we know that with His help, we can live for Him and one day go to Heaven. Would you like to go to Heaven?

**Application**

Solomon listened to God and did exactly what the Lord commanded. When the temple was dedicated, God's presence filled the temple. God wants us to know Him personally. When we invite Jesus into our hearts, God's Holy Spirit comes to live in us. Just as God's presence was in the temple, His presence will be with us, too. He will never leave us.

**Begin With Prayer**

We have had many lessons on King David. David loved God and tried to live for Him. One thing David really wanted to do was build a beautiful temple, or church, for God. He spent much time designing a wonderful building for God according to God's plans.

But God told David that he would not be the one to build the temple. God told David that his son, who would be the next king, would build the temple for Him. David gave the plans for the building to his son, Solomon. Last week we learned how Solomon asked for wisdom and God was pleased with his request.

Solomon started building the temple for God four years after he became king. It took seven years to complete the amazing temple. Solomon listened to God and built it exactly like God wanted. The temple was rectangular and had three main areas, or rooms. The first area was like a porch. The next area was where they worshipped God. The third area was a private area called the "Holy of Holies." This was a special place where God's presence stayed. The special holy room was lined with beautiful wood with gold over it. Carved angels called cherubim were there also.

Solomon used the finest woods and materials to build the temple. He also used the best craftsmen to build the temple. In fact, he would not allow them to use hammers to build the temple so that it would be quiet and respectful for God.

After the temple was built, Solomon asked the priests to come and dedicate the temple to God. The priests brought the special box called the Ark of the Covenant. It was important to God's people. It contained the Ten Commandments from Moses' time, as well as a wooden rod and a jar of manna, and God's presence was very strong wherever the Ark of the Covenant went.

When the Ark of the Covenant was placed in the temple, a big cloud filled the temple! That meant that God's presence was there. Solomon dedicated the Temple to God, and the people praised the Lord and thanked Him for keeping His promise to them.

Solomon knelt before the altar and prayed to God. He praised God and thanked Him for always keeping His promises. After that, they had a huge party to celebrate. It lasted 14 days! It was a special time to thank God and be joyful. Everyone was happy and glad for all the things that God had done.

**Review**

- 1. What did King David do?** (David made plans to build a temple.)
- 2. What did Solomon do?** (Solomon started to build a temple for God.)
- 3. What happened next?** (Solomon finished the task.)
- 4. What did God do?** (God's presence filled the temple.)

**Planning for the next week:**

**Elijah and the Ravens — I Kings 17:1-6**

## Memory Verse

Don't you know that you  
yourselves are God's temple?  
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# Preschool Lesson

Read I Kings 8:12-21. (Hold your Bible throughout the story.)

Memory verse for younger children:  
God's Spirit lives in you. 1 Corinthians 3:16

**Teacher:** Bring stackable blocks or Legos to use today.

## Begin With Prayer

Solomon was a special king who loved God very much. He was King David's son. God promised King David that his son would build a special temple, or church, for Him.

David spent much time drawing a special building for God. It would be shaped like a rectangle (show them what a rectangle looks like) with three rooms in it. It had special wood from far away and there was gold all around the wood in the special room for God.

Solomon took seven years to build this beautiful temple for God. (Count to seven.) It was so beautiful.

When it was finished, Solomon had a special time to praise and thank God for being so good to His people. They also had a special celebration or party to celebrate the wonderful temple of God.

Solomon started and finished a special project for God. He did his best and made the temple the most beautiful thing in the kingdom. God was pleased with Solomon.

When we invite Jesus into our hearts, God's Holy Spirit comes to live in us. Just as God's presence was in the temple, His presence will be with us, too. He will never leave us.

## Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for sending Jesus to die for our sins.
3. Ask God to help you love Him.

**Preschool Memory Verse**

**God's Spirit  
lives in you.**

**1 Corinthians 3:16**



# Learning Activities

- **Memory verse activity** — Bring a coloring picture of Solomon's temple. Write the memory verse on the coloring picture. Cut the picture into a puzzle. Practice the verse.
- **Test your memory** — Bring pictures of the temple and items that were in the temple. Use the pictures as you tell the story.
- **Taste activity** — Bring icing and graham crackers and let the children build a temple.
- **Think about it** — Solomon spent seven years building the temple. Talk about what it means to do things with excellence.

The Bible says that Solomon did what God told him. Talk about the importance of obedience.

The presence of God filled the temple. Talk about how God's Holy Spirit lives in every believer.

- **Touch activity** — Bring stackable Legos to build a temple.

The people praised God. Bring instruments or make instruments the children can use to praise God. Make tambourines from paper plates. Staple or tape two paper plates together and fill them with small pebbles or beans. Attach streamers to decorate the plates. You may also use plastic bottles or potato chips cans.

- **Run and play** — The builders of the temple had to carry heavy items. Have the children divide into groups of three. Two of the children will lock arms in order to carry the third child. The third child will sit on the locked arms and place his hands around the shoulders of the other two. Have the children race to see which team can move fastest.
- **Listen** — As the children take time for silence, remind them that God wants us to obey Him.
- **Sing** — Sing "I Like to Go to Church," "Praise Him, Praise Him," or another song related to the story.
- **Reach out** — During class, pray (by name) for kids that did not come today. Ask the children to go with you to deliver the handouts to those who were absent. Take the puzzle with the memory verse to them. Encourage them to read the story in the Bible.

# Rooted and Grounded



## Pray

Thank God for loving us and sending Jesus to die for us.  
Ask God to help us be obedient and follow His directions like Solomon did.  
Pray for those you know who do not know Jesus.

## Read the Bible Daily

This week, read I Kings 5-8. Also, read a chapter out of Psalms and Proverbs each day.

## Think About It

Notice that Solomon gave all the praise and glory to God. He worshipped God and prayed in front of all the people. While Solomon was dedicating the temple to God, this was his prayer: “May He give us the desire to do His will in everything and to obey all the commands, laws, and regulations that He gave our ancestors.” (I Kings 8:58) What a wonderful example. We, too, can pray for the desire to do God’s will and to obey Him.

## Do It

Have you invited God to come into your life? Through Jesus, you can be forgiven of your sins and have a right relationship with God. Once you have accepted Christ, His Holy Spirit enters your life, and He is there—forever! He will then give you the power to do His will and obey Him.

## Tell About It

Share the Bible story and memory verse with a friend. Discuss what it means to have God’s presence, the Holy Spirit, with you.

## Change it

Are you disobeying God in some area of your life? If so, confess that sin to God. Ask Him to take control of every area of your life.



Word Art

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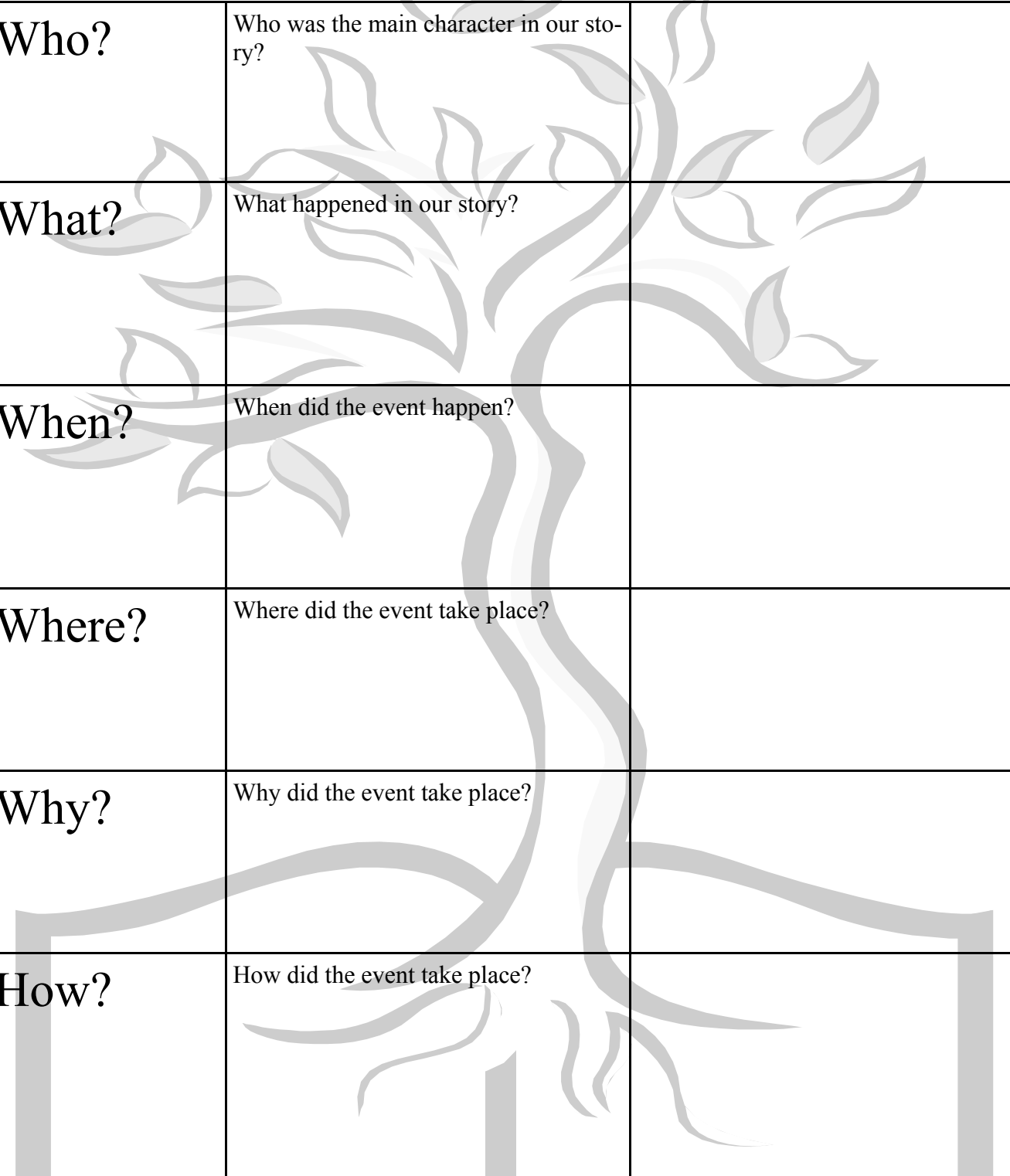
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# Learning the Facts



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?	
How?	How did the event take place?	

# Word Search

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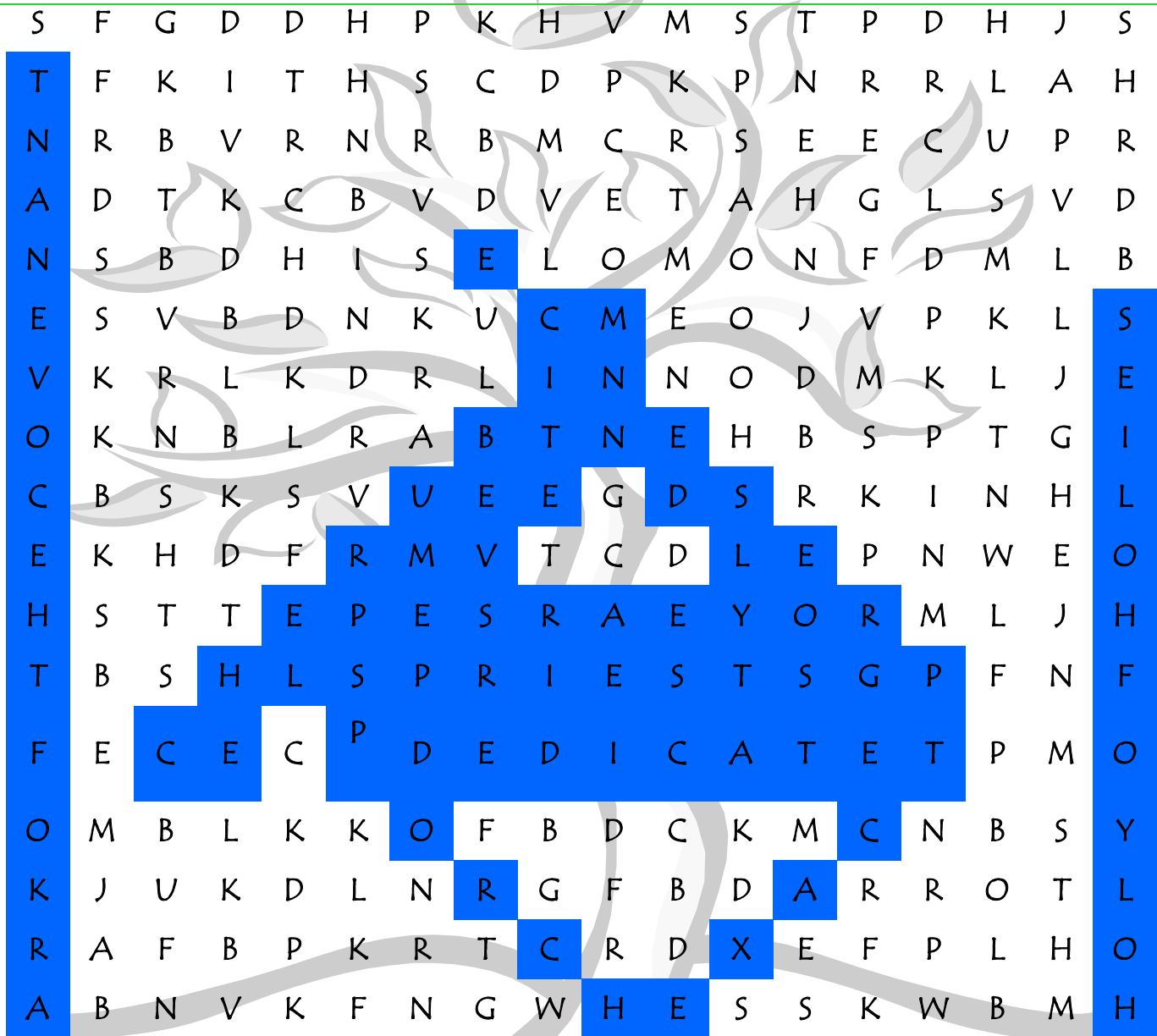
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# Word Search Solution



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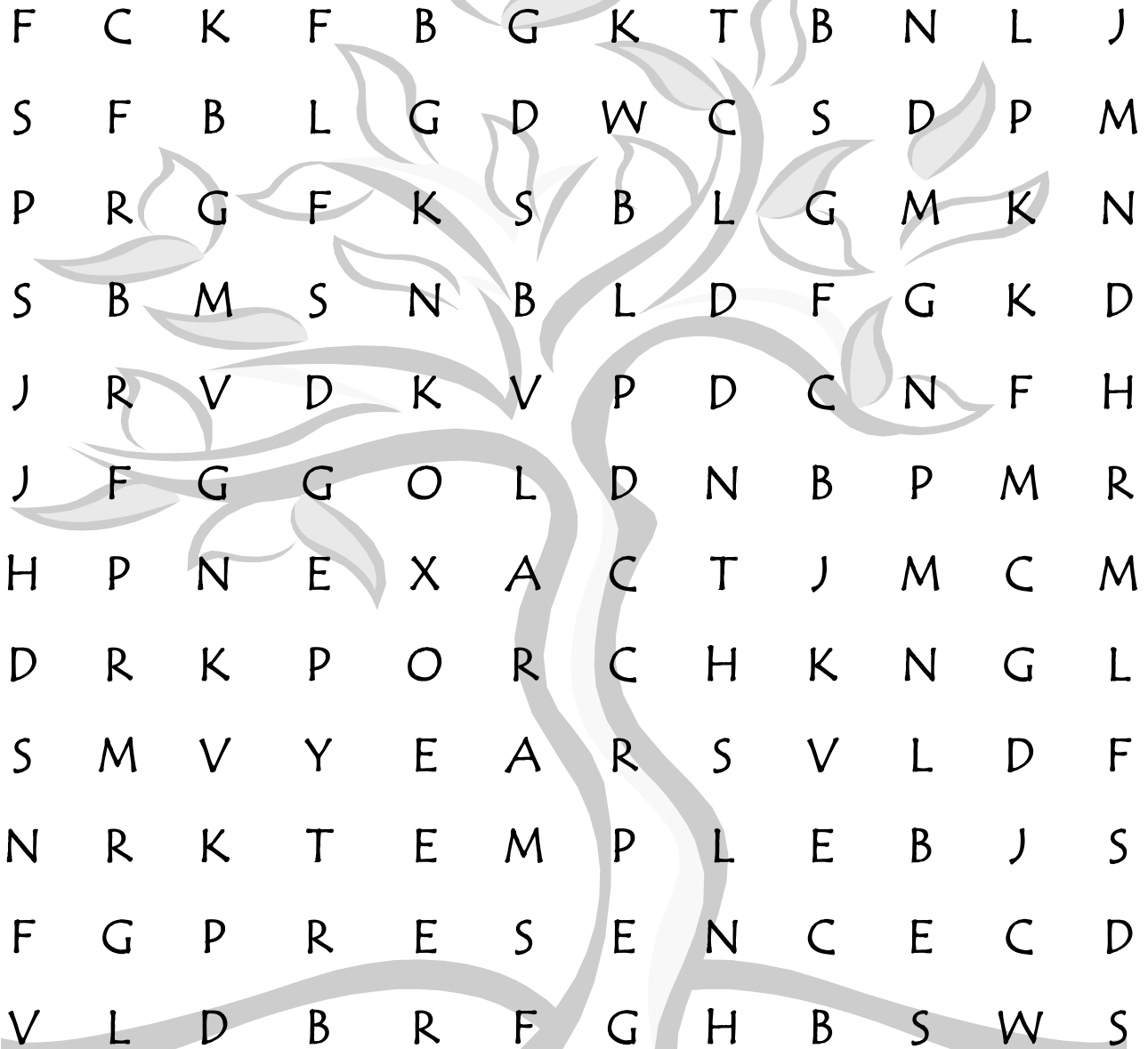
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# Preschool Word Search



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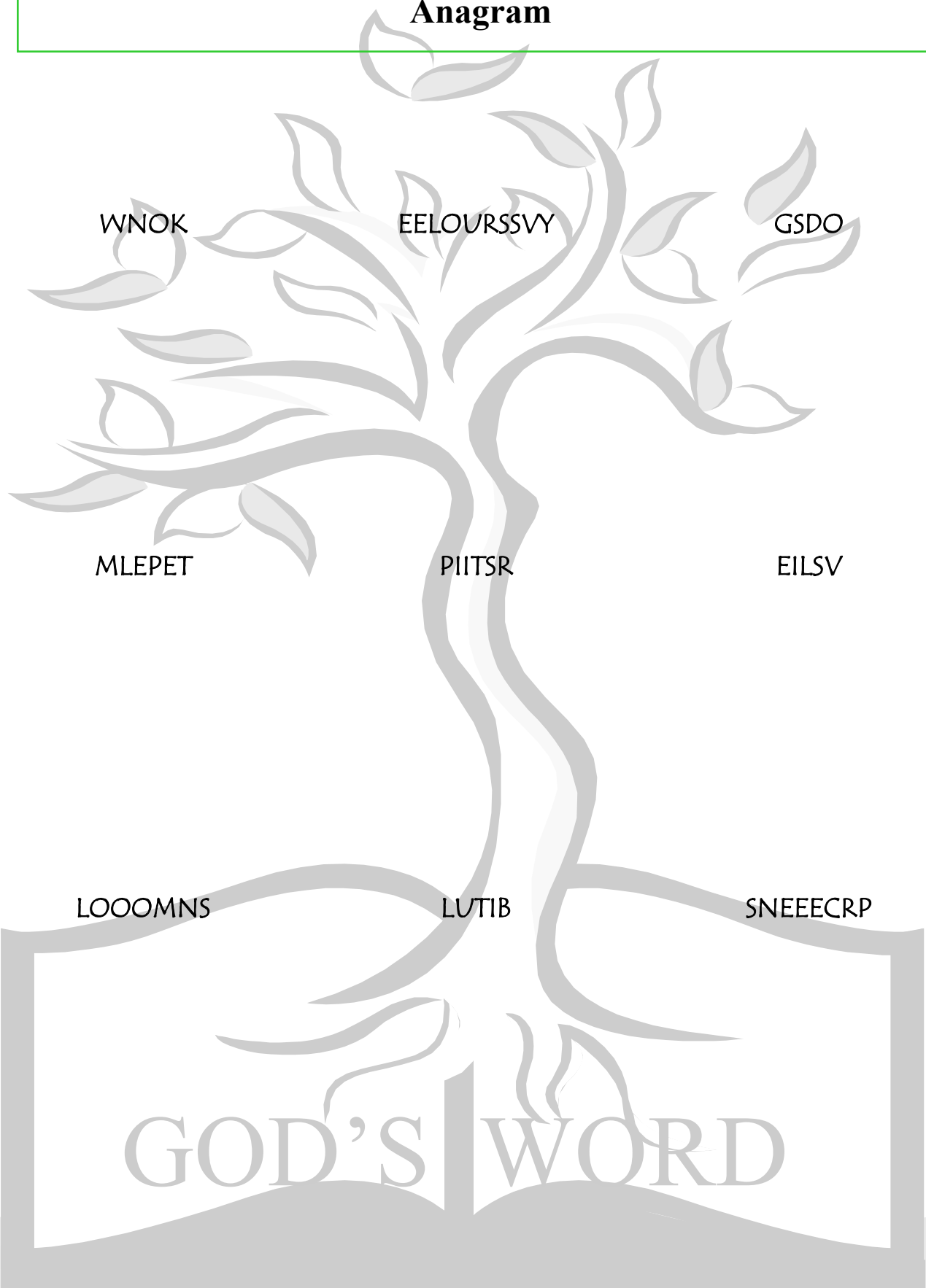
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# Anagram



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