

Old Testament

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One Year Plan



GOD'S WORD

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

DAVID IS ANOINTED



I SAMUEL 16

Memory Verse:

God does not see the same way people see. People look at the outside of a person, but the Lord looks at the heart. (I Samuel 16:7)

Lesson Goals

1. Understand that Samuel obeyed God and went to visit Jesse and his sons.
2. Learn that David was a shepherd and the youngest son of Jesse.
3. Understand that David was anointed but did not immediately become king.
4. Recognize that God sent David to live in the palace to help Saul.

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 I Samuel 16:1-13. (Hold your Bible throughout the story.)

Do You Know Jesus?

Sin separates us from God. But God sent Jesus to pay the price for our sins. When a person confesses their sins to God and asks Him to come into their life, they are no longer separated from God. They receive eternal life! They can live forever in a right relationship with God. Have you asked God to save you?

Application

Samuel obeyed God and went to anoint David as the next king. David was a shepherd boy when Samuel anointed him. But David did not immediately become king. God had a plan for David. God sent David to live in the palace to help Saul. God has a plan for each of us. Our part is to trust and obey Him.

Begin With Prayer

Last week we learned that Samuel served God. He was taught by Eli, the priest. One night, Samuel heard a voice three times. Each time Samuel went to Eli, he instructed Samuel to go back to bed. But then Eli recognized that it was God calling Samuel. Eli told Samuel what to say. God told Samuel what would happen in the future. (I Samuel 3:1-10)

God told Samuel that He was ready to appoint a new king. He even told Samuel that it would be one of Jesse's sons. God told Samuel to take his oil to anoint the new king.

Samuel was concerned. He knew that if King Saul realized what he was doing, he would have Samuel killed. God told him to tell the elders that he was in Bethlehem to sacrifice to the Lord. So, Samuel traveled to Jesse's home in Bethlehem. When he arrived in the town, the elders were afraid. "They asked, "Have you come in peace?" Samuel replied that he was there to sacrifice to the Lord. Then he set apart Jesse and his sons and invited them to sacrifice with him. When they arrived, Samuel saw Jesse's first son Eliab and thought, "Surely he is God's man."

But the Lord said to Samuel, "Don't look at how handsome Eliab is or how tall he is, because I have not chosen him. God does not see the same way people see. People look at the outside of a person, but the Lord looks at the heart." (I Samuel 16:7)

Jesse had seven of his sons pass by Samuel, but God told Samuel that each one was not His chosen king. Samuel asked Jesse if he had any other sons. Jesse told Samuel that he had a younger son, but he was out taking care of the sheep. Samuel sent for little David. He was tan from being in the sun and he was handsome.

God told Samuel, "Rise and anoint him. He is the one." Samuel knew that David would one day be the king of God's people. Back in those times, a person that would be king was anointed with oil. That means they poured oil on the person's head to show that God had chosen him for a special purpose. Samuel put oil on David's head. From then on, God's Spirit was with David. (I Samuel 16:13)

God's Spirit was no longer with King Saul. He began to have pain. His only relief was when someone played the harp. Saul asked his servants to find someone in the land that played the harp well. Believe it or not, David was that person. Saul sent for David, and he enjoyed his harp playing. Whenever David played the harp, Saul's pain went away. He liked David so much that he had him stay and carry armor for the warriors.

Saul asked Jesse to allow David to stay and serve him. When Saul felt bad, David played his harp and Saul would feel better. God was preparing David to one day be the king.

- 1. What did God tell Samuel to do?** (God told Samuel to go anoint a new king.)
- 2. What did Samuel do?** (Samuel told God he was afraid he would be killed by King Saul.)
- 3. What happened next?** (God instructed Samuel to say he was going to sacrifice to the Lord.)
- 4. What happened after that?** (Samuel anointed David as king.)

Planning for the next week:

David and Goliath — I Samuel 17

Memory Verse

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Preschool Lesson

Read (Hold your Bible throughout the story.)

Memory verse for younger children:

People look at the outside of a person, but the Lord looks at the heart. (1 Samuel 16:7)

Teacher: Bring olive oil and a toy king's crown to tell the story today.

Begin With Prayer

God told Samuel to go to Bethlehem because He had chosen a new king. God wanted Samuel to anoint the new king.

Samuel was concerned. He knew that if Saul (the current king) realized what he was doing, he would have Samuel killed. God told him to tell the town leaders that he was in Bethlehem to worship the Lord. So, Samuel traveled to Jesse's home in Bethlehem.

Samuel told the town leaders to come with him to worship the Lord. Then he set apart Jesse and his sons and invited them to worship with him. When they arrived, Samuel saw Jesse's first son Eliab and thought, "Surely he is God's man."

But the Lord said to Samuel, "Don't look at how handsome Eliab is or how tall he is, because I have not chosen him. God does not see the same way people see. People look at the outside of a person, but the Lord looks at the heart." (1 Samuel 16:7)

God had not chosen the seven sons that Jesse presented. Samuel asked if Jesse had other sons. Jesse told him that David was tending the sheep. Samuel sent for little David. He was tan from being in the sun and he was handsome.

Samuel knew that David would one day be the king of God's people. "The Lord said, 'Get up and anoint him. He is the one.'" Back in those times, a person that would be king was anointed with oil. That means they poured oil on the person's head to show that God had chosen him for a special purpose. Samuel put oil on David's head. From then on, God's Spirit was with David. (1 Samuel 16:13)

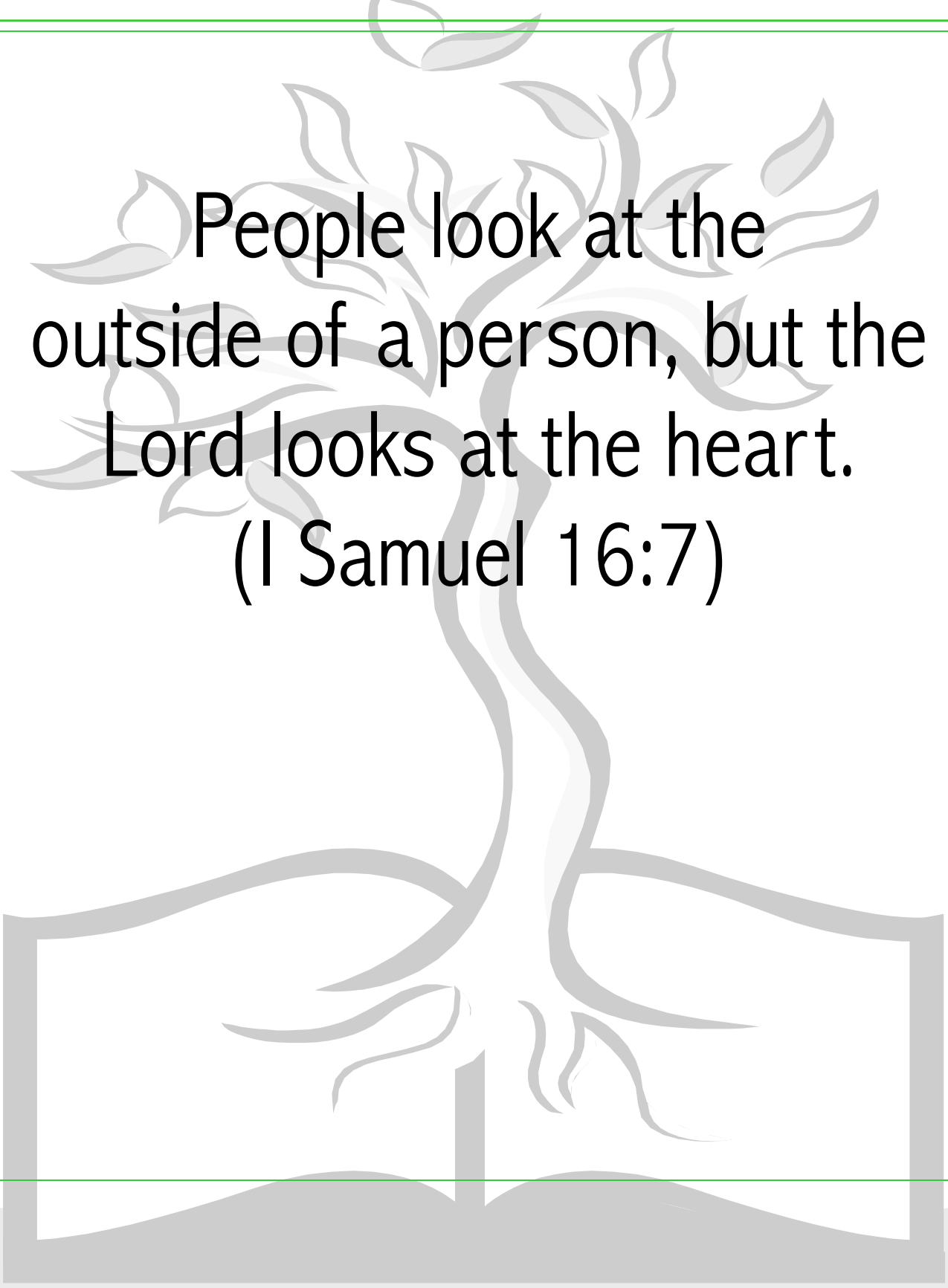
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Saul asked Jesse to allow David to stay and serve him. When Saul felt bad, David played his harp and Saul would feel better. God was preparing David to one day be the king.

Prayer Time

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

Preschool Memory Verse



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outside of a person, but the
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Learning Activities

- **Memory verse activity** — Bring pictures of a horn of anointing oil. Put the memory verse on the picture. Color the picture. Practice the verse.
- Cut out hearts from construction paper. Write the memory verse on the hearts.
- **Test your memory** — Allow harp music to play in the background as you tell the story. As you tell the story use a picture of a shepherd, a picture of Samuel anointing David, a picture of David playing the harp, etc. Create a booklet for the children.
- **Taste activity** — Bring heart-shaped candy. Use icing to make the shape of sheep on a paper plate. Use black for the feet, nose, and eyes. Bring cotton candy for the body.
- **Think about it** — Samuel obeyed God. But his life was in danger when he anointed a king while the first one was still alive. Talk about the importance of obeying God even when it is not easy.

David was anointed king, but he had to wait for a long time before he actually became king. Talk about the importance of waiting for God's timing. Talk about what it meant to be anointed.

David played the harp for the king, but he did not reveal that he had been anointed to be the next king. Talk about the importance of being careful about what we say and do not say.
- **Touch activity** — Bring a CD or cassette of harp music. Make a harp with a rubber band and card stock. Make crowns out of construction paper. Add jewels to the crowns.

Make pictures of Saul on a paper plate. Make him happy on one side and sad on the other side. Attach tongue depressors to the paper plates to hold them.

Make an oil horn.
- **Run and play** — David was a shepherd. Have the children pretend to be sheep. Ask the children to stand in a circle. One child will pretend to be David. Someone will count to three. At that point the sheep will try to scatter. David will try to keep the sheep together by touching them. (like in freeze tag). If there are too many, assign some children to be sheep dogs who help David. The sheep dogs can also touch the sheep. Once everyone has been touched, start again.
- **Listen** — As the children take time for silence, remind them that God wants us to obey.
- **Reach out** — During class, pray (by name) for kids that did not come today. Ask the children to go with you to deliver the handouts to those who were absent. Take the hearts with verse for each child. Encourage them to read the story in the Bible.

Rooted and Grounded



Pray

Thank God for allowing us to learn more about Him through His Word, the Bible.
Praise Him for sending Jesus to save us from our sins.
Ask Him to help us follow and obey Jesus.
Pray for those who have not received Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

Read the Bible Daily

This week, read I Samuel 16. Try reading a chapter out of Psalms and Proverbs each day.

Think About It

God did not choose the oldest, tallest, or most handsome of Jesse's sons to be the next king. He looked at David's heart and knew he was the right one for the job. God does not see things the way we do. He looks at our thoughts and attitudes that no one else sees. We should ask God to give us a heart that pleases Him.

Change It

Do you think only about what is on the outside? (clothes, possessions, beauty, etc.) God wants to change us from the inside out. That starts with our heart. Ask Him to help you focus on His will for you and allow Him to change you!

Tell About It

Share the Bible story with a friend. Talk about how God chose the least likely son of Jesse to be the next king. He wants us to be in His family, even if we don't feel like we deserve it. God loves *all* of us, no matter who we are or what we look like.

Study it

Attend Bible study this week.

Word Art

Trace the letters.

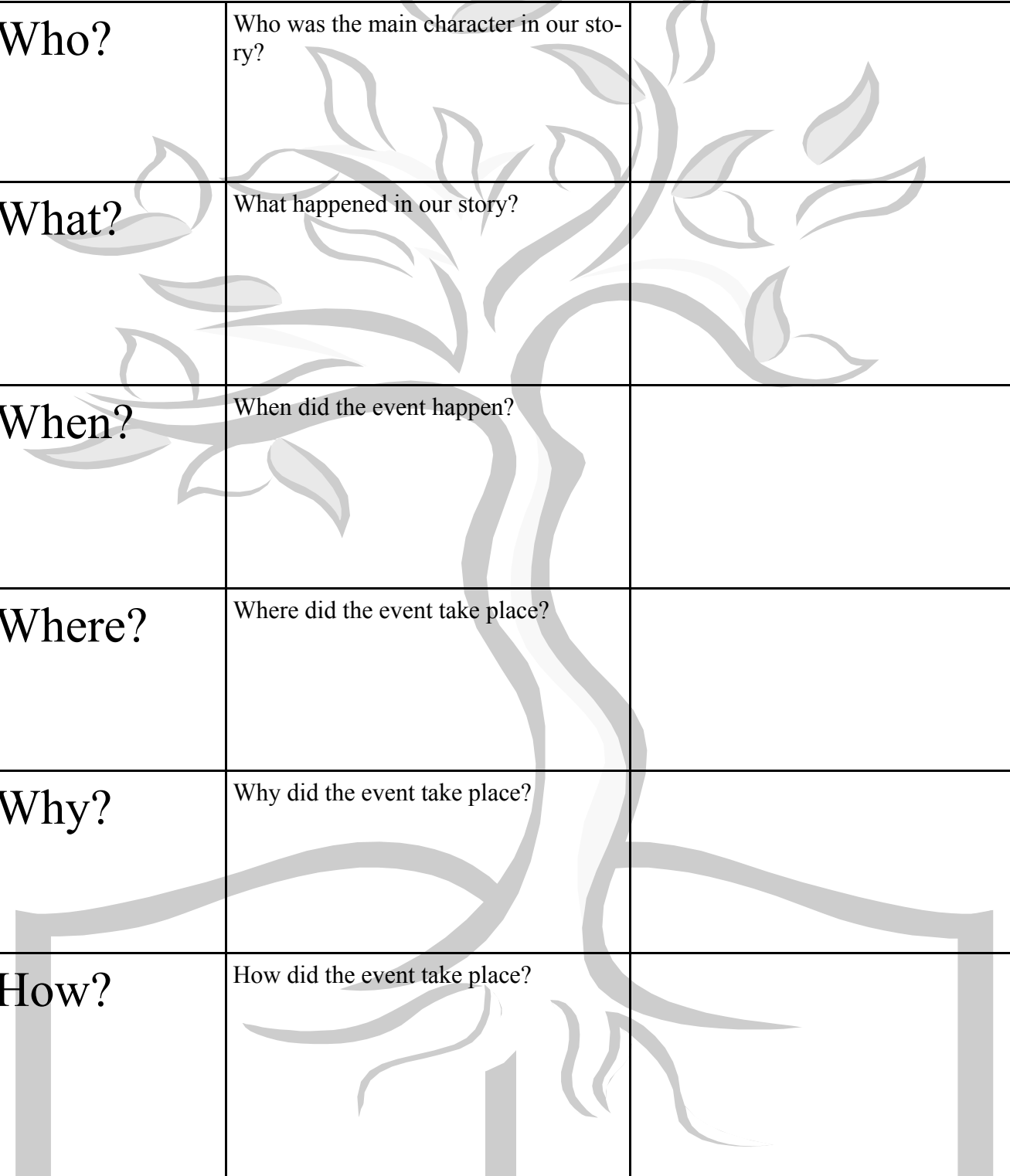
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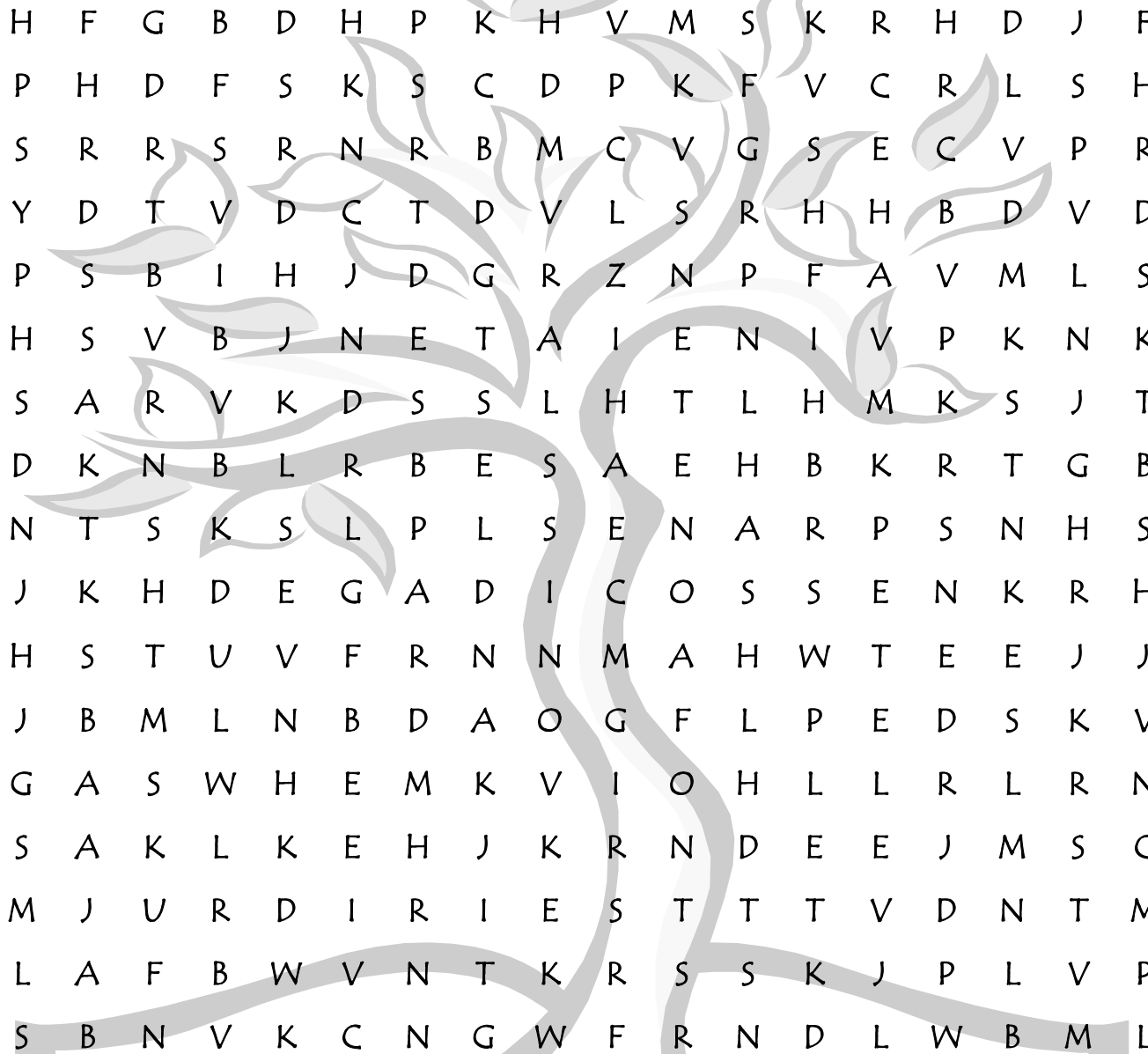
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Learning the Facts



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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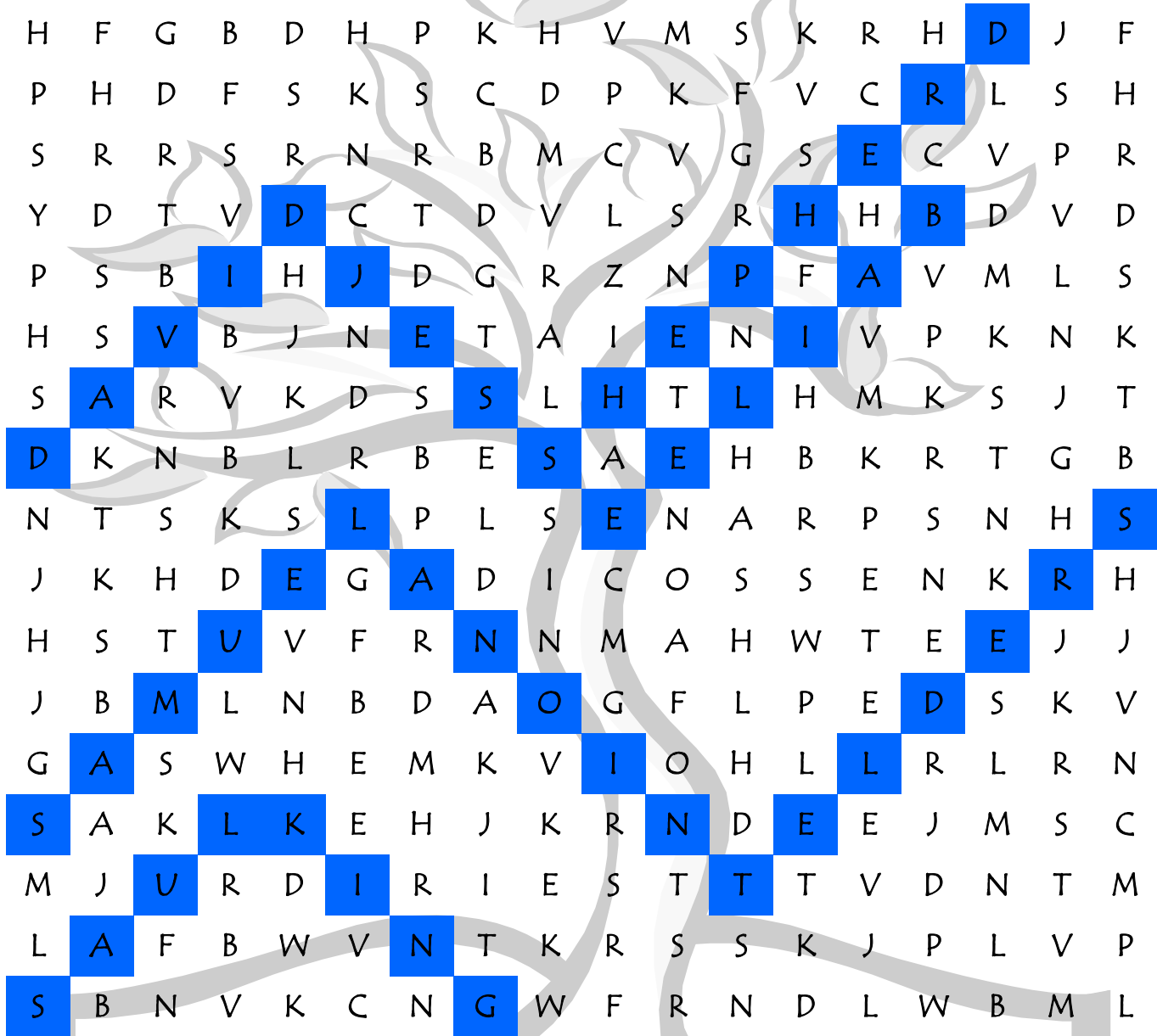
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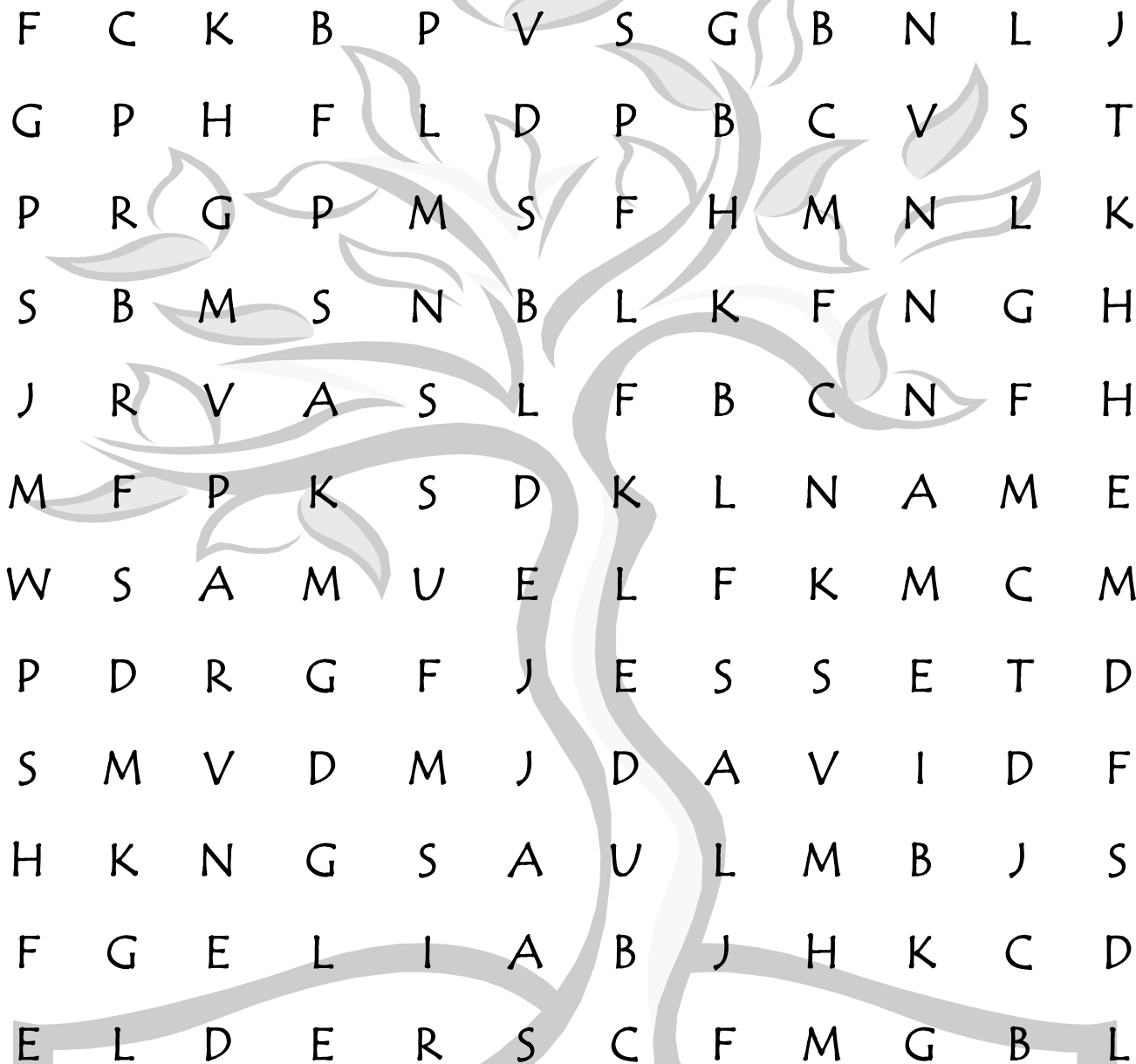
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Preschool Word Search



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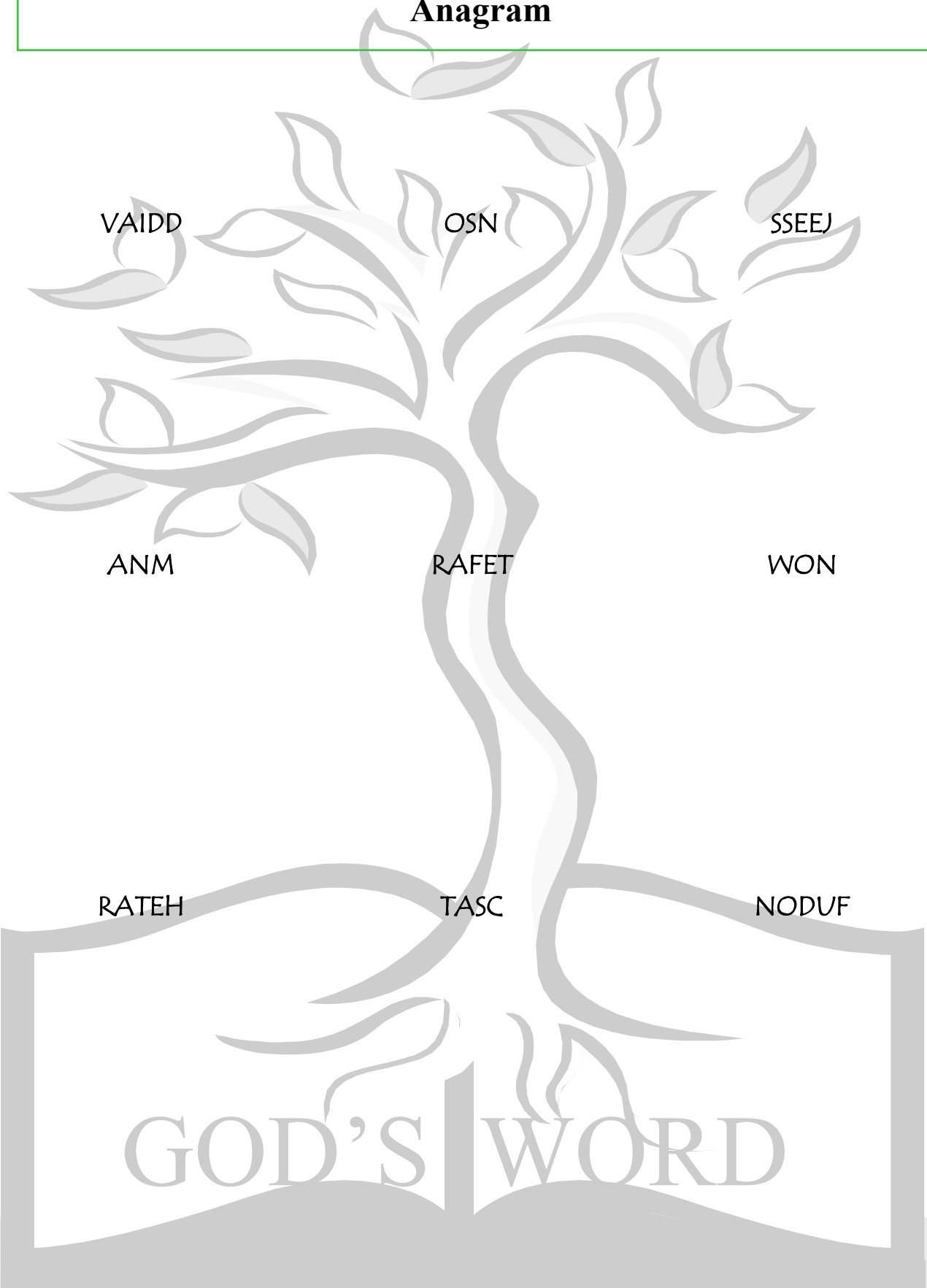
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