

Old Testament

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One Year Plan



GOD'S WORD

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

RAHAB & THE SPIES



JOSHUA 2

Memory Verse:

But without faith no one can please God.
We must believe that God is real and that
He rewards everyone who searches
for Him.
Hebrews 11:6

Lesson Goals

1. Understand that Rahab had faith.
2. Learn that Rahab hid the Israelite spies on the roof of her home.
3. Understand that the spies agreed to save Rahab and her family.
4. Recognize that God used Rahab to save the spies.

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 Joshua 2:1-16. (Hold your Bible throughout the story.)

Do You Know Jesus?

We must trust Jesus and ask Him to come into our lives. Jesus wipes away all the sin and gives us a clean heart. He changes our lives, too. We become a new person and want to do things God's way instead of our way.

Application

Rahab had faith. She hid the spies on the roof of her home and saved their lives. The spies agreed to save Rahab and her family. Rahab's faith saved her life and the life of her family members. God wants us to believe and trust Him.

Begin With Prayer

The Israelites, God's people, had wandered in the desert for 40 years. Do you remember why they had to do that? (They had not trusted God to go into Canaan, so God punished them.) But now, it was time to enter the Promised Land!

Moses had died, and now Joshua was the leader of the Israelites. He secretly sent two men into Jericho, a city in the Promised Land. He told them to check out the land. So the two men went into Jericho.

A woman in the city named Rahab heard a knock at her door. She opened the door and saw two men. She knew that they were not from her city, Jericho. She invited them into her home and asked them some questions. She realized that they were God's people, the Israelites. She knew that God was powerful.

Rahab told them that they could hide out in her house for safety. She found a secret hiding place for them up on top of her flat roof. She covered them with flax (it's like wheat) so that no one would see them.

Suddenly, there was another knock at her door. Rahab hurried to the door. It was the king's men! The king was asking about the spies! Rahab quickly told them that they were gone. Whew! She was so relieved when they left.

Rahab ran back up to the roof and talked to the spies. She knew that God was about to let His people have her city, Jericho. Rahab told the spies that all the people were scared of Joshua and God's people. They knew that God was powerful and had helped His people cross the Red Sea and escape from slavery. She told them that the warriors were afraid to fight God's people.

Then, she asked them to promise her that God's people would be kind to her since she was kind to them and saved them. The two spies agreed. "Our lives for your lives!" the men assured her. "If you don't tell what we are doing, we will treat you kindly and faithfully when the LORD gives us the land." The two spies believed that God would give them the land. They promised to save the lives of Rahab and her family members.

Rahab's house was part of the wall that protected the city. There was a small window that was built into the wall. They could escape from the city through the window. She told them to hide for three days and then go on their way.

Rahab lowered the two men down to freedom. She used a red cord to help them escape. They did this and were safe. Later, God did help His people conquer the city. Rahab was saved because she put the red cord in her window. All of God's army knew that Rahab had helped God, and they saved her.

The Bible says that Rahab had faith. Her faith saved her life. (Hebrews 11:31) God wants us to believe so that we can be saved, too. He sent Jesus to die for our sins. Jesus rose from the dead. Because He lives, we can receive forgiveness and eternal life.

Review

- 1. What did Rahab do?** (Rahab invited the spies into her home.)
- 2. What did Rahab say?** (Rahab told the spies that their warriors were afraid.)
- 3. What else did Rahab do?** (Rahab hid the spies and saved them.)
- 4. What did the spies promise?** (The spies promised to save Rahab and her family.)

Planning for the next week:

Joshua and Jericho — Joshua 5-6

Memory Verse

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Hebrews 11:6

Preschool Lesson

Read Joshua 2:1-16. (Hold your Bible throughout the story.)

Memory verse for younger children:

But without faith no one can please God. Hebrews 11:6

Teacher: Teachers: Bring a red piece of yarn or string so the kids can see and remember the story.

Begin With Prayer

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Sing a song to the tune of “BINGO.”

There was a girl that God did use and Rahab was her name-o.

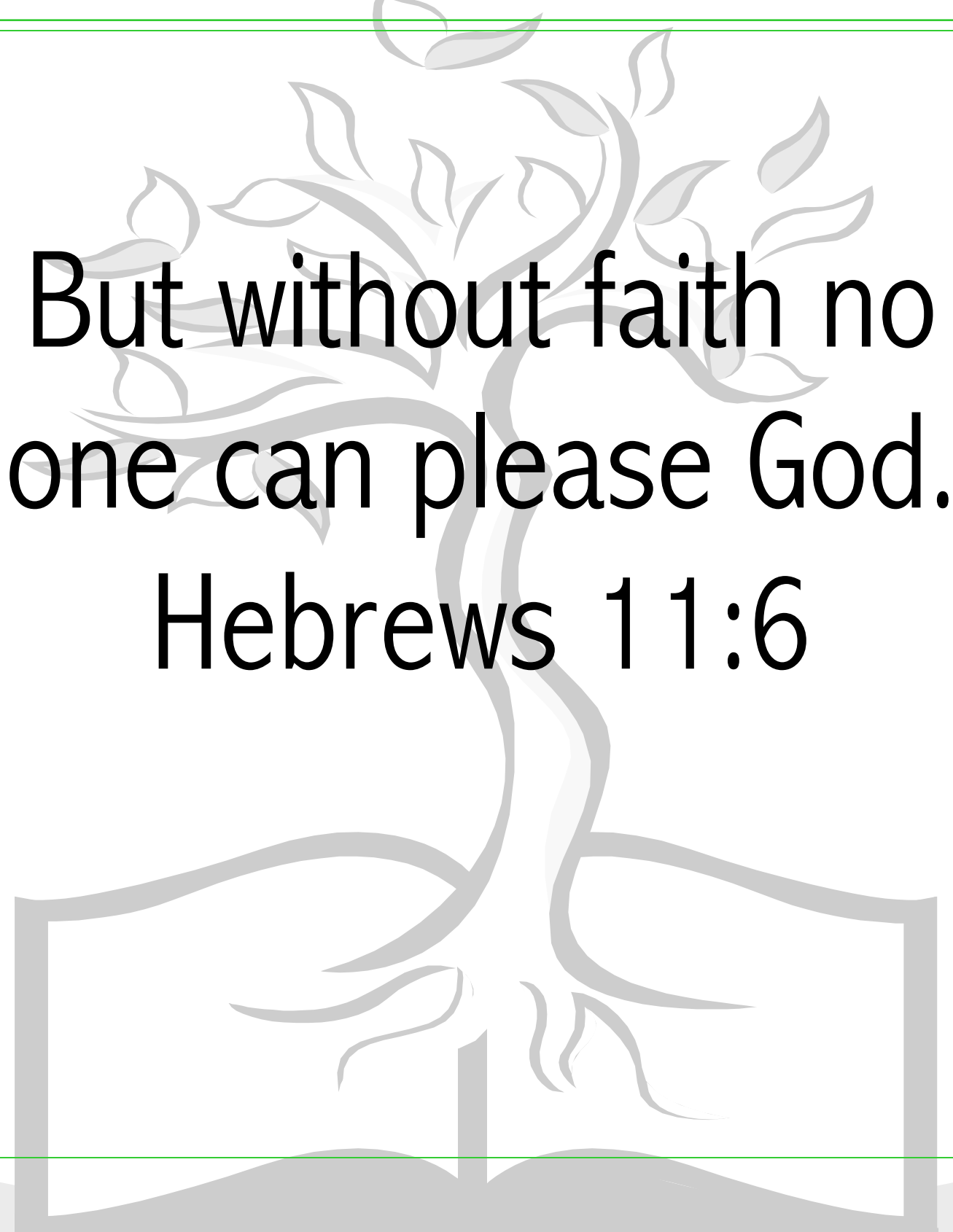
R-A-H-A-B, R-A-H-A-B, R-A-H-A-B, and Rahab was her name-o.

(take out a letter each time the song is sung and replace with a clap)

Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for sending Jesus to take away our sin.
3. Ask God to help you believe in Him.

Preschool Memory Verse



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one can please God.
Hebrews 11:6**

Learning Activities

•**Memory verse activity** — Make a red cord like Rahab used. Braid several pieces of red yarn or thread together. Tape the verse on the top or bottom of the cord. Hang the cord out of the window to remind us of God's forgiveness.

•**Test your memory** — Build a wall out of cardboard and cut out a window. Now, hang a red string/cord out of the window. Bring toys to represent Rahab and the two spies and let the spies down out of the window,

Bring poster board or use a chalk board. Write down the things that Rahab was not, the things that she had not experienced that the Israelites had (plagues, Red Sea, etc.) Talk about Rahab's faith as you tell the story. Let the children retell the story.

•**Taste activity** — Munch on red licorice as a reminder of Rahab's cord.

Flax is similar to wheat. Bring a sample if you can or find something similar.

•**Think about it** — God forgave Rahab for the sins that she had done. He will forgive you if you ask Him. When you ask for forgiveness, God wants you to have a heart that wants to do the right thing and not sin again.

Rahab's faith saved her life and that of her family. Talk about Rahab's faith. Talk about how faith in Jesus saves us from sin and gives us eternal life.

•**Touch activity** — Bring a little bottle of disappearing ink. Put it on a white cloth or towel. Share how Jesus can make the dirty sin in our heart disappear. Watch as the spots disappear.

Try writing the verse in a different way with the opposite hand. Talk about how God will forgive our sins.

The spies escaped through a window in the wall. Make pretty window art by tearing pieces of tissue paper and gluing them to a border.

This is a fun story to dramatize. Choose someone to be Rahab, two spies, and the king's men.

Rahab took in strangers and protected them. Corrie Ten Boom's family did the same. If possible show the movie or a portion of the movie "The Hiding Place," about Corrie Ten Boom.

•**Run and play** — Play Hide and seek and remember how Rahab hid the spies.

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

•**Sing** — Sing "Only Believe," "God Is My Refuge," or another song related to the story.

Rooted and Grounded



Pray

Thank God for loving us and for making a way for us to be saved from our sins. Pray for people you know who need to know that Jesus can save them. Ask God to help us have more faith in Him.

Read the Bible Daily

This week, read Joshua 1-2. Also, read Hebrews 11, which mentions people of faith, including Rahab.

Think About It

Rahab helped God's people because she had faith. It was probably scary for her to take a risk and hide the spies. But she knew that God was on their side. Do you have faith in God even when you are afraid?

Do It

Rahab stepped out in faith—even going against her own people for what she knew was right. Think about times when you might need to be different from others to do what is right. For example, not participating in fights or gossip, helping someone when no one else is, speaking out for what is right.

Tell About It

Share the Bible story with a friend. Talk about having faith in God like Rahab did.

Change it

If it is hard for you to trust God and follow His ways, ask Him to help you. Confess your sins to Him and ask Him to give you strength to live for Him.

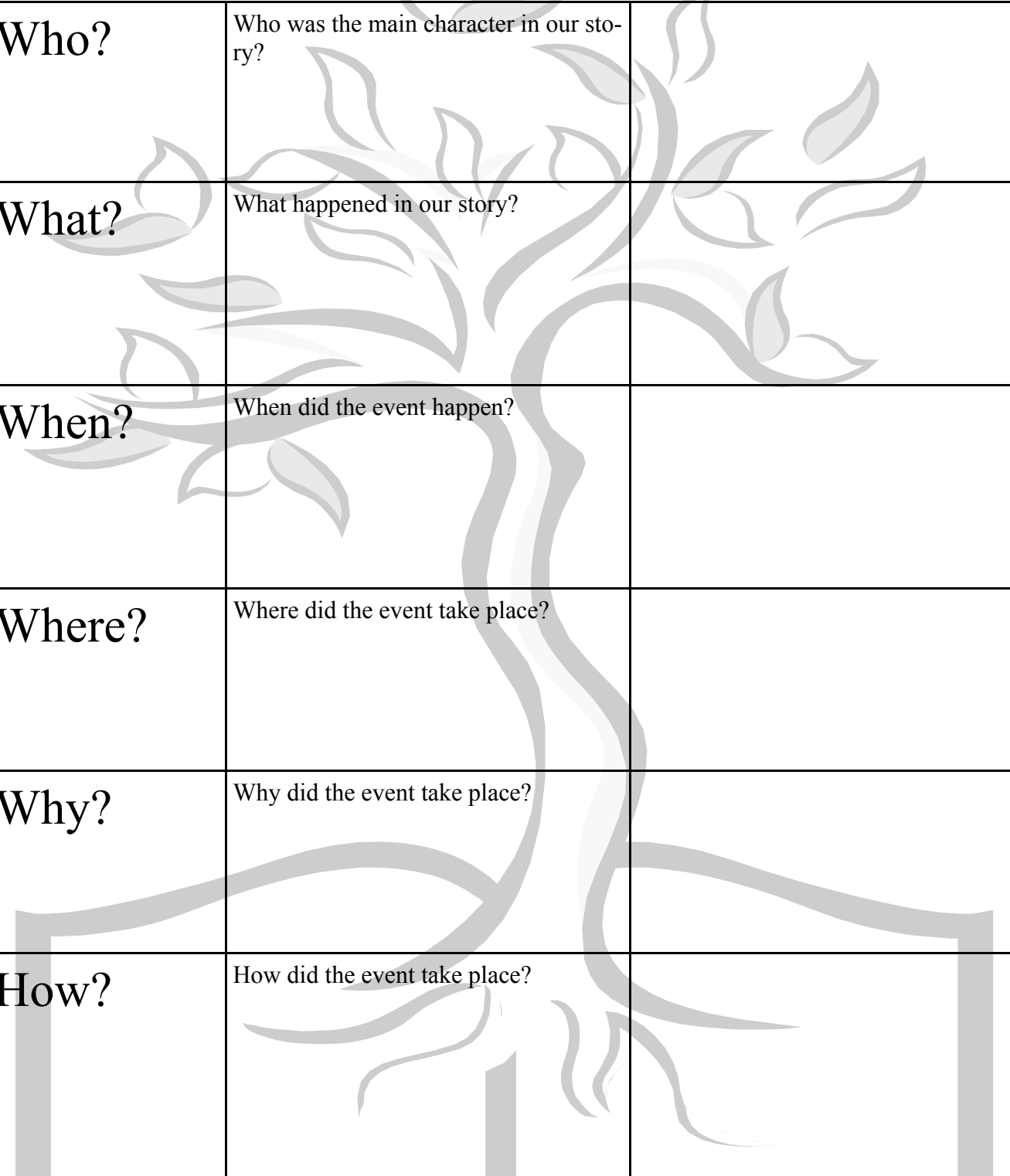
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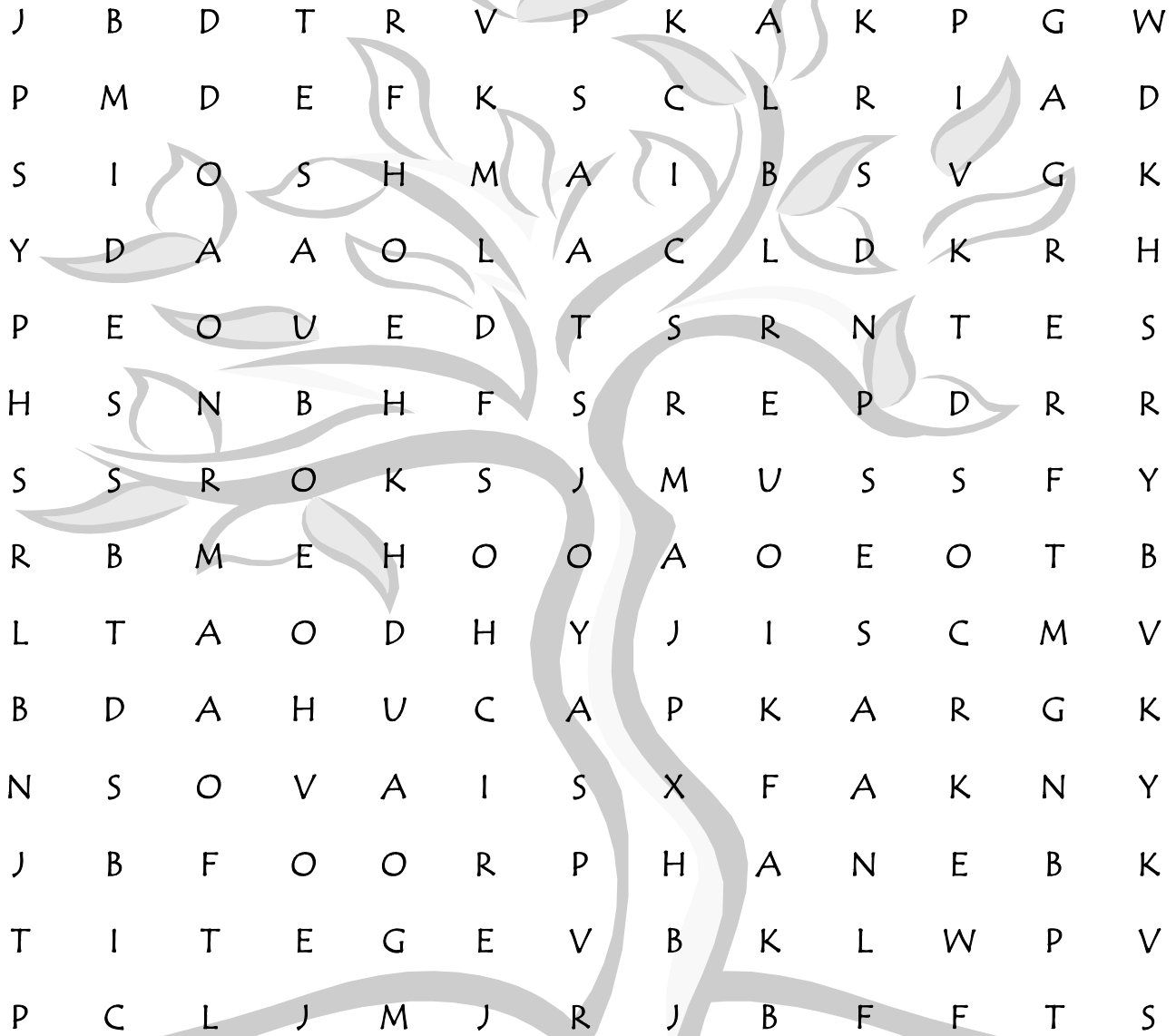
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Learning the Facts



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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