

Old Testament

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One Year Plan



GOD'S WORD

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

DAVID AND GOLIATH



I SAMUEL 17

Memory Verse:
Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being certain of what we do not see.
Hebrews 11:1

Lesson Goals

1. Understand that the Philistines were at war with the Israelites.
2. Learn that Goliath challenged the Israelites for 40 days.
3. Recognize that David had faith in God.
4. Understand that God delivered the Israelites.

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 1 Samuel 17:4-16. (Hold your Bible throughout the story.)

Do You Know Jesus?

God knew that there was no way that we could be good enough to go to Heaven. So, God sent His Son Jesus to take the punishment for our sins. He died on a cross. The best part is that Jesus came back to life three days later. Jesus lives, so if we believe in Him and ask Him to come into our life, He will be with us forever.

Application

What are the giants in your life? Maybe it's a bully or a hard subject in school. Maybe it's family problems. God promises to always be with us no matter what we are going through. We don't have to be afraid, because we have the Creator of the Universe helping us! We can be strong in the Lord.

Begin With Prayer

Last week we learned that 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's people were in battle with a group of people called the Philistines. They were mean people who did not love God. One day, the Philistines challenged God's people. They were so proud and confident that THEY could win. They had a secret weapon. They had a man who was mean, tough, and tall. His name was Goliath. He was over nine feet tall! That is almost as tall as the hoop on a basketball goal (It is ten feet)! He even carried armor that weighed over 125 pounds. He was strong too!

Every day for over a month, Goliath would come out from his side of the mountain and challenge God's people. He asked for one brave person to come and fight him. But God's people were scared. They saw how strong and tough he was. No one would fight him. They were afraid he would win.

One day, Jesse asked his youngest son David to go to the battlefield to take food to his brothers. David jumped up and went to the battleground. While he was talking to his brothers, Goliath came out and shouted his threat to the army. David heard what Goliath said. He couldn't believe that Goliath was speaking this way to God's army. David quickly found out what was going on.

Eliab, David's brother, was angry at what David was doing. He was probably a little jealous of David's confidence. News got back to King Saul of David's interest in fighting Goliath. He asked him to come to his palace. Saul couldn't believe his eyes! David was a teenaged boy! He surely couldn't fight a grown man.

But David had faith in God. The Bible says, "Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being certain of what we do not see." (Hebrews 11:1) David told Saul how God was with him when he had killed a bear and a lion. After hearing this, Saul decided that David could fight Goliath. He gave David special armor to wear. Poor little David; the armor was too heavy for him. He pulled off the armor and went to a stream of water. He picked up five stones and put them in his pocket.

Then, Goliath came. He looked at David and probably laughed. He told David that he would feed him to the birds. But David said, "You may come with your armor and spears, but I come to you in the name of the Lord. Today the Lord will give you to me. I will kill you. Everyone here will know that God did this. The battle belongs to God. God will win!" (1 Samuel 17:45-47)

David quickly ran to meet Goliath. He put a stone in his sling and hit Goliath right between the eyes. Goliath fell back and died. David did it! God helped him!

David believed that God would help him. He knew that God was bigger than any tall person. He trusted God and had faith that God would win the battle.

- 1. What did Goliath do?** (Goliath challenged Israel for 40 days.)
- 2. What did David do when he saw Goliath?** (David found out what was happening.)
- 3. What happened next?** (David convinced Saul to let him fight Goliath.)
- 4. What did God do?** (God delivered Israel.)

Planning for Next Week: David and Jonathan (1 Samuel 20)

Memory Verse

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Hebrews 11:1

Preschool Lesson

Read 1 Samuel 17:4-16. (Hold your Bible throughout the story.)

Memory verse for younger children:

Faith is being sure of what we hope for. Hebrews 11:1

Teacher: Bring 5 little rocks to use as a prop. Bring a tape measure and find an object of that height that the kids can visualize. (ex: top balcony of second floor; basketball hoop, high ceiling etc.) He was as tall as that _____.

Begin With Prayer

In God's land, there were some enemies that wanted to take over God's land. One day, the evil men wanted to battle God's people. This time they brought a very, very, tall man named Goliath. He was over nine feet tall!

Goliath did not love God. He was proud and loved himself more than other people. He would brag every day and ask for someone to come and fight him.

One day, little David came to bring food to his brothers who were fighting. While he was there, Goliath came out and shouted. David could not believe his ears! He knew that God was bigger than any man, especially someone who was mean to God's people.

David knew that God would win the battle. King Saul talked to David about fighting Goliath. David shared how God helped him fight a lion and a bear. Saul gave David heavy armor to wear. When David tried it on, it was too big. Instead, David found five smooth stones from a creek and put them in his pocket. (Show the stone and count to five).

Then, Goliath came. He looked at David and probably laughed. He told David that he would feed him to the birds. But David said, "You may come with your armor and spears, but I come to you in the name of the Lord. Today the Lord will give you to me. I will kill you. Everyone here will know that God did this. The battle belongs to God. God will win!"

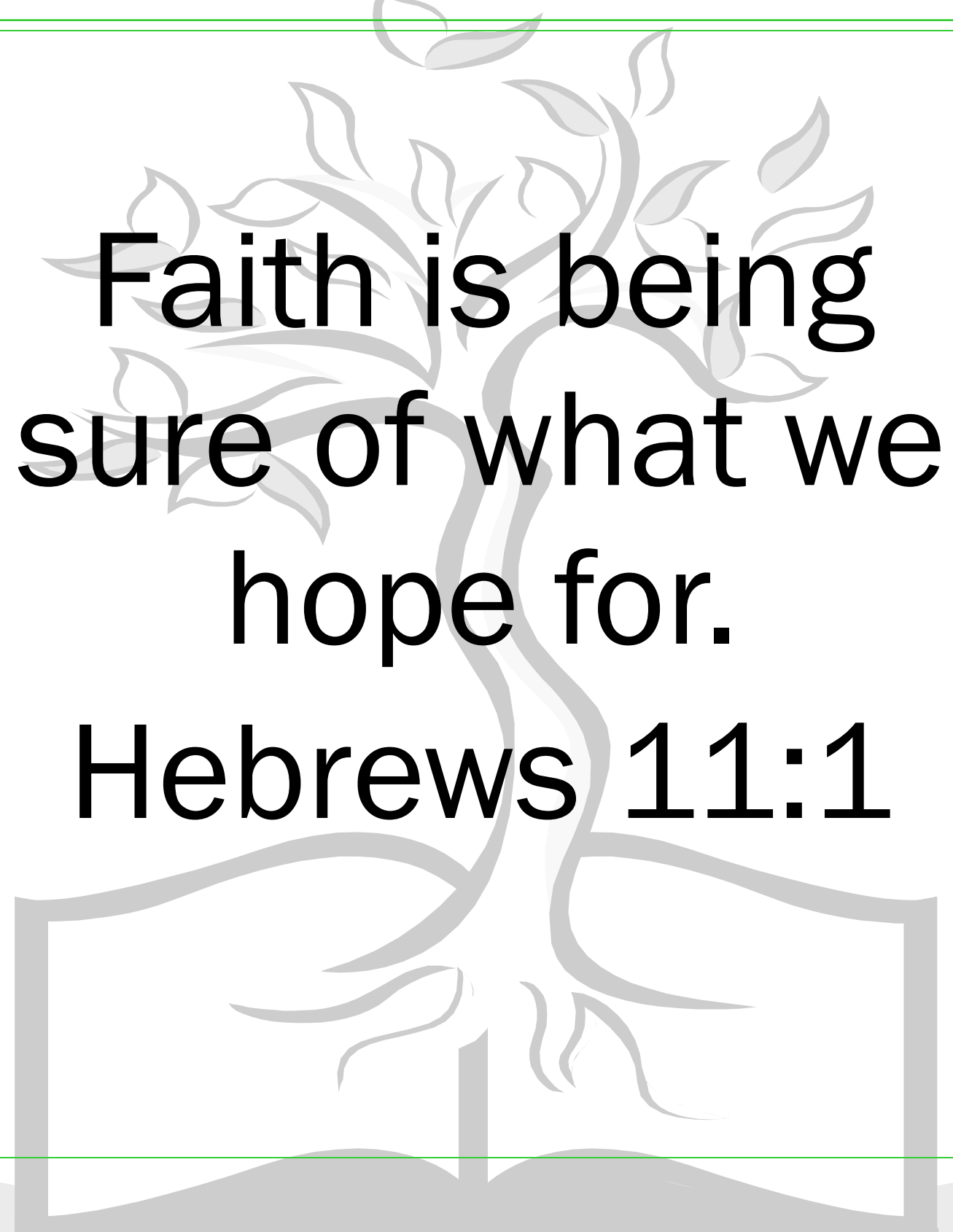
David quickly ran to meet Goliath. He put a stone in his sling and hit Goliath right between the eyes. Goliath fell back and died. David did it! God helped him! Hooray!

David knew that God would help him. We can believe in God and know that He will help us too!

Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for sending Jesus.
3. Ask God to give us faith like David had.

Preschool Memory Verse



**Faith is being
sure of what we
hope for.**

Hebrews 11:1

Learning Activities

Memory verse activity — Gather a rock for each person. Let them write the memory verse reference on the rock.

Test your memory — If possible, enlist someone who is tall to come to your class. Ask them to stand as you tell the story of David and Goliath. Ask one of the children to pretend to be David. Bring five smooth stones and a sling shot to tell the story.

Taste activity — Use Donut holes as snacks (to represent the stones).

Bring rock candy.

Think about it —David's brother was jealous of him. Talk about jealousy and the results. Talk about what God wants from us.

David has served in the palace playing the harp for the king. Now he was back home tending the sheep. Samuel had anointed him and he was still waiting to become king. Talk about the importance of waiting for God's time.

Goliath was a bully. Talk about options that are present when you are being bullied.

Touch activity — Make a sling shot.

Make a little bag with five stones out of construction paper. Write the memory verse on the stones. Punch holes at the top of the bag and use yarn to make a handle.

Watch the Veggie Tale Video "David and the Giant Pickle."

Run and play — Bring a box or create a wall. Create puppets with faces and popsicle sticks. Bring nerf balls. Have the children divide into teams. Have Group #1 hold up the wall and the puppets. They will be behind the wall. Group #1 will raise and lower the puppets at different times. Group #2 will attempt to hit the puppets with the nerf balls.

Make a shuffleboard type game. Use newsprint to make a giant Goliath. Use empty peanut cans as a putt. Use a broom to move the cans.

Create a board game. Draw a face on poster board. Mark an area of the forehead to be the goal (like in darts). Use smooth stones and try to slide them to the area of the forehead that will give you the most points..

Listen — As the children take time for silence, remind them that God wants us to trust Him.

Sing — Sing "Have Faith in God," "Faith, Faith, Faith," "Only Believe," or another song related to the story.

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 a verse for each child. Encourage them to read the story in the Bible.

Rooted and Grounded



Pray

Thank God that He always takes care of us.
Praise Him for sending Jesus to die for our sins.
Pray for those who have not accepted God's gift of forgiveness.

Read the Bible Daily

This week, read I Samuel 17. Also, read a chapter out of Psalms and Proverbs each day.

Think About It

All of the Israelite warriors were afraid of Goliath, because they were looking at his size and strength. But they forgot to look at God's size and strength! We need to remember that God is bigger and stronger than any enemy we may face. That should give us confidence to do His work with boldness.

Do It

Maybe no one else in your school or at home will stand up for God and do the right thing. You may feel too young and small to stand up for God, but remember the story of David. Age and size are not important when God is on your side. He will give you the strength you need to speak for Him and live for Him.

Tell About It

Share the Bible story with a friend. Talk about how David had faith in his God when no one around him did. Share that we can have faith in God like David did.

Change it

If you have allowed fear to stop you from following God, ask God to forgive you. Pray for help to obey Him and do the right thing, even when no one else is.

Study it

Attend Bible study this week.

Word Art

Trace the letters.

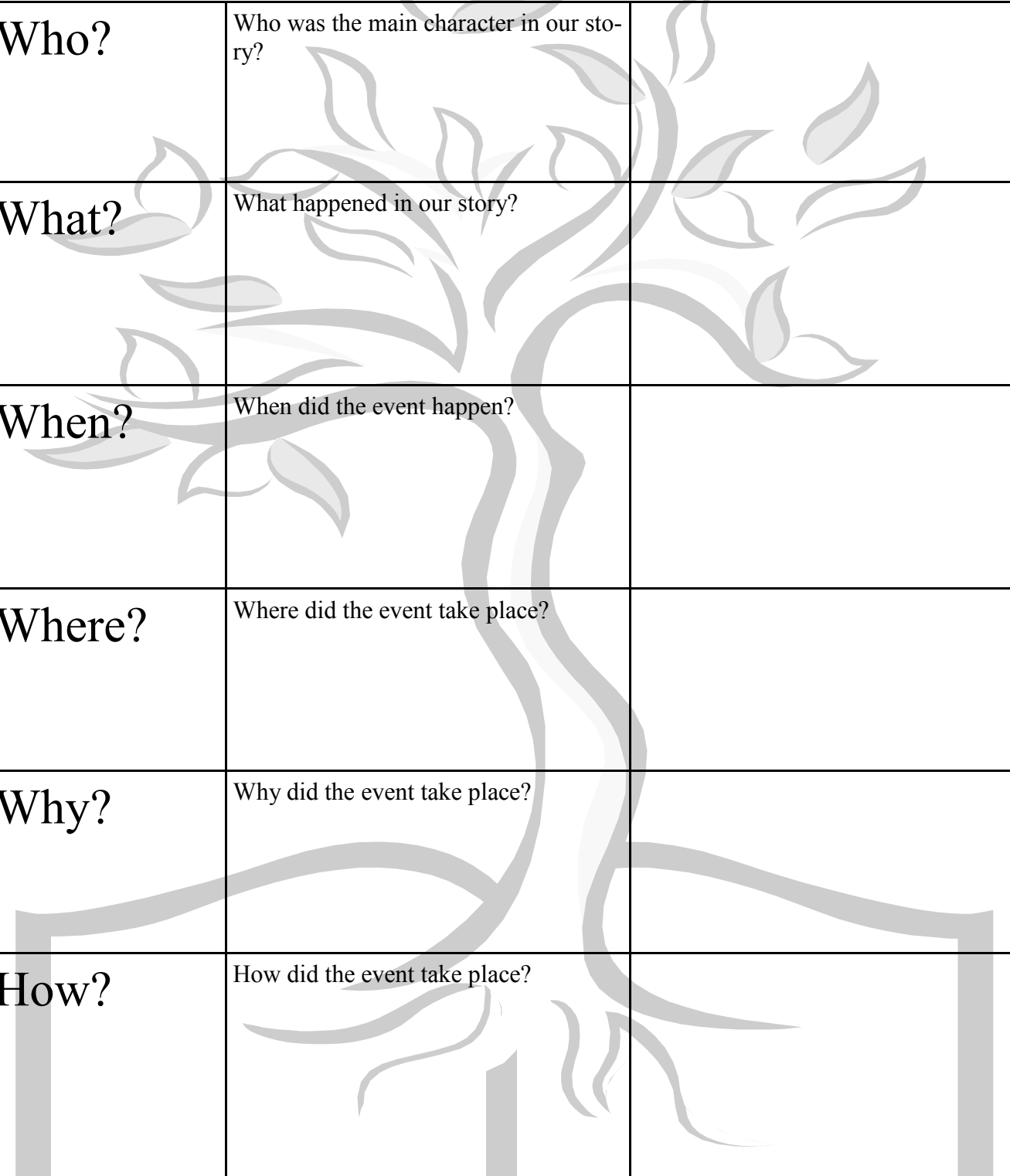
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Learning the Facts



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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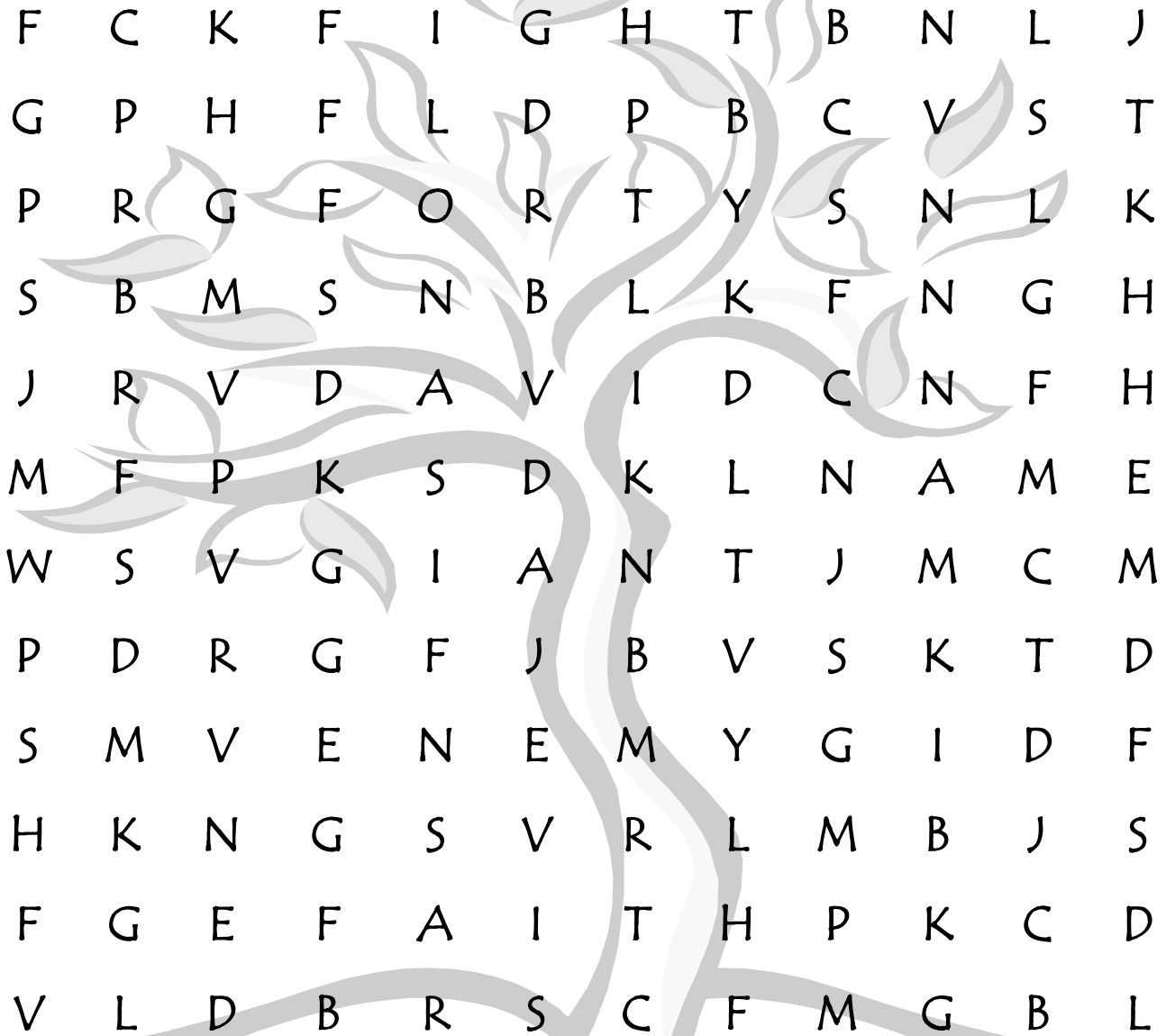
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Preschool Word Search



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DAVID

GIANT

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FAITH

Preschool Word Search Solution

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