

# Old Testament

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## One Year Plan



GOD'S WORD

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

JOSEPH'S COAT AND DREAMS



**GENESIS 37:1-36**

**Memory Verse:**

“For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.” Jeremiah 29:11

**Lesson Goals**

1. Learn that Jacob had twelve sons, but his favorite was Joseph.
2. Learn that Joseph's brothers were jealous of him.
3. Recognize that Joseph's dreams caused his brothers to hate him.
4. Learn that Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery.

**Prayer Time**

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

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## Read Genesis 37:1-36. (Hold your Bible throughout the story.)

### Do You Know Jesus?

God understands how hard it is to be nice even when others are mean to you. Jesus was beaten, spit on, whipped, and then He was nailed to a cross. Jesus died on a cross for all the bad things we did. He loves us so much that He did that for us—even when we were doing wrong. He loves us and chose to die so that we can have life with Him if we trust Him with our lives. That's the best news in the world! Would you like to invite Jesus to be a part of your life?

### Application

Sometimes, it may be tempting to be mean to someone. Jealousy can cause people to do harmful things to others. The Bible says, "Don't get so angry that you sin." (Ephesians 4:26) Instead, we should love each other. (1 John 4:7) When you get tempted to do something mean to someone, remember that Jesus loves you. Ask Him to help you have self-control and love others, even when it is hard.

### Begin With Prayer

Last week, we learned that Jacob stole his father's blessing from his older brother, Esau. As a result, he had to flee for his life. He was unable to see his family for many years. But Jacob allowed God to change his way of thinking and his way of acting.

Jacob lived in the land of Canaan, where his father Isaac and his grandfather Abraham had lived. Jacob had twelve sons. One of his sons was named Joseph, and Jacob loved him more than the others. In fact, Jacob made a special coat for Joseph to wear! It was a very colorful coat. Obviously, this made Joseph's brothers jealous of him.

One night, Joseph had a dream. He dreamed that his brothers' bundles of grain bowed down to his bundle of grain! When Joseph told his brothers about the dream, they *really* hated him!

Then Joseph had another dream. He told his father and brothers about the dream. In it, the sun, moon, and 11 stars bowed down to him. Everyone was upset by this dream, even his father.

Later, Joseph's brothers had gone to take care of Jacob's sheep. Jacob asked Joseph to go check up on his brothers and come report back to him. When Joseph reached his brothers, they decided they wanted to kill him! But Reuben, one of the brothers, suggested that instead of killing Joseph, they just throw him in a pit.

So Joseph's brothers stripped off his colorful coat and threw him in a pit. While Reuben was gone, Joseph's brothers took him out of the pit. They sold him to some slave traders who were going to Egypt! Joseph would be a slave there.

When Reuben returned and found out what they had done, he was very upset. He knew that their father would be so sad. So the brothers came up with a plan. They killed a goat and dipped Joseph's coat into the goat's blood. Then they took the bloody coat back to their father, Jacob. When he saw the coat, he wept. He thought that Joseph had been attacked by a wild animal and had died. Jacob mourned (was sad) for a long time. He loved his son Joseph so much.

Even though all of these bad things happened to Joseph, God was working. God had a plan for His people. He would use Joseph to save them during hard times that were to come.

God has a good plan for *our* lives, too. Even when it seems like everything is going wrong, God still loves us. He is still in control.

Next week we will learn what happened to Joseph in Egypt.

### Review

1. Who was Joseph? (Jacob's favorite son)
2. What did Jacob give Joseph? (a colorful coat)
3. How did Joseph's brothers feel about him? (They were jealous and hated him.)
4. What did Joseph's brothers do to him? (They threw him in a pit and sold him into slavery.)

Next Week: Joseph's Brothers Go to Egypt (Genesis 42-45)

## Memory Verse

“For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.”

Jeremiah 29:11

# Preschool Lesson

Read Genesis 37:1-36. (Hold your Bible throughout the story.)

Memory verse for younger children:

“For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. Jeremiah 29:11

Teacher: Bring a colorful coat for the kids to try on, or have them make one.

## Begin With Prayer

Jacob had 12 sons. (Count to 12 with the kids.) One son was named Joseph. Jacob loved Joseph very much. One day Jacob said, “I will make a coat for Joseph. When he sees the coat, he will know how much I love him.”

So Jacob told his helpers that he needed special wool to make a coat for Joseph. (Make sure the kids know that wool comes from sheep) Jacob dyed the wool using different colors. He cut the coat just the right size for Joseph. Then he sewed the coat together. (Pretend that you are sewing with a needle.) When the coat was finished, Jacob called Joseph. Joseph ran to see what his father wanted. Jacob showed Joseph the beautiful coat. Joseph looked at the coat and smiled. He took the coat and put it on. It was so pretty. (Have kids put on coat.) He told his father “thank you” for the coat. He loved the coat and ran to show his brothers.

Well, his brothers became very jealous. (Make sad face.) They thought Jacob loved Joseph best. One day Joseph had a dream. In the dream, all of Joseph’s brothers bowed down to him. (Bow down as you tell this part) When the brothers heard this, they were furious! [This made the brothers hate Joseph even more.]

One day Joseph was sent to give his brothers a message while they were out in the fields. When the brothers saw him coming, they decided to kill Joseph. The oldest son, Reuben, asked them to throw Joseph in a well (then he was going to get him out secretly later). When Reuben was away, a group of people came by. Joseph’s brothers decided to sell Joseph into slavery. They took the money and waved goodbye to Joseph as he was going to Egypt to be a slave.

Next, the brothers ripped up Joseph’s coat and put blood on it. They took it back to their father. They lied and told him that an animal had killed Joseph.

God took care of Joseph. God had a special plan for Joseph. We will learn about part of that plan next week.

## Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for sending Jesus to die for us.
3. Ask God to help you be nice to others.

**Preschool Memory Verse**

**“For I know the  
plans I have for you,”  
says the Lord.**

**Jeremiah 29:11**

# Learning Activities

•**Memory verse activity** — Jacob had 12 sons. Write the verse on 12 pieces of construction paper. Choose 12 children to hold the paper. If you do not have 12 children, have them hold several pages. Have them line up one behind the other. Let the others practice the verse. When the children have read what is on the first piece of paper, that child will go to the back of the line. Be sure all the children have an opportunity to hold one of the pages.

•**Test your memory** — Bring a coat with lots of color for someone to wear while you tell the story. Bring 12 bundles of grass or hay. Use them to act out Joseph's dream. Let the children retell the story.

•**Taste activity** — Tint sugar with several colors of food coloring. Mix well to make pretty colors. Now, spread butter on bread and toast. Sprinkle with several colors of sugar to look like a colorful "coat."

Serve Rainbow Wafers to remember the colorful coat. For more fun, spread frosting between two cookies and eat.

•**Think about it** — God wants us to love our brothers and sisters, even when they are mean or hurtful to us. Talk about ways to love them.

God does not play favorites. Joseph's brothers were jealous because they thought their father loved him best. God tells us that He loves all people. In fact, He loves all people so much that He wants us to be in Heaven with Him one day. Talk about how a person can get to Heaven.

•**Touch activity** — Make a coat out of a big paper sack. Use tempera paint to color the coat. Let it dry.

Another idea is to make a paper picture of a coat using paint. Bring buttons to glue on the coat.

Paint a jacket or "paint" a T-shirt with markers.

Preschoolers can make a touch/feel book about Joseph. Cut colorful fabric or scratchy material for the coat.

•**Run and play** — During what must have been difficult times, Joseph sought God. The Bible says that God was with Joseph. Play hide and seek and talk about what it means to "seek" God.

Bring a large appliance box. Pretend that the box is a well. Ask the children to play tag. Whoever gets touched will be "thrown in" the well. For smaller children, lay the box on its side and let them crawl in and out of the well.

•**Listen** — As the children take time for silence, remind them that God wants us trust Him no matter what our situation is.

•**Sing** — Sing "Seek Ye First," "Beloved Let Us Love One Another," or another song related to the story.

•**Reach out** — During class, pray for kids that did not come today. Deliver coloring pages for those who did not attend. If the child can read give him a copy of the preschool lesson. Say the Bible verse you learned. Encourage the child who did not attend to read the story in the Bible.

# Rooted and Grounded



## Pray

Thank God for sending Jesus to save us from our sin.  
Ask God to help you follow Him and trust His plan for your life.  
Pray for people who need to know that God loves them.  
Pray for Bible study leaders who are teaching others about God's plan for their lives.

## Read the Bible Daily

This week, read Genesis 37. And if you want to read the story for next week, read Genesis 42-45.

## Think About It

Think about what you read. Consider what Jacob, Joseph, and his brothers could have done differently to show God's love to each other. (Examples: Jacob—not showing favoritism; Joseph—not sharing his dreams with his brothers; Brothers—not letting jealousy cause them to sin)

## Do It

Do you have a problem being jealous of others? If so, confess this to God and ask Him to help you not be jealous. As we saw in the story, jealousy can cause someone to do harmful things to others. That is not God's plan for your life! Remember, God has a good plan for your life. You must stay close to Him and obey Him to stay on the right path.

## Tell About It

Share the Bible story with a friend. Share the memory verse (Jeremiah 29:11). Tell them that God has a good plan for their lives. You may also want to share Psalm 139, which talks about how God knows everything about us. He created us with a plan and purpose in mind.

## Change it

If you struggle with jealousy or not being nice to people, ask God to help you. If you have hurt someone, tell them you are sorry and try to make things right with them.

## Study it

Attend Bible study this week.

Work on memorizing Jeremiah 29:11. Write it down and put it in a place you go regularly.



Word Art

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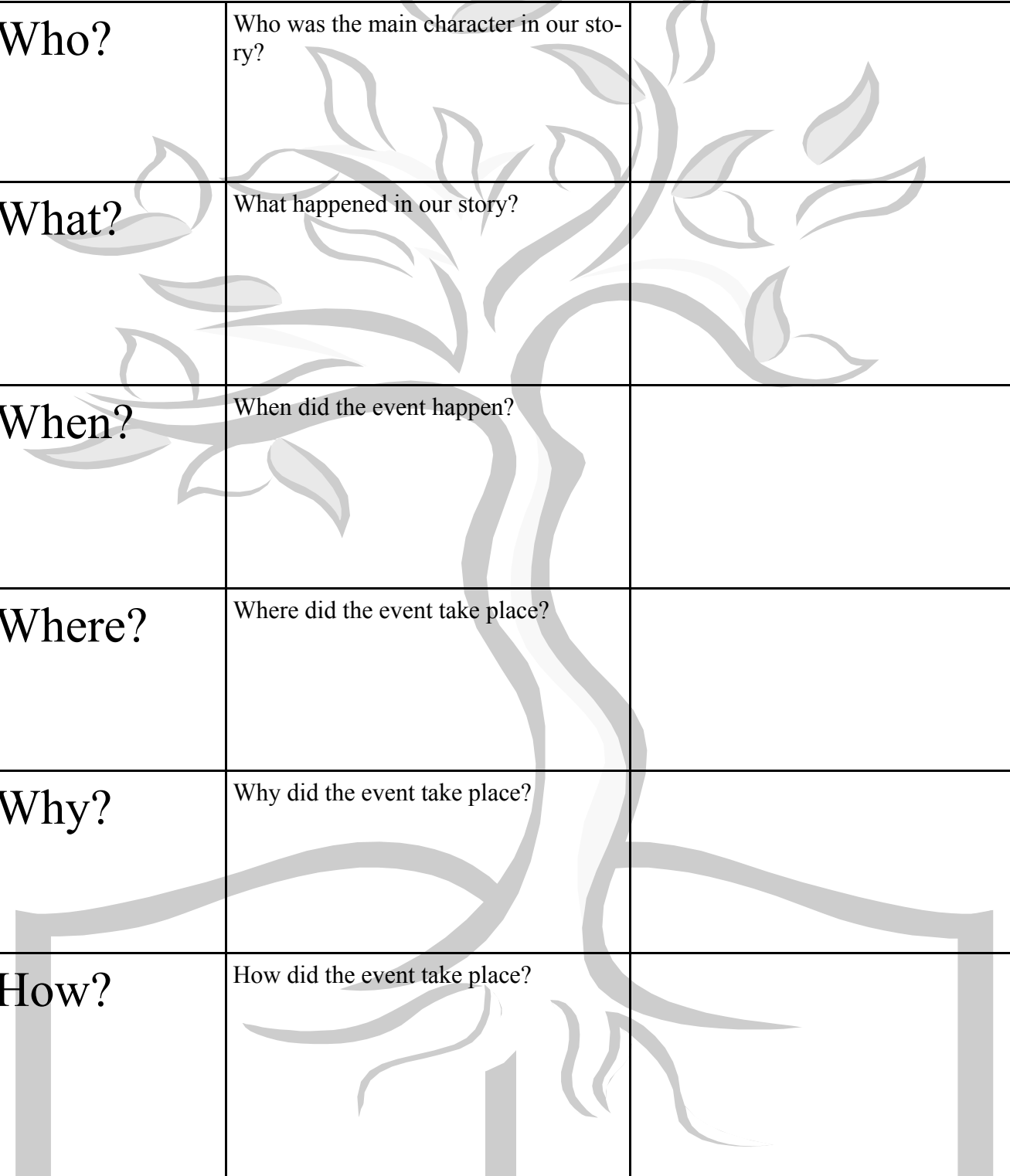
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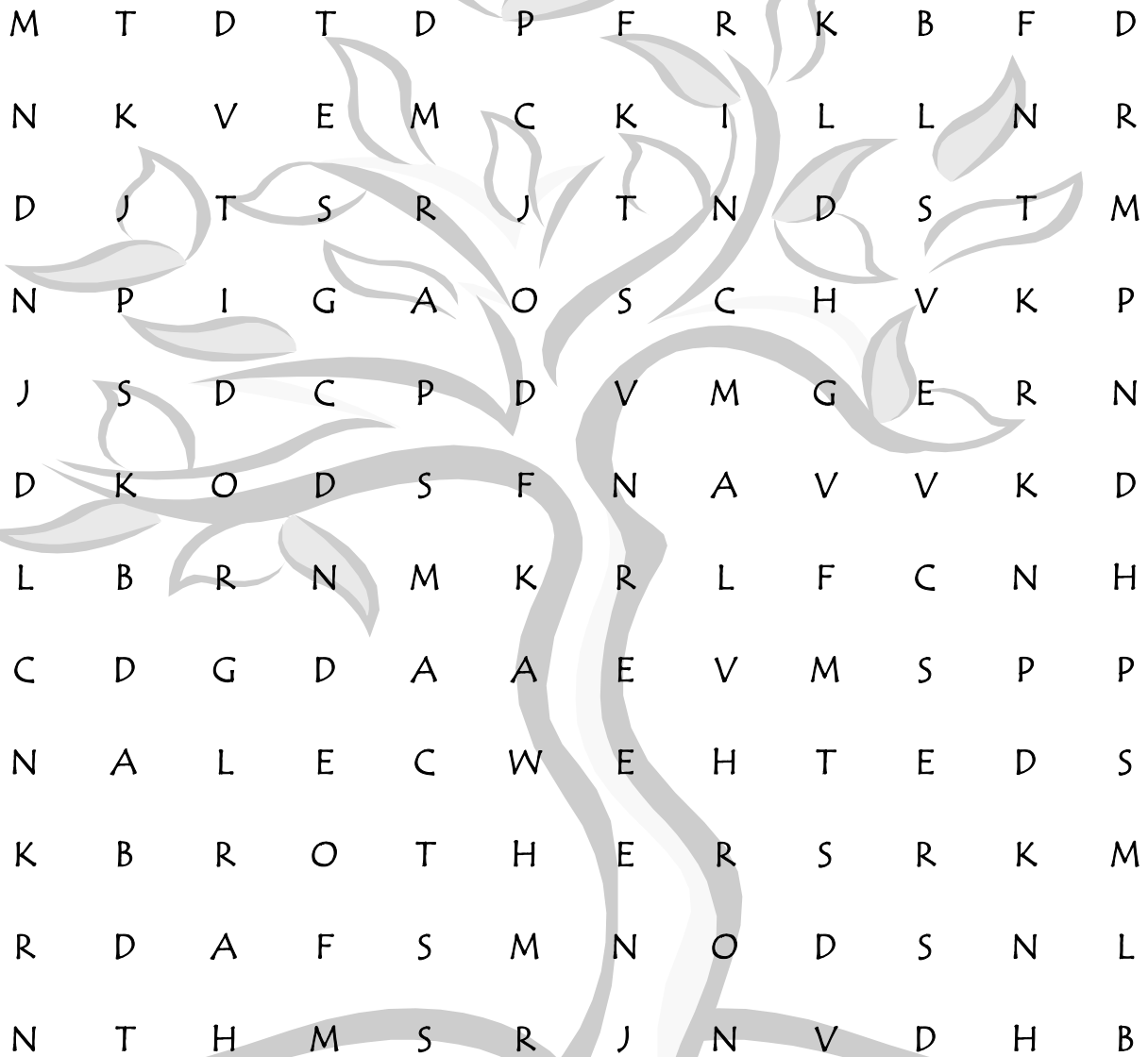
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# Learning the Facts



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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# Word Search Solution

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# Preschool Word Search

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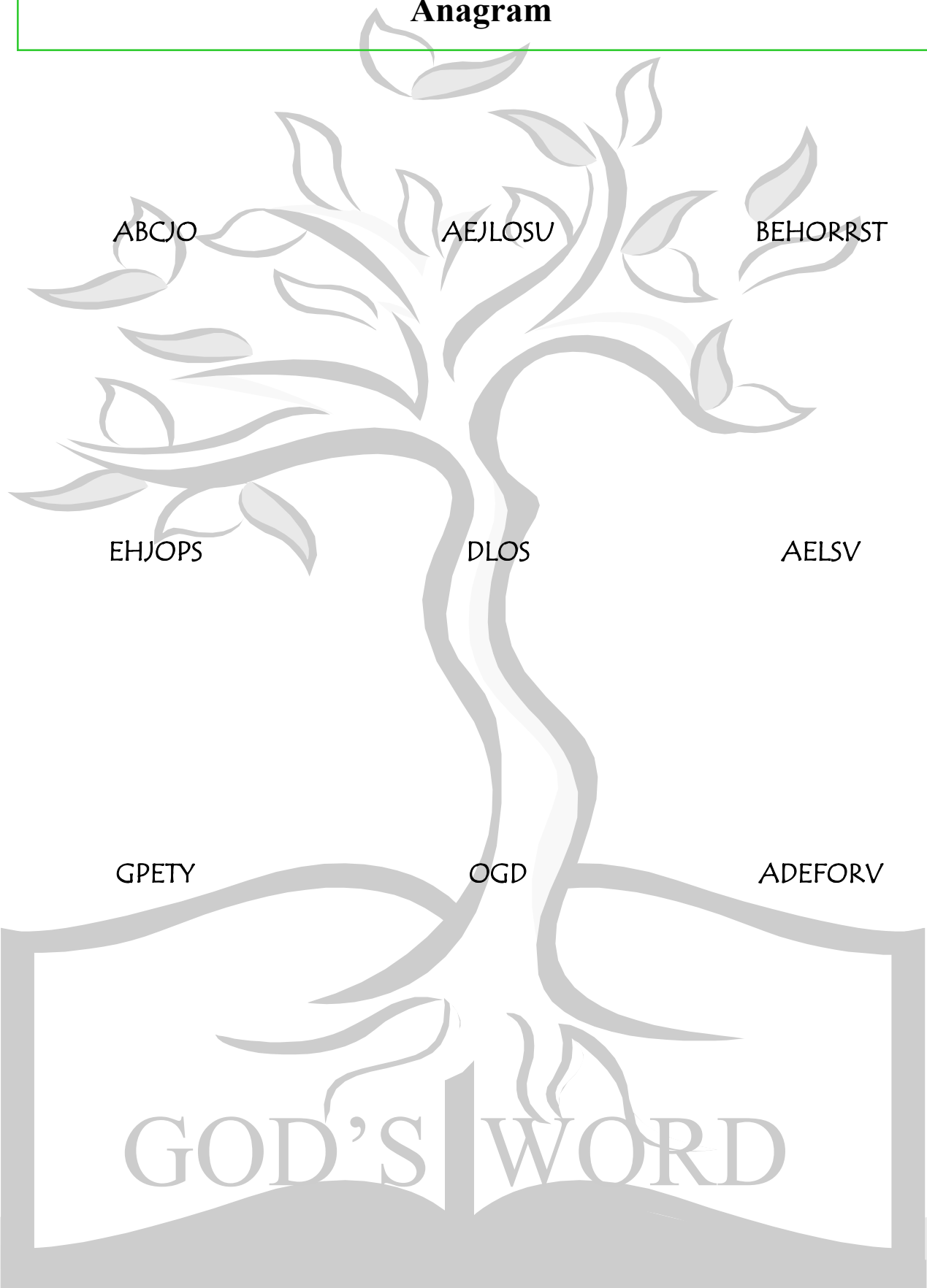
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# Anagram



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