

# Old Testament

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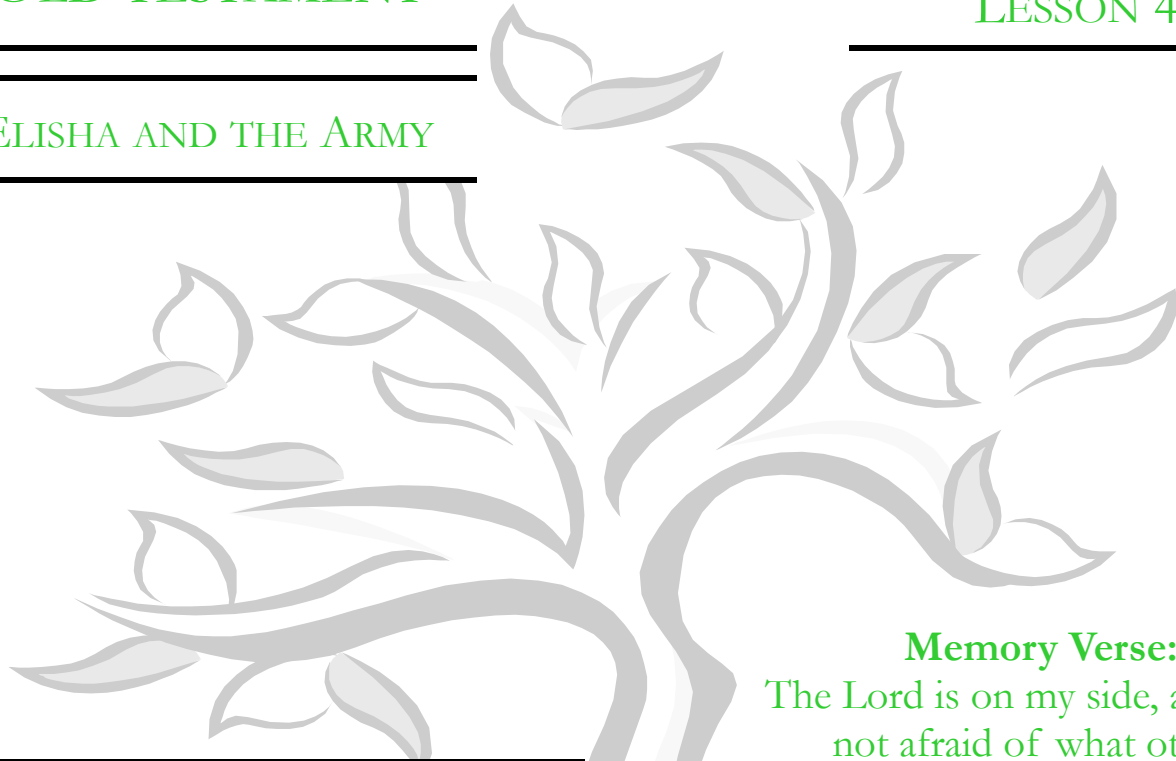
## One Year Plan



GOD'S WORD

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

ELISHA AND THE ARMY



II KINGS 6:8-23

**Memory Verse:**  
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not afraid of what others  
can do to me.  
Psalm 118:6

**Lesson Goals**

1. Understand that Elisha was a man of prayer.
2. Recognize that God protected Israel.
3. Learn that God blinded the army of Aram to protect Israel.
4. Understand that God answers prayer.

**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.

GOD'S WORD

**Read II Kings 6:8-23. (Hold your Bible throughout the story.)**

**Do You Know Jesus?**

Jesus really IS God's Son. He died on the cross to pay the price for all the wrong things that we have done. Jesus took all our sin on Himself and died to make a way for us to be forgiven. If we believe in Jesus and ask Him to come into our heart, He will clean out all the dirt of our sin and make us pure and clean. He will stay with us forever and take us to Heaven one day.

**Application**

Elisha had a close relationship with God. God used him to protect the Israelite army. Even when he was surrounded by the enemies' army, he was not afraid. He knew that God's army was bigger and stronger. It is the same in our lives. If we have a relationship with God through Jesus, He will help us with our problems. We can trust that God will take care of us and protect us from evil.

**Begin With Prayer**

Elisha was the prophet, or man of God, after Elijah. Last week we learned that God used Elisha to heal Naaman. God also used Elisha to help the Israelite army. The king of Aram was at war with God's people in Israel. Each time the Arameans set up a place to attack, God would tell Elisha, who would then tell the King of Israel. They would go a different way and avoid trouble.

After Israel was able to avoid many of his attacks, the king of Aram decided that someone in his army was telling his secrets to the king of Israel. His army told him that no one in the army was sharing secrets. They explained that Elisha was telling the king of Israel what was going on. They knew that he was a man of God.

When the king heard this, he sent out a large group of army soldiers to find Elisha. They found him in the city of Dothan. The king sent a large group of soldiers, horses, and chariots to get Elisha. They traveled by night and totally surrounded the city.

The next morning, Elisha's helper woke up and looked outside. He was shocked and scared. He saw soldiers everywhere. He ran to tell Elisha the news. Elisha encouraged his helper. He told him, "There are more troops on our side than on theirs." Then he prayed and asked God to open his helper's eyes to see what God was going to do. When the helper looked outside again, he saw an amazing site. He saw horses and chariots of fire from God behind all the soldiers.

Suddenly, the army started moving toward Elisha's home. Elisha prayed to God for help. He asked God to make them blind. Instantly, the WHOLE army was blind!! All the soldiers were confused and afraid. Elisha boldly walked up to them and explained that they were in the wrong town.

Then Elisha did a very brave thing. He asked them to follow him! They were being led by the person they came to capture! They had no idea who they were following. Elisha led them to Samaria. He led the whole army into the hand of the king's army.

Then, Elisha prayed and asked God to remove their blindness. Suddenly, the men could see. When they looked around, they saw that they had been tricked and now THEY were surrounded by soldiers!

The king of Israel asked Elisha if they should kill them. Believe it or not, Elisha told them instead to be kind to the soldiers. He instructed the king to prepare a delicious meal for the men. After the soldiers ate, they returned home. Because of this kindness, the king of Aram did not fight God's people for a long time.

**Review**

- 1. Who was at war with Israel?** (The king of Aram was at war with Israel.)
- 2. What did God do?** (God would tell Elisha where Aram was going to attack.)
- 3. What did Elisha do?** (Elisha would tell the king of Israel.)
- 4. What happened next?** (The king of Aram thought someone was telling Israel his secrets.)
- 5. What did God do next?** (God blinded the army of Aram.)

**Planning for the next week:**

**Josiah Finds the Bible — 2 Kings 22-23:25**

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# Preschool Lesson

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Then Elisha prayed and asked God to blind the mean army. Suddenly the army was blind. They could not see anything. Instead of hurting the men, Elisha led them out of the city and took them to Samaria. The men probably had to hold hands to follow along. Then, Elisha asked God to open their eyes. Suddenly, they could see. Elisha had taken them right to the Israelite king and his army! However, they did a very kind thing. Instead of hurting the men, they gave them delicious food and water to drink. Then, they let the men go back to their homes. The men were so grateful for the kindness; they did not try to fight God's people for a very long time.

God wants us to be kind, even to people who are mean to us. God loves us and will help us be nice to others. He will also help us not be afraid of mean people. We can know that God is with us, and He is stronger than anyone or anything we are afraid of. "The Lord is on my side, and I am not afraid of what others can do to me." (Psalm 118:6)

## Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for sending Jesus.

**Preschool Memory Verse**

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# Learning Activities

•**Memory verse activity** — Make individual placemats for the children. Glue pictures of food on cardstock or construction paper. Write the memory verse. Use contact paper to cover the placemats.

•**Test your memory** — Make a collage of letters as you tell the story. Use poster board and attach the letters to the poster board as you tell the story. If you use two-sided tape, the children can retell the story. (Example: K – king; A- Amram; E- Elisha; I – Israel; etc.)

•**Taste activity** — Prepare a meal with the children. Make something simple like breakfast pancakes.

•**Think about it** — Talk about how Israel was God’s chosen people and how God protected them. Talk about how God protects His children.

God told Elisha that they should feed the army of Aram. Talk about how God wants us to treat those who mistreat us.

Talk about prayer. Share experiences from your life of how God answered prayers with a “yes,” “no,” or “wait.”

•**Touch activity** — Cut holes in paper plates. Cover the outside of some of the plates with colored cellophane. Cover the outside of some of the plates with aluminum foil. Leave some of the plates uncovered. Write the verse on the paper plates. Talk about how the army was blinded by God.

•**Run and play** — Have the children stand arm in arm in groups (two, three, or four). Blindfold that group. Let another child lead them.

•**Listen** — As the children take time for silence, remind them that God answers prayer.

•**Sing** — Sing “My God is So Big,” “I’m in the Lord’s Army,” “What a Mighty God We Serve,” or another song related to the story.

•**Reach out** — During class, pray (by name) for those who did not come today. Ask the children to go with you to deliver the handouts to those who were absent. Take the paper plates with the verse for each child. Pray with the children who were absent. Encourage them to read the story in the Bible.

# Rooted and Grounded



## Pray

Thank God for sending Jesus to die on the cross for our sins.  
Praise God for His faithfulness and strength to protect us from evil.  
Pray for those who need to know that God loves them.

## Read the Bible Daily

This week, read II Kings 6. Also read a chapter out of Psalms and Proverbs each day.

## Think About It

What would you do if you looked outside and saw an army surrounding you? Well, every day we are in a battle with the Enemy—Satan. He wants to tempt us to do bad things. He wants to discourage us. But we must remember that God is stronger. If we have Jesus in our life, He will give us the strength we need to resist the temptation. He will encourage and support us.

## Do It

Write down the things that make you afraid. Then, at the top of the page, write the memory verse: "The Lord is on my side, and I am not afraid of what others can do to me." (Psalm 118:6) Try to memorize that verse and when you are afraid, say it to yourself. It will help you!

## Tell About It

Share the Bible story with a friend. Say the memory verse to them, and talk about how God can help us to not be afraid.

## Study it

There are other verses in the Bible that talk about God being stronger than the Enemy.

**I John 4:4 says, "Children, you belong to God, and you have defeated these enemies. God's Spirit is in you and is more powerful than the one that is in the world."**

**Romans 8:31 says, "If God is on our side, can anyone be against us?"**



Word Art

Trace the letters.

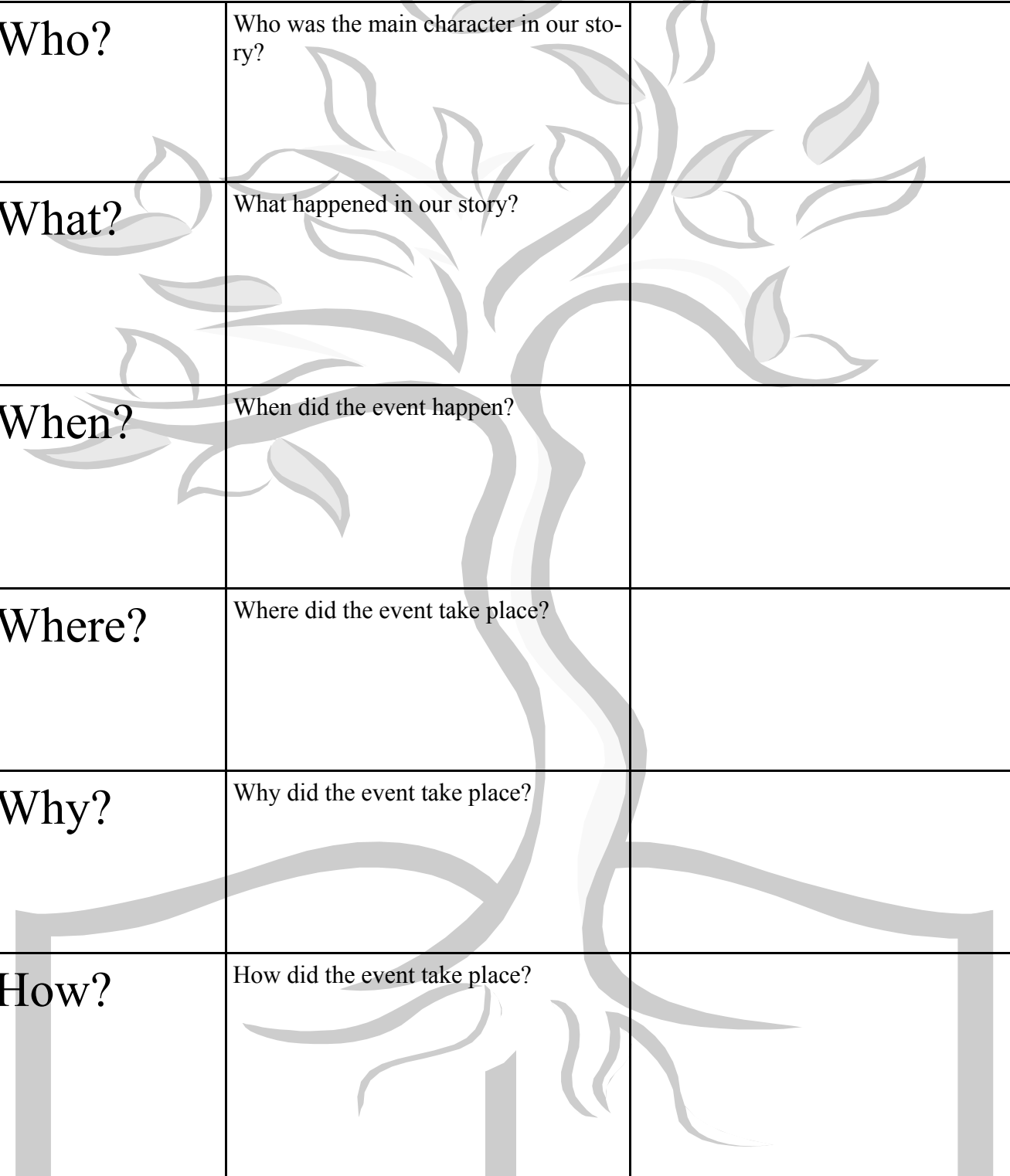
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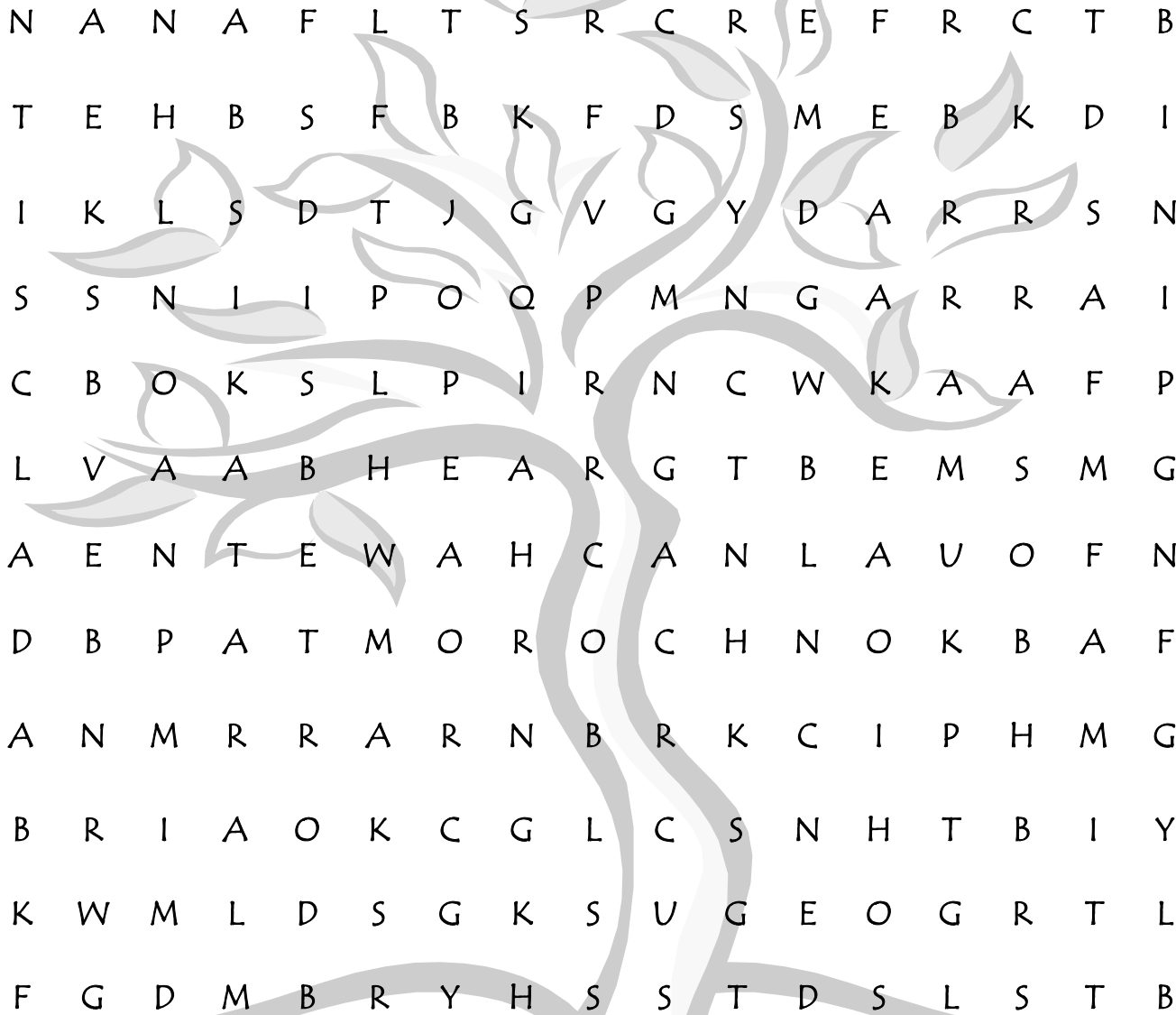
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# Learning the Facts



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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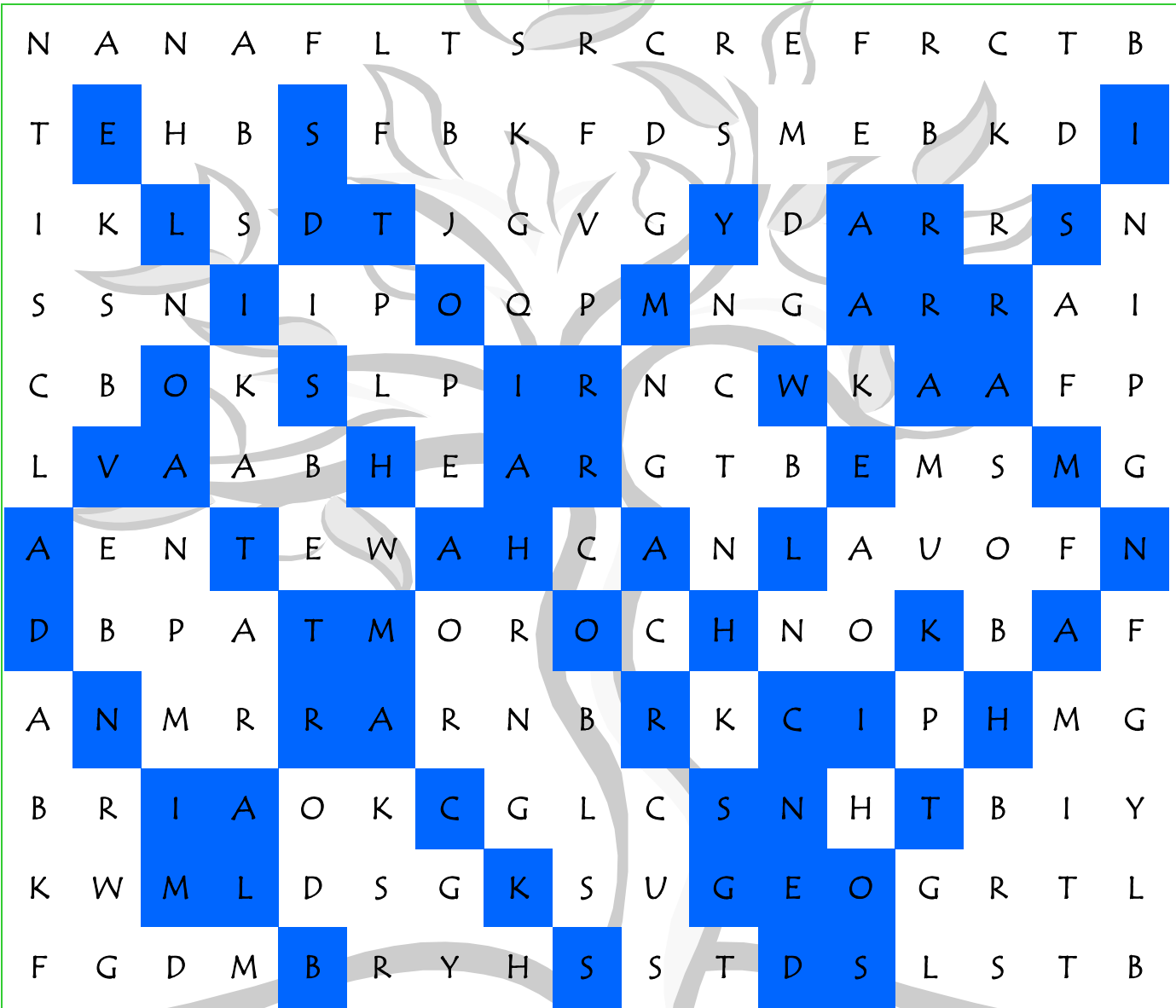
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# Preschool Word Search

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# Anagram

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