

Old Testament

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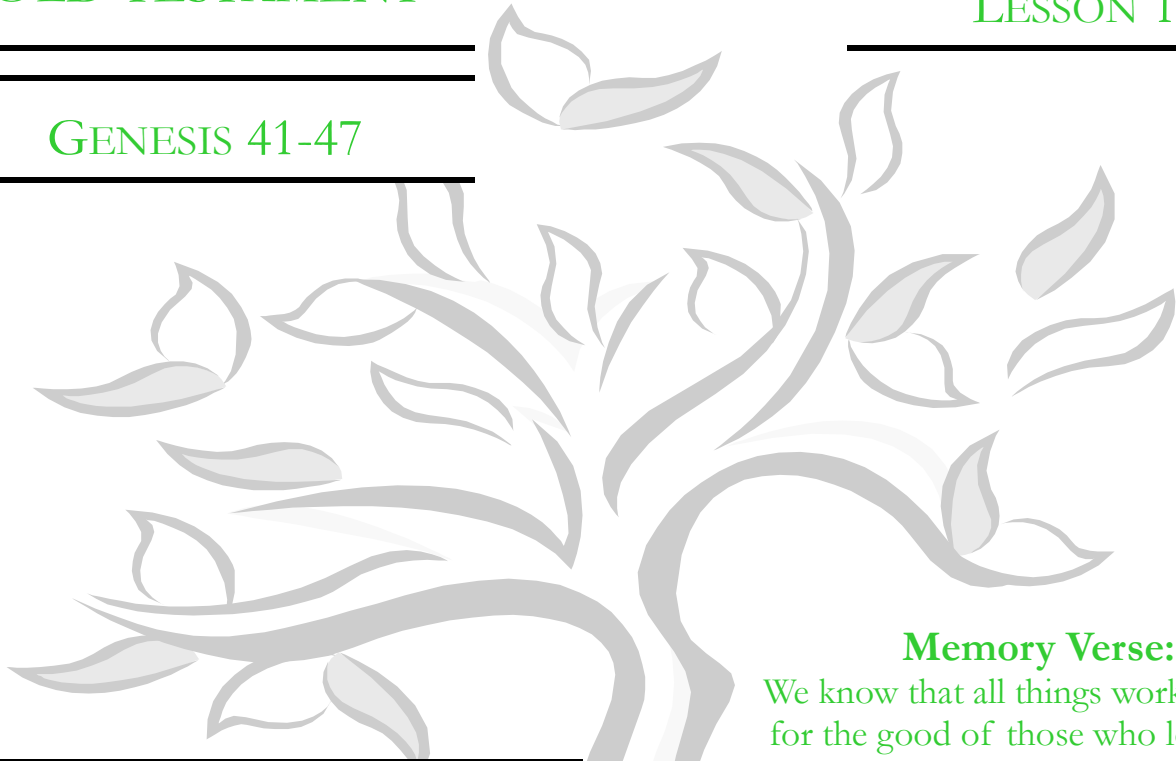
One Year Plan



GOD'S WORD

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

GENESIS 41-47



JOSEPH'S BROTHERS GO TO EGYPT

Memory Verse:

We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God: those who are called according to His purpose.

Romans 8:28

Lesson Goals

1. Understand that Joseph ruled in Egypt next only to the Pharaoh.
2. Understand that there was a famine in the land.
3. Recognize that Joseph's brothers bowed down to him, just as he had dreamed.
4. Learn that God saved Joseph from all his trouble.

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 Genesis 42:1-26. (Hold your Bible throughout the story.)

Do You Know Jesus?

Did you see how the oldest brother was willing to take the place of the youngest brother? Can you imagine if someone took your place if you were going to die? Jesus did that for us. He died for us. He took our place on the cross. So, if we trust Him and ask Him to come into our lives, He will. What a friend! Talk to your teacher if you want to know how to invite Jesus into your heart.

Application

Even though Joseph had a lot of hard times, God was still in control. In fact, God brought Joseph to the place He had prepared him to be so that he could save his family and all the people during the famine. It should encourage us that we all go through hard times, but God will work them into something good when we love Him and follow Him.

Begin With Prayer

Last week, we learned that Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery in Egypt. While there, Joseph was accused of something he didn't do and was thrown in prison. But Joseph remained faithful to God. He was able to interpret the dreams of two of Pharaoh's workers while he was in prison.

A few years later, Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, had a very disturbing dream. No one could tell him what the dream meant. The worker who knew Joseph told Pharaoh about Joseph. Joseph was sent to the palace, where the Pharaoh told him about his dream.

Joseph told the Pharaoh that God was going to bring a famine (a time with no food) to the land after seven years with plenty of food. During the seven good years, Joseph helped store grain to prepare for the hard times that would come.

When the famine had begun, Joseph's father, Jacob, told some of his sons to go to Egypt (where Joseph was) to buy grain for them to eat. When they walked into the room, Joseph saw them! The funny thing was that they did NOT recognize Joseph! Joseph decided to see if they had changed their ways. He asked his workers to accuse them of being spies. Joseph wanted to know how his younger brother Benjamin was. So, he asked where the youngest child was. He kept one of the brothers and asked the other brothers to bring back Benjamin. He also asked his workers to put money in the grain sack to see if they would be honest and return it.

On the way home, the brothers found the money. They were scared. When they got home, they explained everything to Jacob. Jacob was very upset. He didn't want Benjamin to go with them. But Jacob finally agreed to let Benjamin go with them. So the brothers packed up double the payment, a few gifts, and Benjamin, and headed for Egypt.

When they arrived, Joseph invited them to a banquet. When Joseph saw Benjamin, he ran out of the room because he was filled with such emotion. He cried tears of joy because his baby brother was alive.

Joseph decided to test his brothers, to see if they really had changed. He told his workers to fill each sack with grain and put their money back in the sack. Then he said to put his silver cup in Benjamin's sack. He wanted to see if the brothers would be honest.

After the brothers left to go home, Joseph sent some guards to find them. The brothers were upset. They told Joseph that they didn't take the cup, and if one of them had it, that person would die. Sure enough they found the cup in Benjamin's sack. The brothers were terrified. They could not let Benjamin die. Judah spoke up and told Joseph that he would take Benjamin's place. Right then, Joseph knew that his brothers had changed their ways. They were truly sorry for the things they had done in the past.

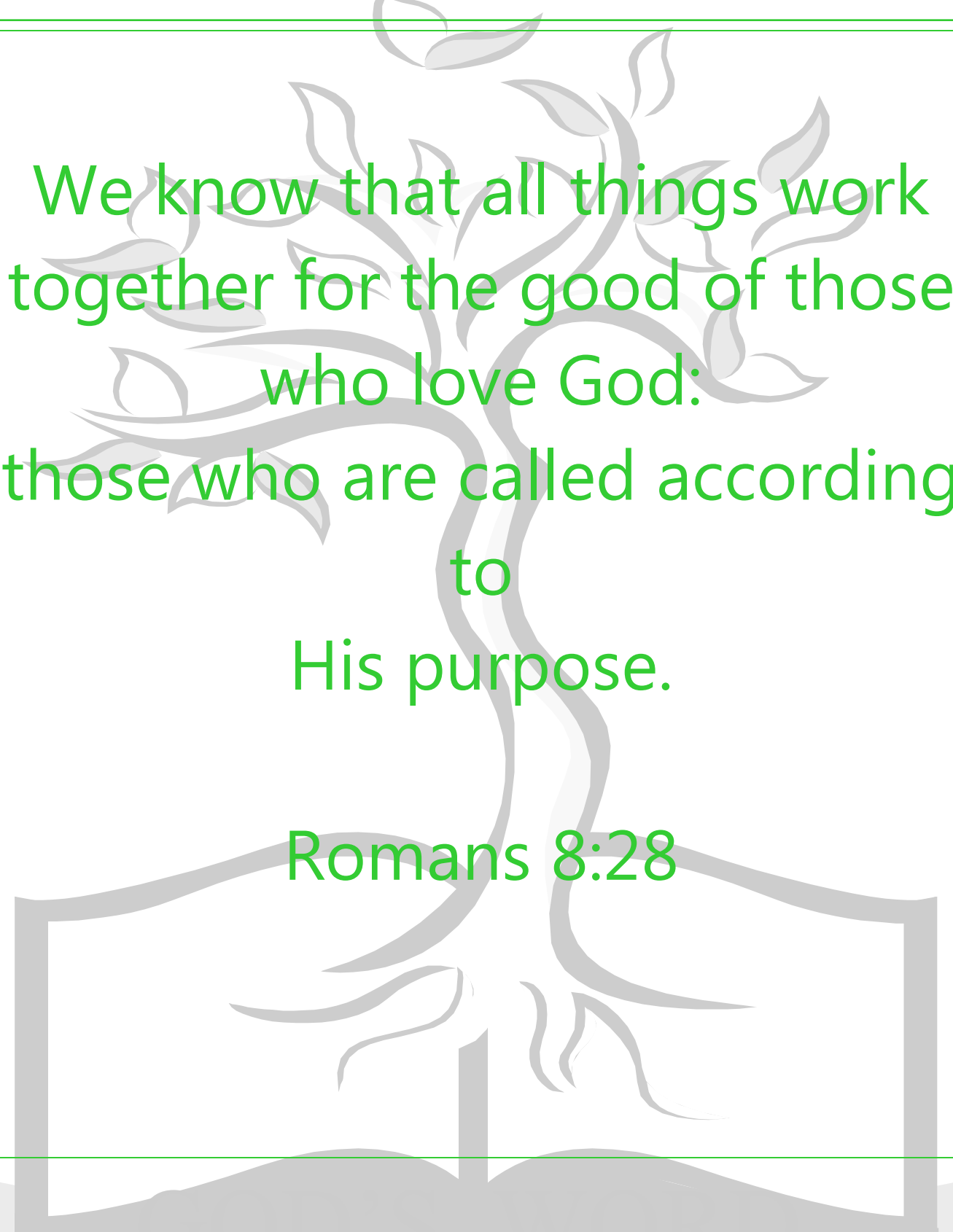
Joseph was so excited that he shared his identity. The brothers were speechless. They were afraid that Joseph would hurt them. Instead, Joseph told them that he had forgiven them and that God was with him. Joseph gathered the whole family and let them stay in Egypt. They had plenty to eat and God watched over them.

Review

1. What did Joseph tell Pharaoh? (Joseph told Pharaoh that there would be a famine.)
2. What did Pharaoh do? (Pharaoh made Joseph a ruler.)
3. What did Joseph's brother do? (Joseph's brothers went to buy food in Egypt.)
4. What did Joseph see in his brothers? (Joseph saw that his brothers changed.)

Next Week: **Moses is Born — Exodus 2**

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Preschool Lesson

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Memory verse for younger children:

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Teacher: Cover a paper cup with foil to look like the silver cup. Talk about how Joseph's brothers had changed.

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Joseph told the Pharaoh that God was going to bring a famine (a time with no food) to the land after seven years with plenty of food. During the seven good years, Joseph helped store grain to prepare for the hard times that would come.

When there was no more food, Joseph's father, Jacob, told some of his sons to go to Egypt to buy grain for them to eat. Egypt is where Joseph's brothers sent him when they sold him. When they walked into the room, Joseph saw them! The funny thing was that they did NOT recognize Joseph! Joseph decided to see if they had changed their ways. He asked his workers to accuse them of being spies. Joseph wanted to know how his younger brother Benjamin was. So, he asked where the youngest child was. He kept one of the brothers and asked the other brothers to bring back Benjamin. He also asked his workers to put money in the grain sack to see if they would be honest and return it.

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God showed Joseph that everything that happened to him was part of His plan. Everything worked out for good in Joseph's life because he loved God and stayed faithful to God.

Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for sending Jesus to die in our place.
3. Ask God to help stay faithful to Him.

Preschool Memory Verse

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Learning Activities

•**Memory verse activity** — Blow up balloons and put one word or phrase of the verse in each balloon. Have the kids pop the balloons and put the verse in order.

•**Test your memory** — Use fabric to make a Flannel graph to illustrate the lesson. Let the children retell the story.

•**Taste activity** — To illustrate forgiveness, bring a glass jar with a little opening. Put something good inside like cookies or candy. The kids should be able to reach their hand inside, but not be able to get the goodies out with their hand gripped around the candy. (A person's fist will take up more room and not fit through the opening.) The person must drop the candy in order to get their hand out of the jar. In the same way, we must "drop the anger" or forgive people who have hurt us in order to get blessings. God wants us to forgive those who have hurt us. He wants us to forget the bad things they have done to us. He promises that He will take care of things. We do NOT have to get revenge.

•**Think about it** — Cover a paper cup with foil to look like the silver cup. Talk about how Joseph's brothers had changed. Talk about what it means to change when a person becomes a Christian.

Talk to the kids about what it means to forgive others even when most want to take revenge. Bring bandages and talk about why we use them (to help protect a wound and help it heal). Give each person a bandage and ask them to help others this week that have hurt feelings, etc.

•**Touch activity** — Spell out the word FORGIVE with grains like rice.

Let everyone put one hand in the middle of the circle (it will look like spokes on a bicycle). Encourage your kids to say a sentence prayer!

•**Run and play** — Joseph's brothers had to travel to Egypt to buy food. They probably used camels and donkeys. Let the children pretend to be camels and donkeys and run races on all fours.

•**Listen** — As the children take time for silence, remind them that God wants us to forgive others.

•**Sing** — Sing "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. Say the Bible verse you learned and sing a song for them. Encourage the child who did not attend to read the story in the Bible.

Word Art

Trace the letters.

God

made

Joseph

wise

GOD'S WORD

Rooted and Grounded



Pray

Thank God for sending Jesus to make a way for us to be saved from our sins. Ask God to help you to be forgiving like Joseph was. Pray for those who do not know Jesus.

Read the Bible Daily

This week, read Genesis 41-47. Try reading one chapter each day.

Think About It

How would you handle the problems Joseph faced? We can learn from Joseph's example about patience, endurance, and forgiveness. If you struggle with any or all of these areas, ask God to help you. Remember—God forgives us, so we must forgive others.

Talk about Judah offering to take Benjamin's place of punishment. Who took your place of punishment for your sin? Jesus! Did you know that Jesus descended from Judah?

Do It

If there is someone you need to forgive, ask God to help you. Maybe you are the one who has wronged someone and you need to apologize to them.

Tell About It

Share the Bible story with a friend. Explain the meaning of the memory verse (Romans 8:28). When a person loves and obeys God, God will cause everything to work out for His glory and good.

Change it

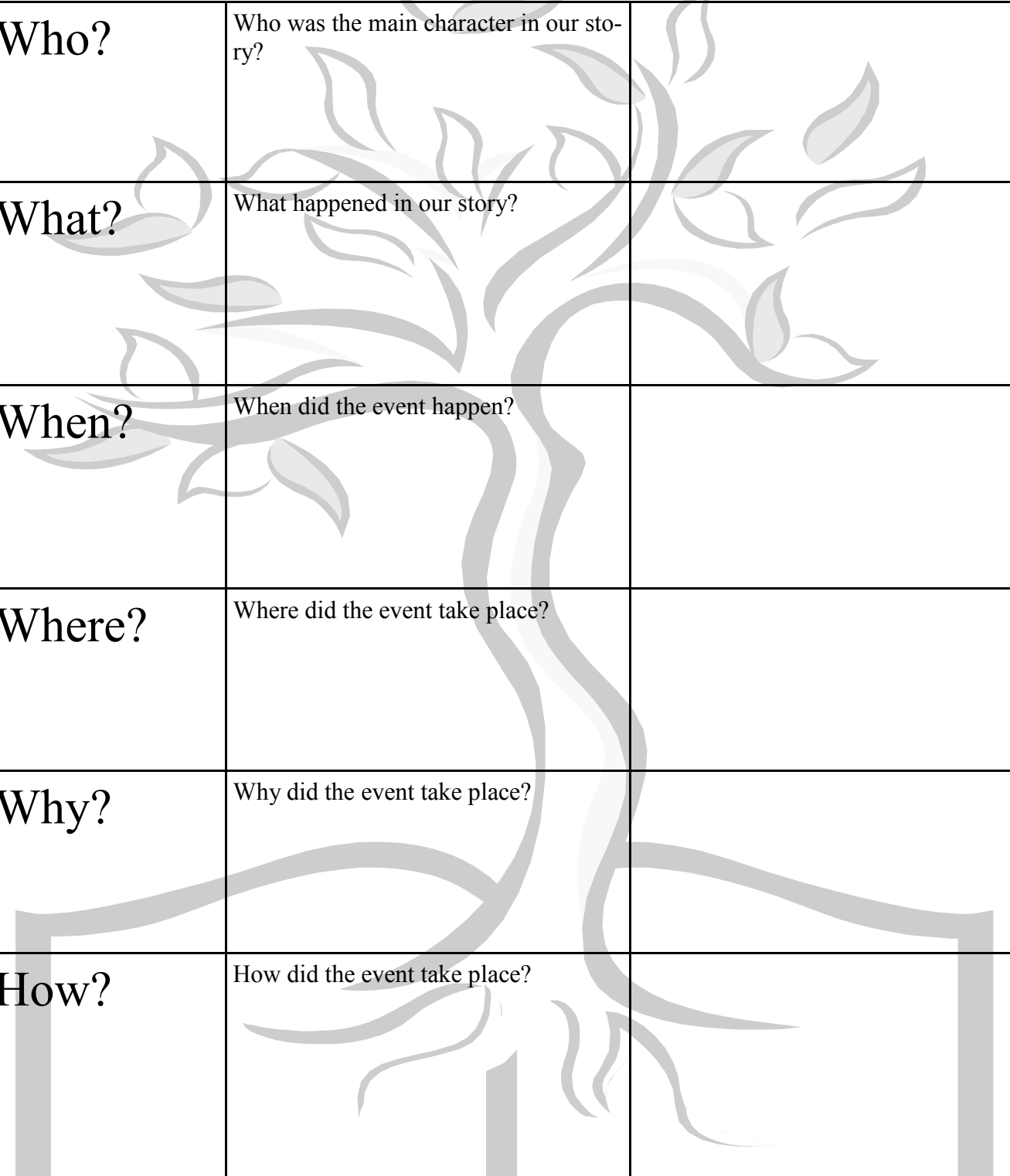
Confess your sins to God, and He will forgive you and help you to forgive others.

Study it

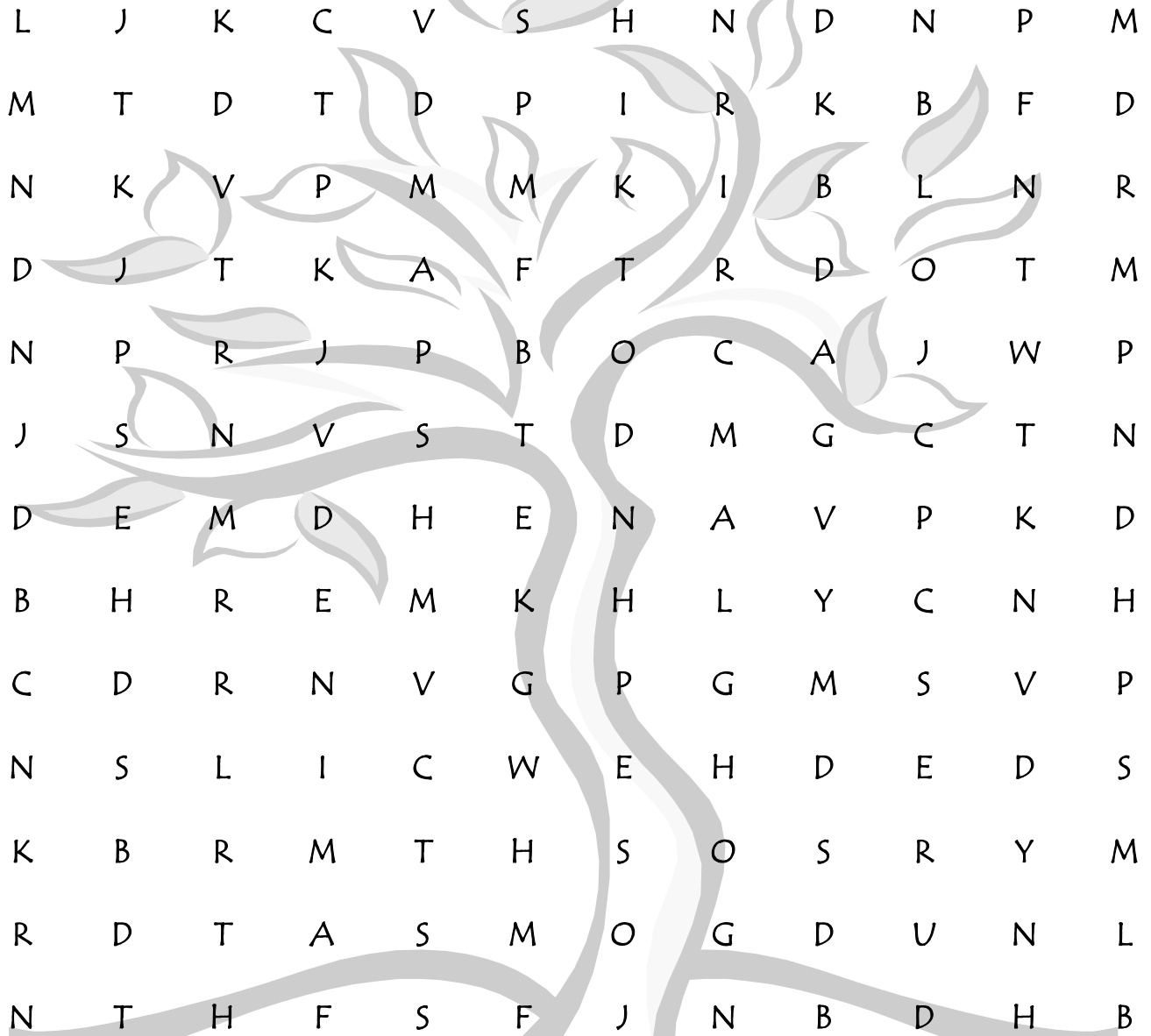
Attend Bible study this week. Invite someone who you might not normally talk to.

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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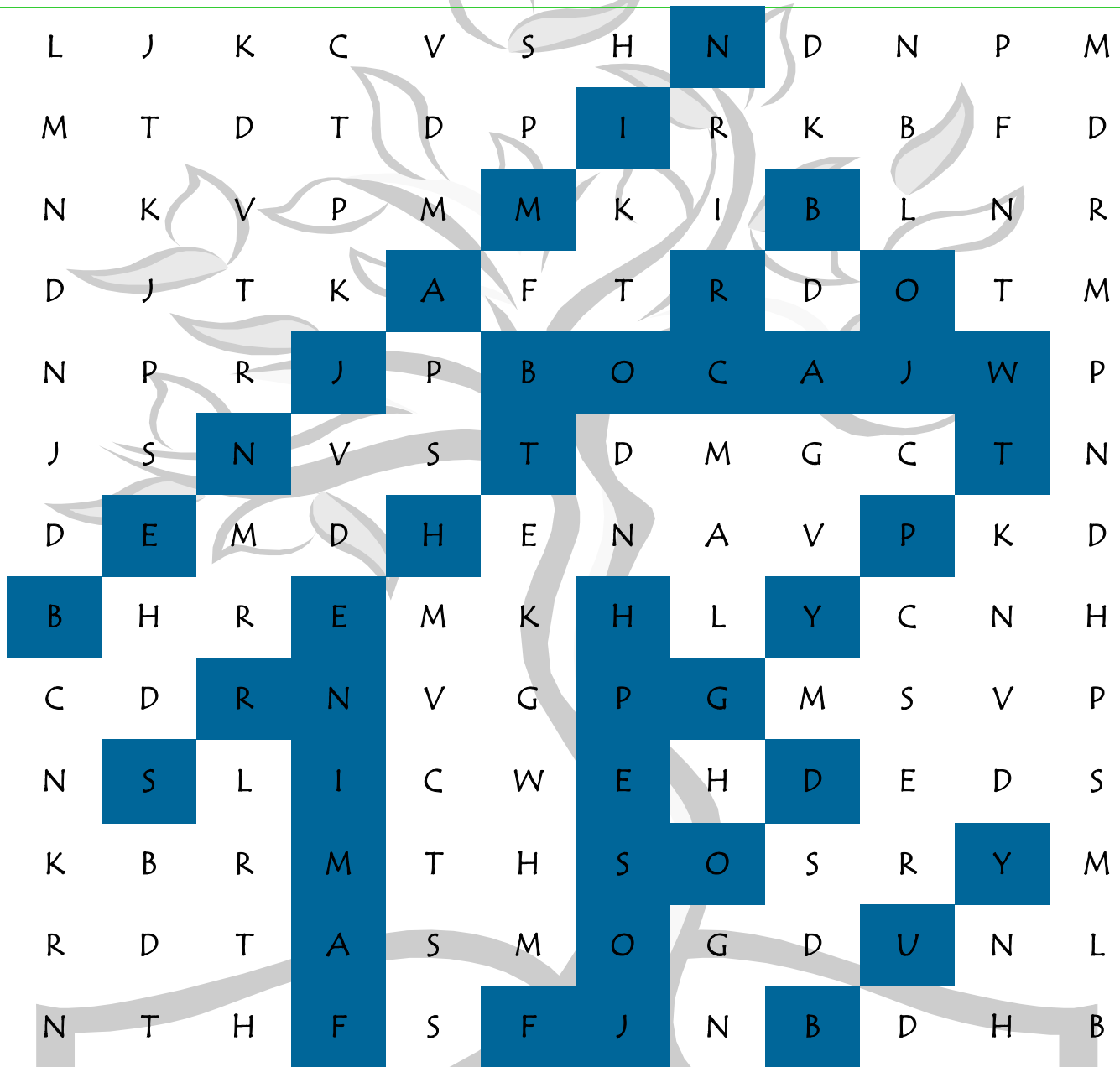
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Word Search Solution



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