

Old Testament

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One Year Plan



GOD'S WORD

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

PHAROAH AND THE PLAGUES



EXODUS 7-12

Memory Verse:

You were rescued by the precious blood of Christ, that spotless and innocent Lamb.

1 Peter 1:19

Lesson Goals

1. Understand that Aaron went with Moses to face Pharaoh.
2. Recognize that God hardened Pharaoh's heart.
3. Understand that God sent plagues upon the Egyptians.
4. Learn that the Israelites were saved from death by putting blood on their doors.

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 Exodus 7:1-13. (Hold your Bible throughout the story.)

Do You Know Jesus?

God told His people to put the blood of a spotless lamb on their door to be saved from death. Jesus' blood, shed for us on the cross, saves us from spiritual death. When we believe that Jesus died for our sins and ask Him to come into our heart and forgive our sins, we are given new life! Have you done this?

Application

The Israelites were slaves in Egypt for many years. Like them, each of us is a slave to our sin until we give our lives to Jesus. When we accept His forgiveness, He removes our sins and gives us a clean heart. We are no longer slaves to sin. God gives us His Holy Spirit to guide us to live for Him.

Begin With Prayer

Last week we learned that God told Moses to go back to Egypt and help His people get out of slavery. His brother, Aaron, would help him speak as he went before Pharaoh. Moses and Aaron went to the Pharaoh to ask him to let God's people go. The king was very stubborn. Moses had a stick that became a snake when he threw it down. The king's magicians did the same thing with their tricks.

God told Moses to meet Pharaoh at the river in the morning. He talked to Pharaoh again, but the Pharaoh would not let God's people go. So, God told Moses to dip his stick into the river. When he did, the water turned to **blood**. The Pharaoh had the magicians do the same thing. So, the Pharaoh would not listen to Moses.

Next, Moses met the Pharaoh and asked him to let God's people go. This time the land was flooded with **frogs**. There were frogs everywhere! But the magicians did the same thing, so the Pharaoh would not let God's people go. However, the Pharaoh asked Moses to take the frogs away. With God's help, the frogs died, but the Pharaoh did not change his mind.

Next, God sent **gnats** because the Pharaoh would not listen. They flew around everywhere. This time the magicians could not make gnats, but the Pharaoh still would not let the people go. The fourth plague was **flies**. They swarmed over all the Egyptian people, but were nowhere around God's people. The Pharaoh told Moses that they could go and worship God, if God would take the flies away. The flies left, but the Pharaoh changed his mind and would not let the people go.

Then, Moses told the king that there would be a **disease** on the farm animals if he did not let them go. Sure enough, the disease killed all the animals, but the Pharaoh was still stubborn. God told Moses and Aaron to scoop up ashes from a furnace. He told them to throw them into the air in front of the Pharaoh. When they did this, the Egyptian people broke out in sores called **boils**. Even the magicians had them! Next, Moses told Pharaoh that a thunderous **hail storm** would come. It came and ruined the crops in the fields. Pharaoh told Moses that the people could go. But when the hail stopped, Pharaoh changed his mind again.

Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh again. They asked to worship God or swarms of **locusts** would come. At first, Pharaoh agreed until he realized that even the children were going. Then, he told Moses, "No." The locusts came. In fact, there were so many that the sky was black with them! They ate all the plants and made life miserable. When Pharaoh asked for mercy, the plague stopped, but then he told Moses, "No!"

For the next plague, God caused **darkness** in the Egyptian city for 3 days. However, where God's people lived, it was both night and day as usual. Pharaoh still would not change his mind. He would not let God's people go. Finally for the tenth plague, Moses told Pharaoh that the last plague would change his heart. An angel was assigned to **kill all the firstborn sons** of all the families. God had His people prepare for the last plague. All God's people marked their doorposts with blood from a lamb. This was a sign for the angel that passed over that he would not kill the first son in that family.

All night long crying could be heard in Egypt. People were realizing that their firstborn sons were killed. Even Pharaoh's son died. This caused Pharaoh to finally let God's people go. He told them to take whatever they needed for their journey. Many Egyptians gave them things for their journey.

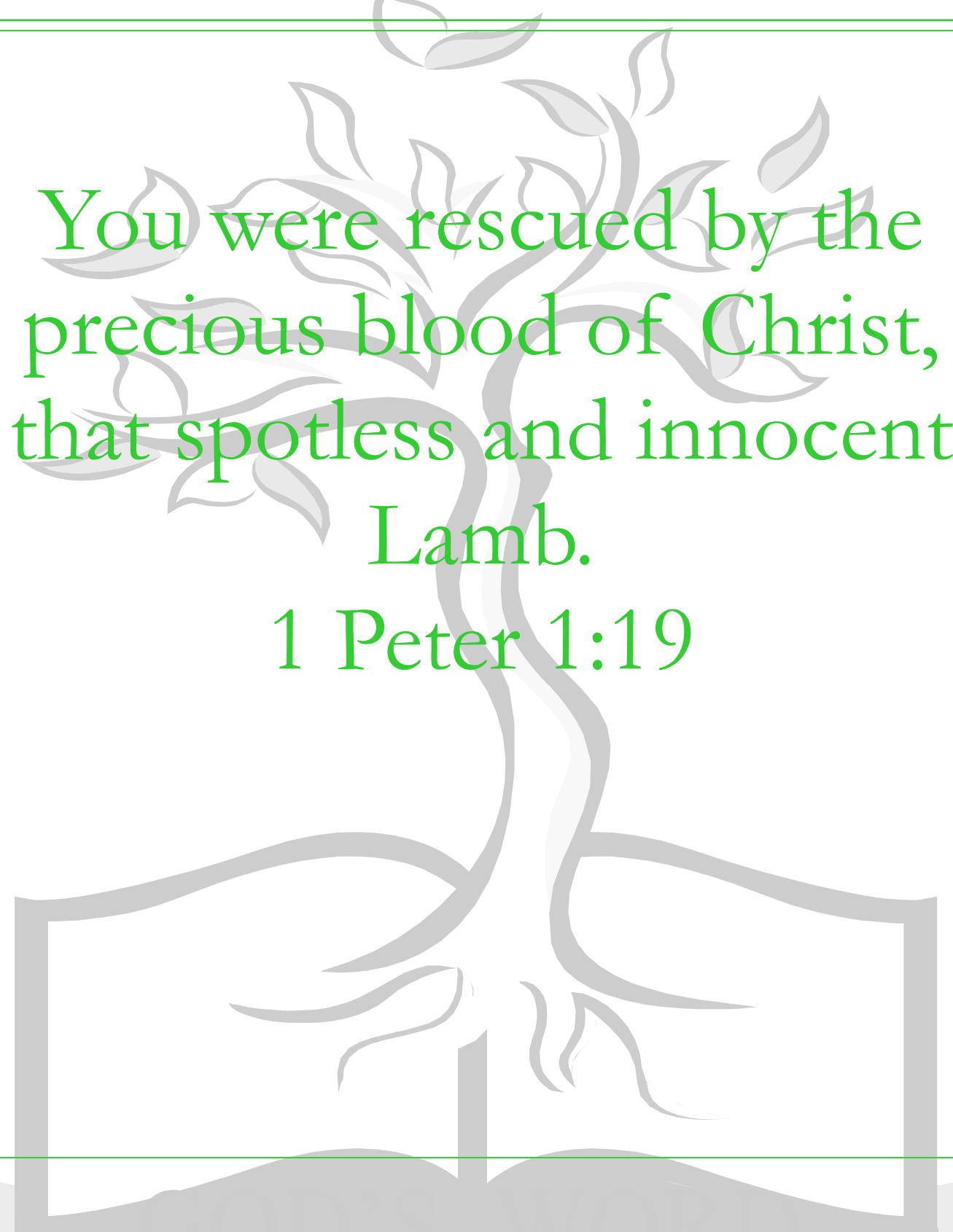
So after many years of being slaves, the Israelites were finally free! God showed them that He is faithful. And He is faithful to us as well.

Review

1. How did Pharaoh respond to Moses' request? (He said he would not let Israel go free.)
2. What did Moses do? (He turned his stick into a snake.)
3. What did God do? (He sent ten plagues.)
4. What did Pharaoh do? (He finally let the people go after the firstborn sons were killed.)

Next Week: Through the Red Sea—Exodus 13-14

Memory Verse



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precious blood of Christ,
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1 Peter 1:19

Preschool Lesson

Read (Hold your Bible throughout the story.)

Memory verse for younger children:

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Teacher: Sing "Pharoah, Pharoah."

Begin With Prayer

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Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh again. They asked to worship God or swarms of **locusts** would come. Locusts are like grasshoppers. At first, Pharaoh agreed until he realized that even the children were going. Then, he told Moses, "No." The locusts came. In fact, there were so many that the sky was black with them. They ate all the plants and made life miserable. When Pharaoh asked for mercy, the plague stopped, but then he told Moses, "No!"

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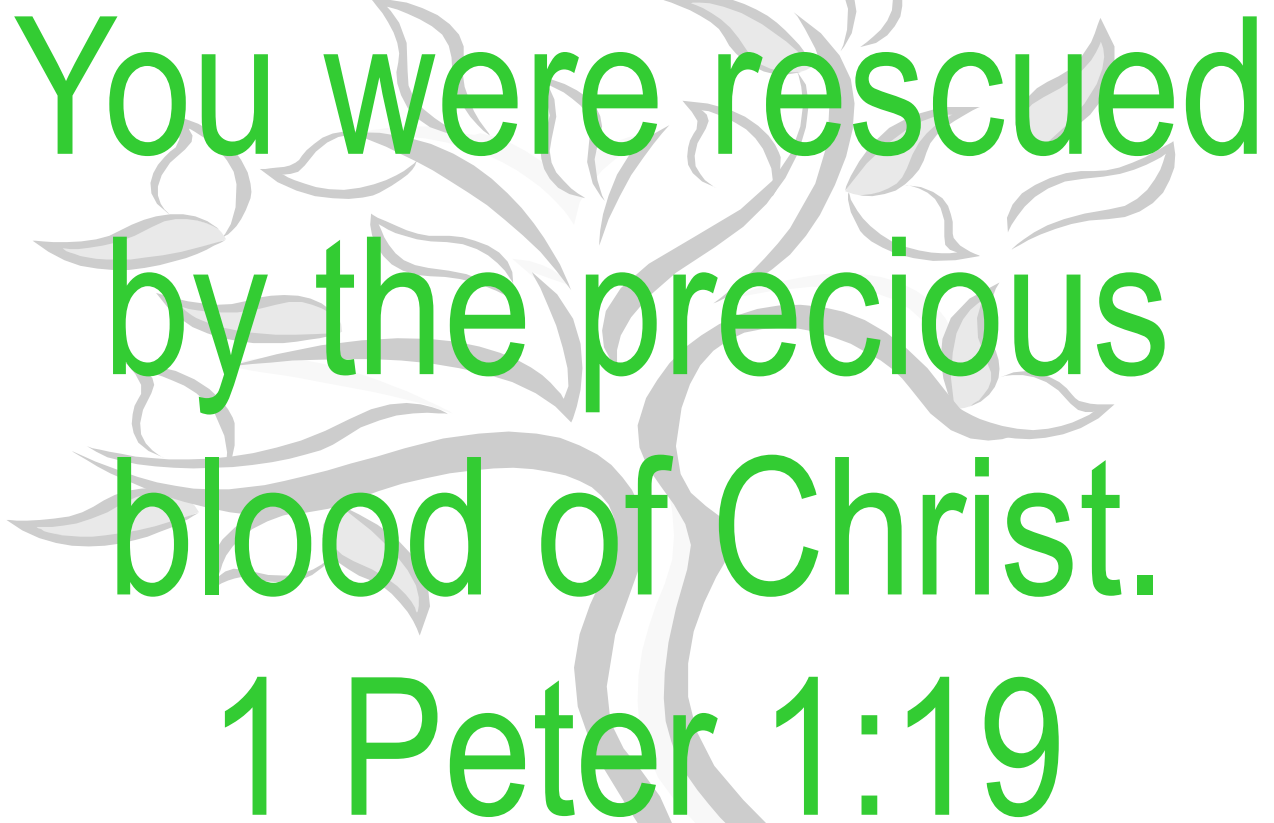
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God took care of His people. He helped them when Pharaoh was mean and hard on them. God promises to help us, too. He will take care of us and be with us all the time.

Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for sending Jesus to make a way for us to get to God.
3. Ask God to help you trust Him to care for you.

Preschool Memory Verse



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1 Peter 1:19

Word Art

Trace the letters.

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Learning Activities

Memory verse activity — Write the verse on a piece of paper and hide it in the room. Let the kids try to find the verse. Talk about verses that they have learned. Share how they will help them do the right thing.

Test your memory — Make a booklet of the plagues or play a game about the plagues. Use it to tell the story. Ask the kids to retell the story.

Cut an empty egg carton so that there are 10 cups (instead of 12). Now, find little items to represent the 10 plagues and place in each of the 10 cups. For example, a red piece of paper for blood, plastic frog, fly, cow, Styrofoam ball for hail, etc.

Taste activity — Make bug snacks using crackers, peanut butter, pretzels for legs, and raisins for eyes.

Think about it — Do you ever make excuses? Moses tried to make excuses to God. God kept giving Moses an answer for every excuse he had. Do you try to make excuses to God? Talk about how we do not have to be afraid of what God is asking us to do.

God called Moses to do something special for Him. God knows us and has a plan for our lives too. Talk about how God can use us to help others know about Him.

Touch activity — Put a drop of red food coloring on the end of a toothpick. Dip it in water and watch the water turn red. Talk about how the magicians did the same thing. Share how God did a miracle and how it was different. (Even the water in pots turned red etc.)

The kids may want to draw pictures to help them remember the plagues.

Make a “Pharaoh Fan” out of leaves, feathers or construction paper.

Run and play — Bring silly string and pretend that the string is different plagues. Have the children run away from the plagues.

Bring several umbrellas to hide under to show the kids that God protected His people. They did not receive the plagues like the Egyptians did. Call out the name of a plague. Have the children run to hide under the umbrella.

Listen — As the children take time for silence, remind them that God cares for us.

Sing — Sing “Pharaoh, Pharaoh,” “Nothing But the Blood of Jesus” or another song related to the story.

Rooted and Grounded



Pray

Thank God that He sent Jesus to be the spotless Lamb to remove our sins.
Pray for those who need to know that God loves them and wants to save them.
Pray for strength to share with others about God's love and forgiveness.

Read the Bible Daily

This week, read Exodus 7-12. Read a chapter each day.

Think About It

Are you still a slave to sin? Are you allowing sin to control you? Or have you asked Jesus to forgive your sins and come into your life? If not, what are you waiting for?

Do It

If you have accepted Christ, are you living for God? Or are you still living like a slave? If so, spend some time talking to God about this. Ask Him to release you from the sin in your life so that you can follow Him.

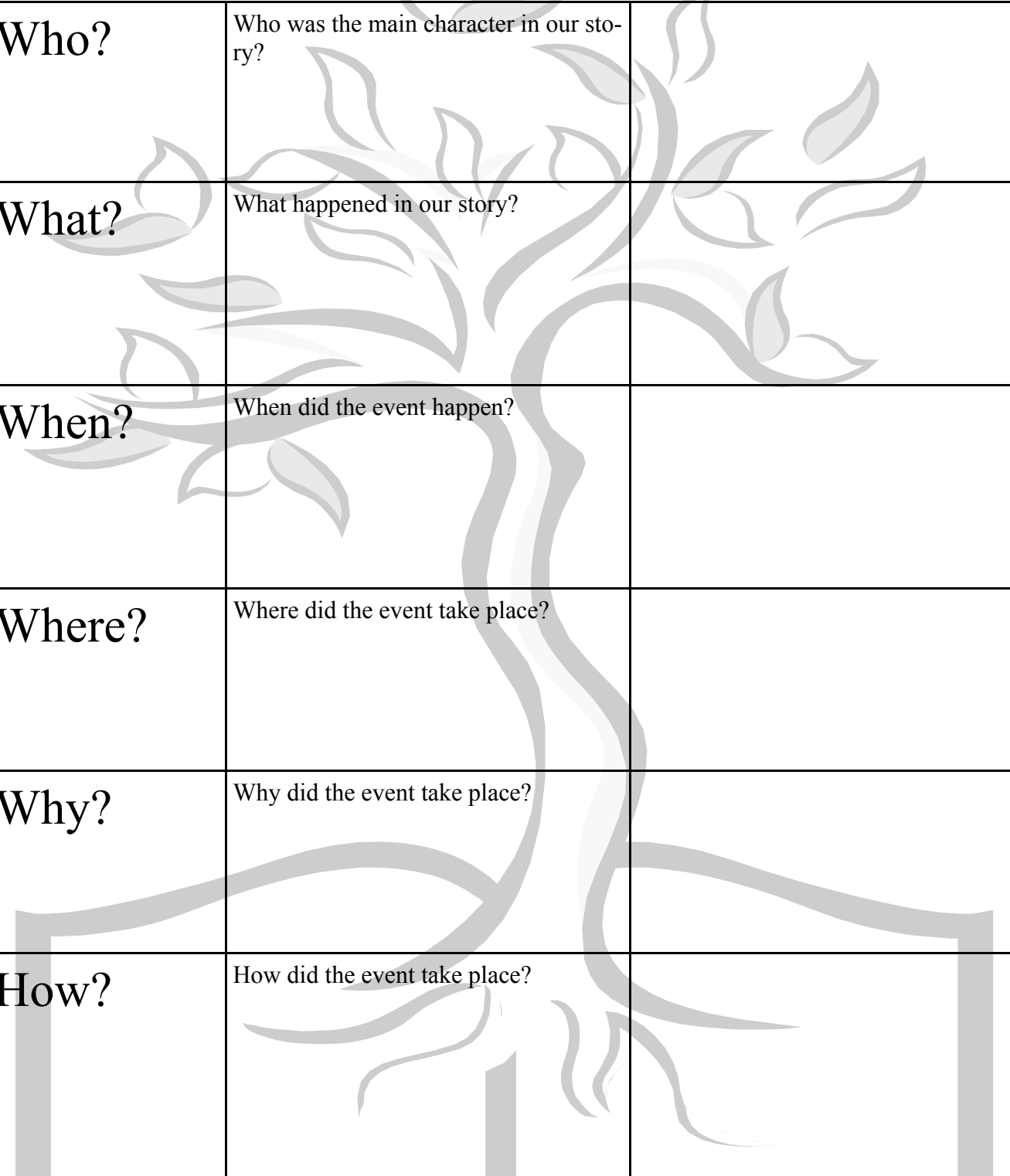
Tell About It

Share the Bible story with a friend. Talk about your experience of letting God save you from your sins and giving you a new life.

Study it

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

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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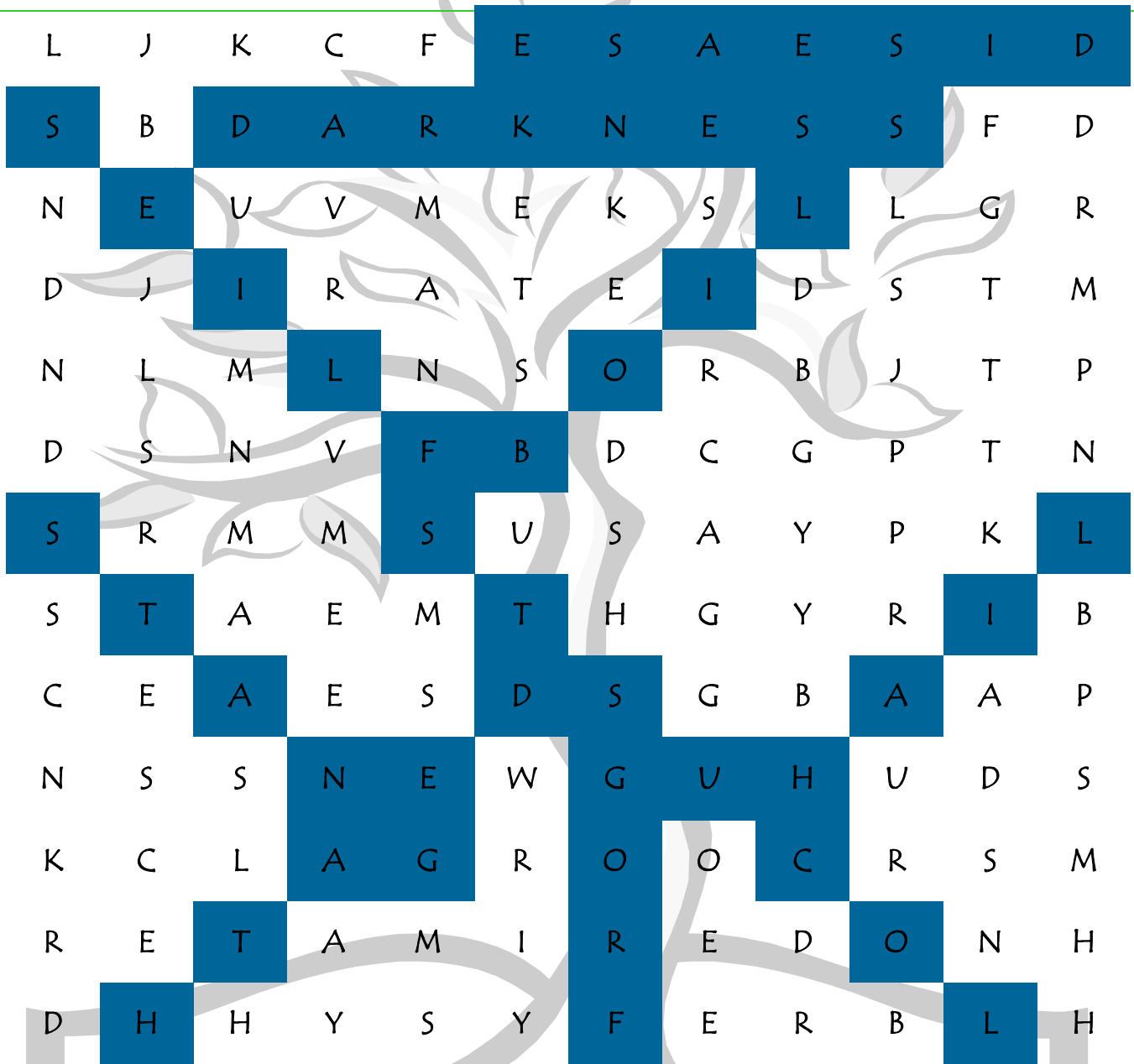
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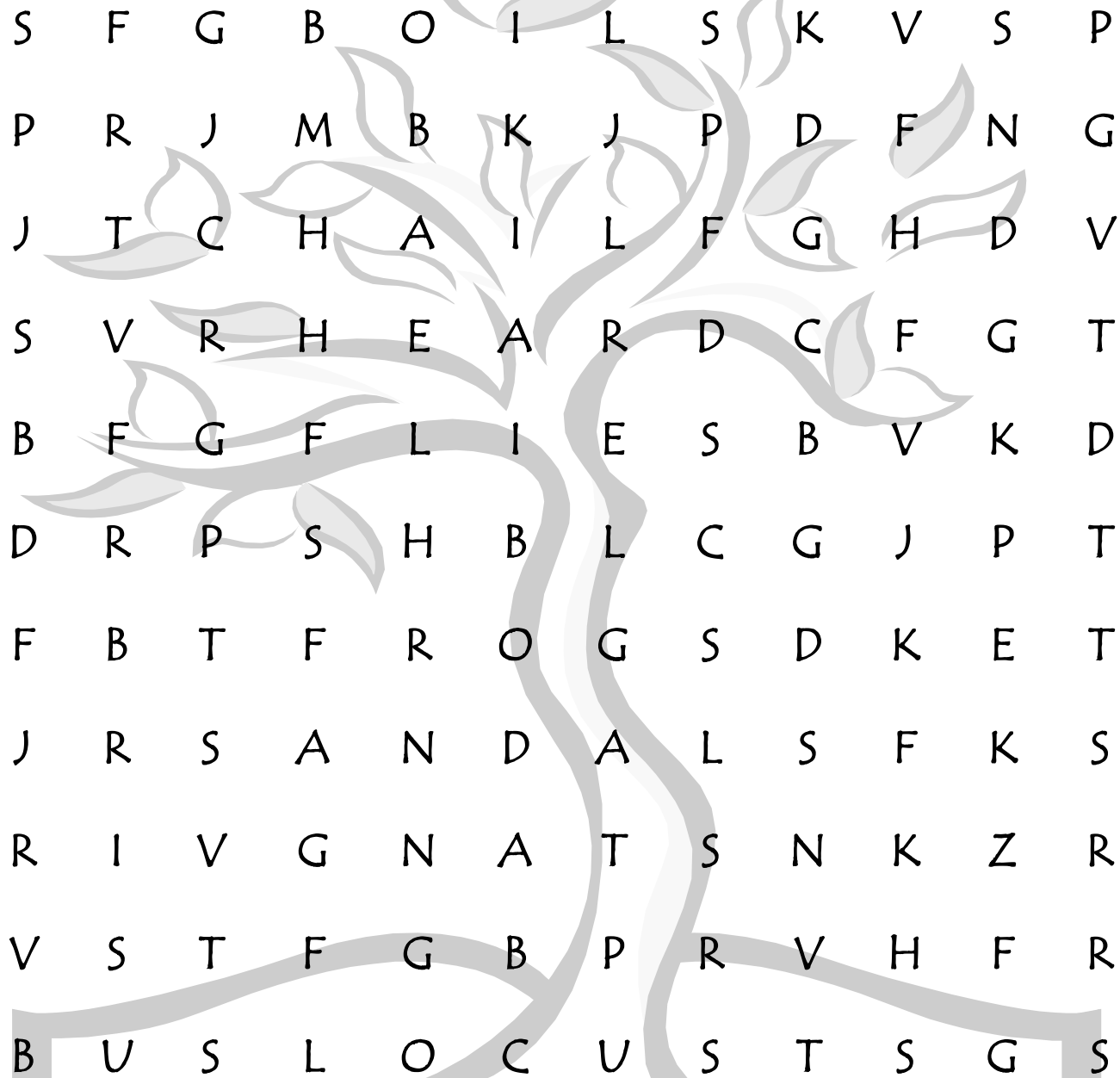
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Preschool Word Search



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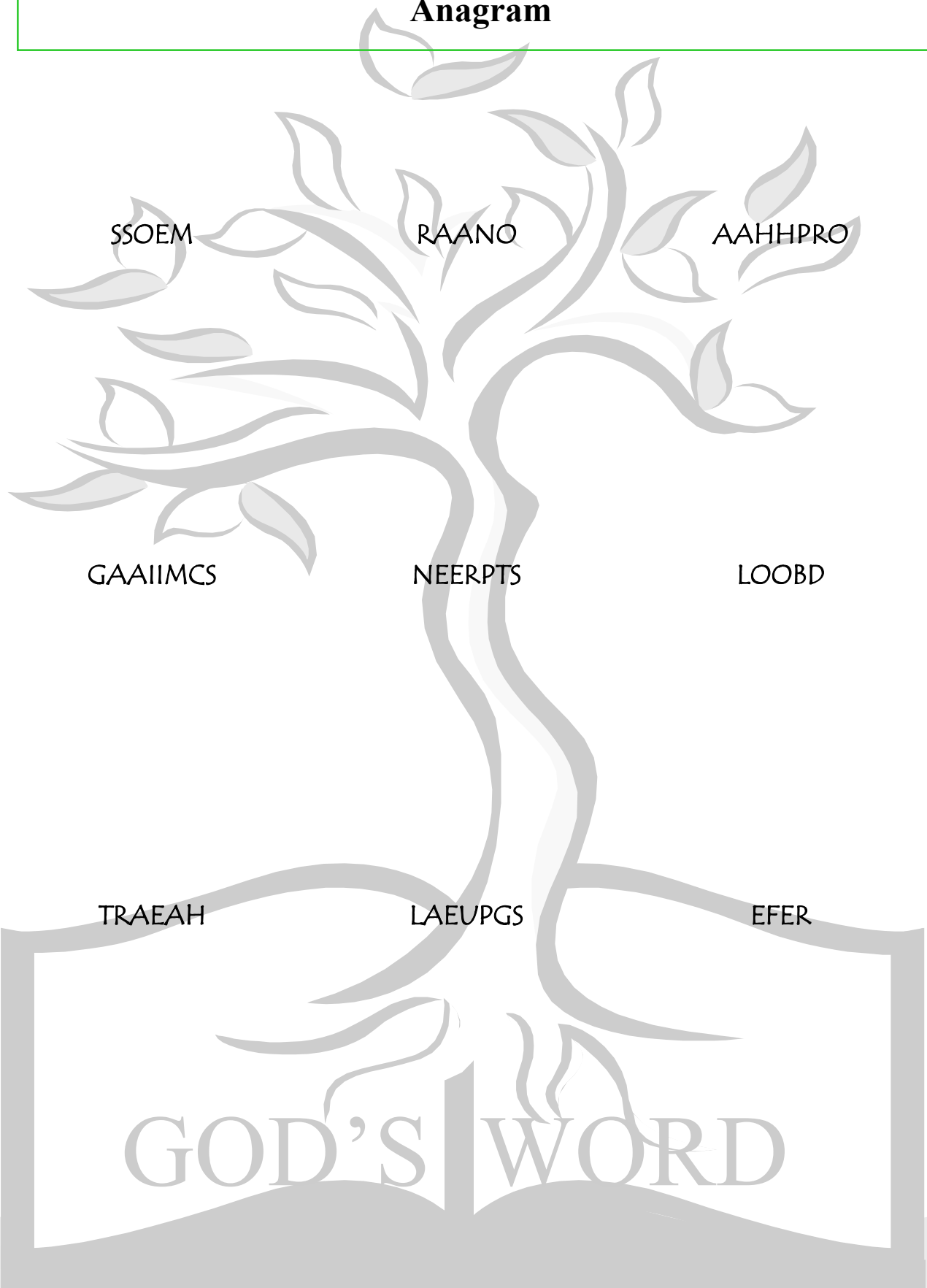
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