

# Old Testament

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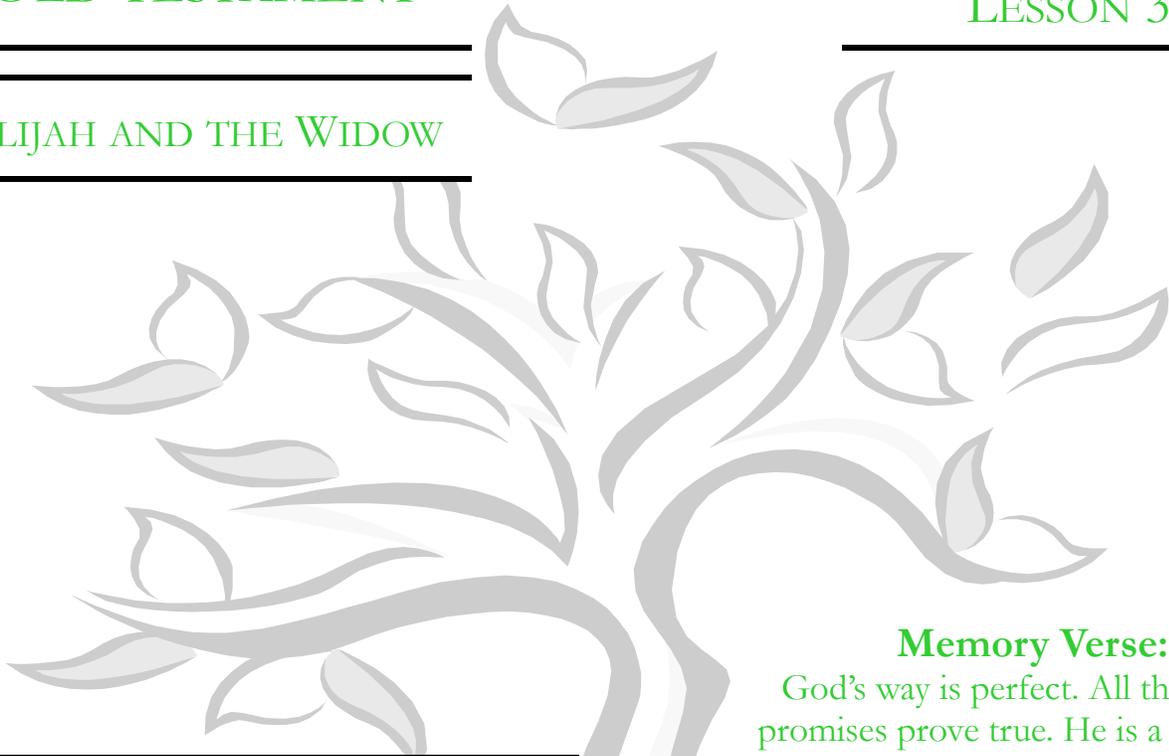
## One Year Plan



GOD'S WORD

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

ELIJAH AND THE WIDOW



I KINGS 17

**Memory Verse:**

God's way is perfect. All the Lord's promises prove true. He is a shield for all who look to Him for protection.

Psalm 18:30

**Lesson Goals**

1. Understand that God sent Elijah to Zarephath.
2. Learn that Elijah trusted God.
3. Recognize that the widow trusted God.
4. Understand that God provided for Elijah, the widow, and her son.

**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 I Kings 17:8-16. (Hold your Bible throughout the story.)**

**Do You Know Jesus?**

God promised to send a Savior to the world. He kept that promise and sent His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross. He paid the price for our sins so that we can be forgiven. Have you trusted Jesus and asked Him to forgive your sins and come into your life? If so, you have received the gift of eternal life. If not, why not ask Jesus into your life today? He will send you His Holy Spirit to help you live for Him.

**Application**

God showed Elijah and the widow that He always keeps His promises. The widow trusted God and shared what she had with Elijah. God provided for her because she trusted in Him. Sometimes it is difficult to trust God when life gets hard. But we should remember that God will always take care of us. We can trust Him.

**Begin With Prayer**

Elijah was a special messenger from God. People knew that Elijah loved God, and they trusted him to tell them the truth.

Unfortunately, the king wanted Elijah killed because God had not sent rain in a very, very, long time. The whole country was brown, and it was hard to find water and vegetables to eat because of the hot sun and lack of water.

God had sent Elijah to a certain place near a stream of water. God sent ravens to Elijah twice a day with food, and he drank from the stream. After a while, the stream dried up. But God still had a plan to take care of Elijah.

God told Elijah to go to the town of Zarephath and look for a widow there who would give him food. (A widow is a woman whose husband has died.) When Elijah arrived in the town, he saw a woman gathering sticks. Elijah called out to her for help. He asked her to bring him a drink of water. So she went to get the water.

While she was on her way, Elijah called out to her to bring him a piece of bread also. She ran back to Elijah and explained that she only had one meal left for her son and herself. She told him that they had no more flour or oil to make bread after that. Elijah told the woman that everything would be fine. He said, "Go home and fix something for you and your son. But first, please make a small piece of bread and bring it to me. The Lord God of Israel has promised that your jar of flour and your bottle of oil won't dry up before he sends rain for the crops."

The woman trusted Elijah and did as he said. Sure enough, there was food for Elijah and for her family. Just as Elijah said, God continued to provide more flour and oil so that it never ran out!

Some time later, the woman's son became very sick. He continued to get worse and worse until he stopped breathing! The woman asked Elijah why this had happened to her. Elijah carried the son upstairs and cried out to God for help. He stretched his arms over the child three times and asked God to revive the child.

God heard Elijah's prayer and brought the boy back to life. When the woman saw her son alive, she told Elijah, "You are God's prophet! Now I know that you really do speak for the Lord." Elijah helped the woman and her son know that God was the only true God. She trusted in God and knew that His ways are the best. She saw how God took care of her needs (with flour and water and reviving her son). She could tell others of God's amazing power and love.

**Review**

- 1. What did God tell Elijah to do?** (Go to Zarephath.)
- 2. What was going to happen there?** (A widow would feed Elijah.)
- 3. What happened next?** (Elijah and the widow obeyed God.)
- 4. What did God do?** (God provided for Elijah, the widow, and her son.)

**Planning for the next week:**

**Elijah at Mt. Carmel — I Kings 18**

## Memory Verse



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Lord's promises prove true.  
He is a shield for all who look  
to Him for protection.

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# Preschool Lesson

Read I Kings 17:8-16. (Hold your Bible throughout the story.)

Memory verse for younger children:

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**Teacher:** Bring bread and butter. Allow the children to eat the bread as you tell the story.

## Begin With Prayer

Today, I want to tell you a story about a woman and how God helped her.

One day, a widow woman (a woman whose husband has died) looked in her flour jar. It was almost empty. She looked so sad. There was only enough oil and flour to make one more loaf of bread. The woman sighed and whispered that she had no money for any more food or bread.

She told her son that she was going to gather sticks for a fire for the oven to bake the bread. She was not gone very long. Instead of being sad, though, she was humming and smiling. She quickly made the bread and didn't worry. She also brought a guest into her home.

Instead of giving the bread to her son, she gave it to a special man from God. His name was Elijah. He loved God and told the woman all about how much God loved her.

Elijah munched on the bread and enjoyed it. He must have been very hungry.

An amazing thing happened! The jar of oil did not run out! The flour jar did not run out either!

Elijah told the woman that God would not let the flour or oil run out because she obeyed God and did as Elijah told her. The woman was so grateful for God's kindness to her. She loved God and believed in Him.

## Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for sending Jesus to die for our sins.
3. Ask God to help you trust Him to give you all you need.

**Preschool Memory Verse**



**God's way is perfect.  
All the Lord's  
promises prove true.  
Psalm 18:30**

# Learning Activities

•**Memory verse activity** — Cut out pictures of loaves of bread. Write the memory verse on them.

•**Test your memory** — Bring sticks, oil, and flour. Use them to tell the story.

•**Taste activity** — Bring crackers for a snack.

•**Think about it** — The widow believed and trusted God. Talk about the importance of trusting God.

Elijah trusted God. He asked the widow to feed him before she fed her own son. Talk about Elijah's faith.

•**Touch activity** — Bring pictures of wood stoves. Explain how the sticks were used for cooking.

Bring play dough and let the children pretend to knead the dough.

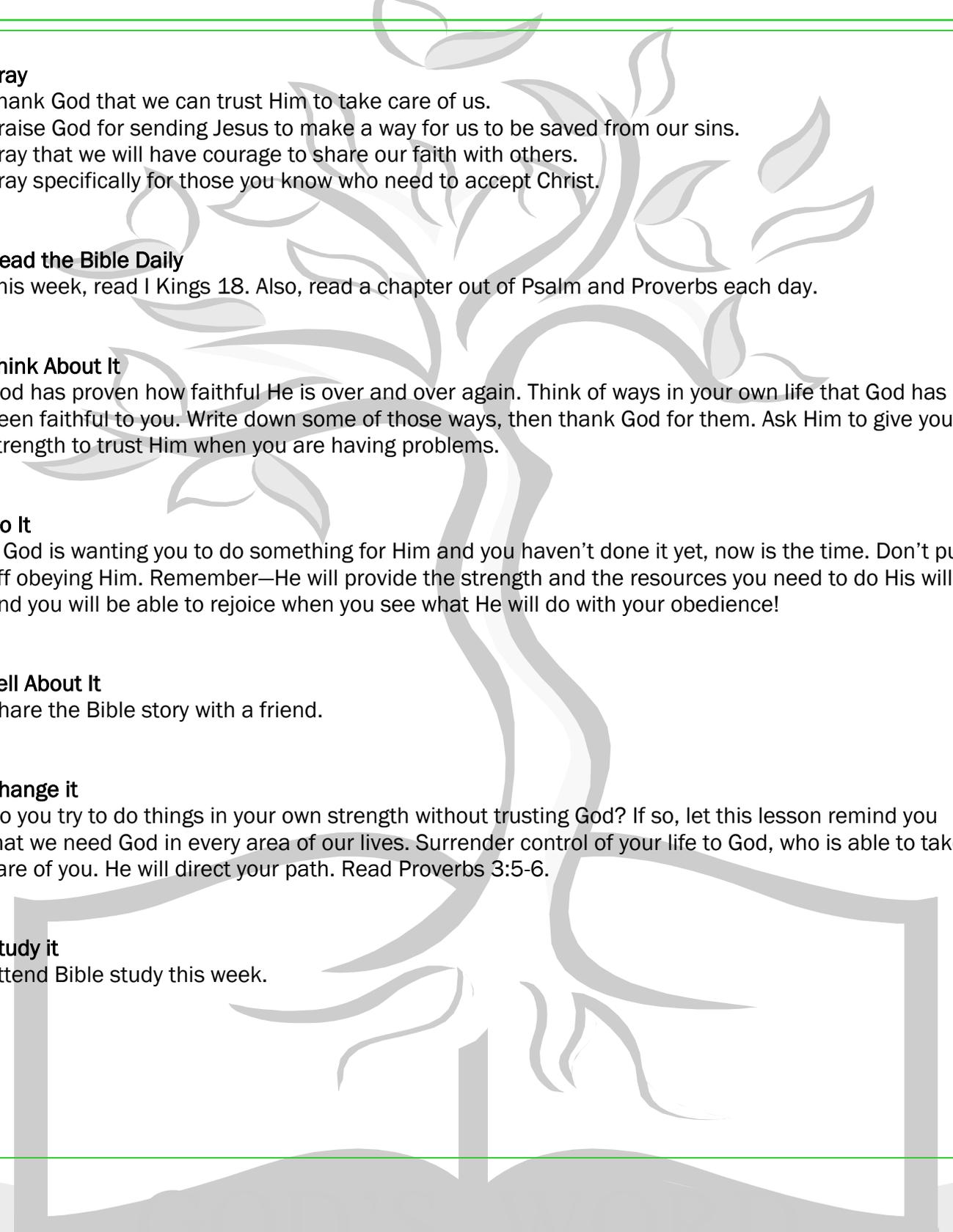
•**Run and play** — Bring wood sticks or other items. Have the children play races to see who can pick up sticks the fastest.

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

•**Sing** — Sing "Trust and Obey," "Jehovah Jireh," 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 pictures of the loaves of bread with verse for each child. Encourage them to read the story in the Bible.

# Rooted and Grounded



## **Pray**

Thank God that we can trust Him to take care of us.  
Praise God for sending Jesus to make a way for us to be saved from our sins.  
Pray that we will have courage to share our faith with others.  
Pray specifically for those you know who need to accept Christ.

## **Read the Bible Daily**

This week, read I Kings 18. Also, read a chapter out of Psalm and Proverbs each day.

## **Think About It**

God has proven how faithful He is over and over again. Think of ways in your own life that God has been faithful to you. Write down some of those ways, then thank God for them. Ask Him to give you strength to trust Him when you are having problems.

## **Do It**

If God is wanting you to do something for Him and you haven't done it yet, now is the time. Don't put off obeying Him. Remember—He will provide the strength and the resources you need to do His will. And you will be able to rejoice when you see what He will do with your obedience!

## **Tell About It**

Share the Bible story with a friend.

## **Change it**

Do you try to do things in your own strength without trusting God? If so, let this lesson remind you that we need God in every area of our lives. Surrender control of your life to God, who is able to take care of you. He will direct your path. Read Proverbs 3:5-6.

## **Study it**

Attend Bible study this week.

Word Art

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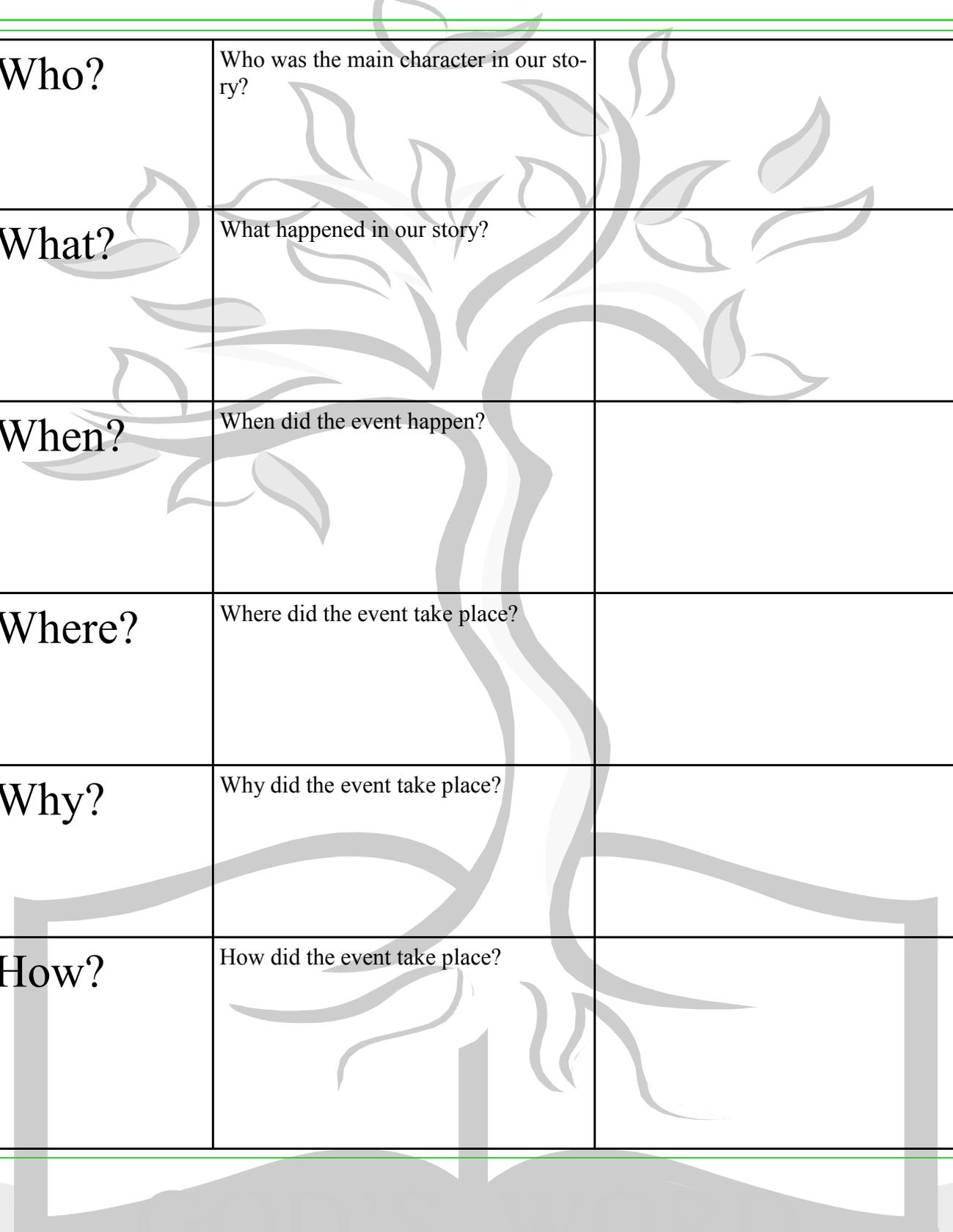
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GOD'S WORD

# 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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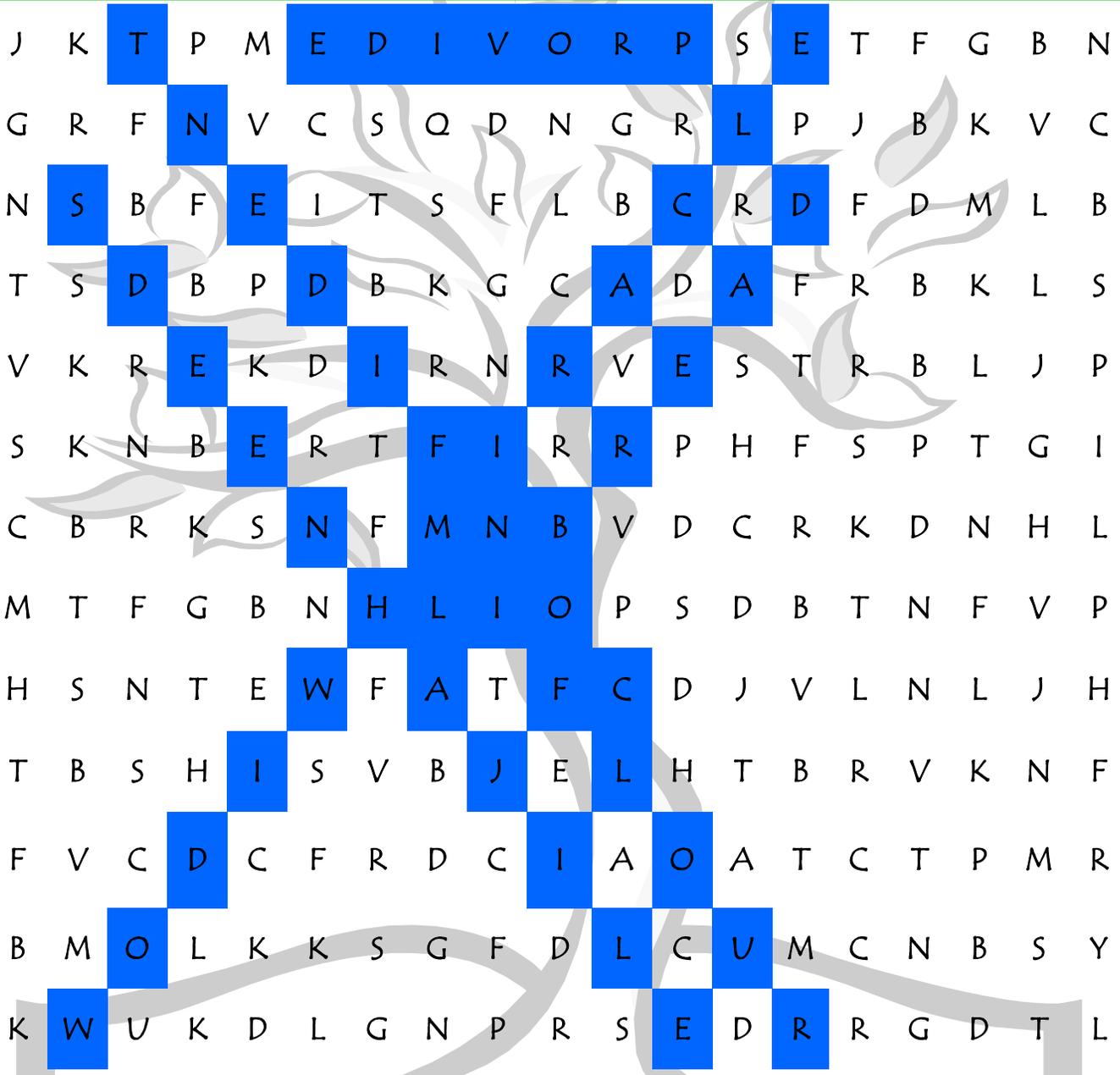
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# Word Search Solution



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# Preschool Word Search

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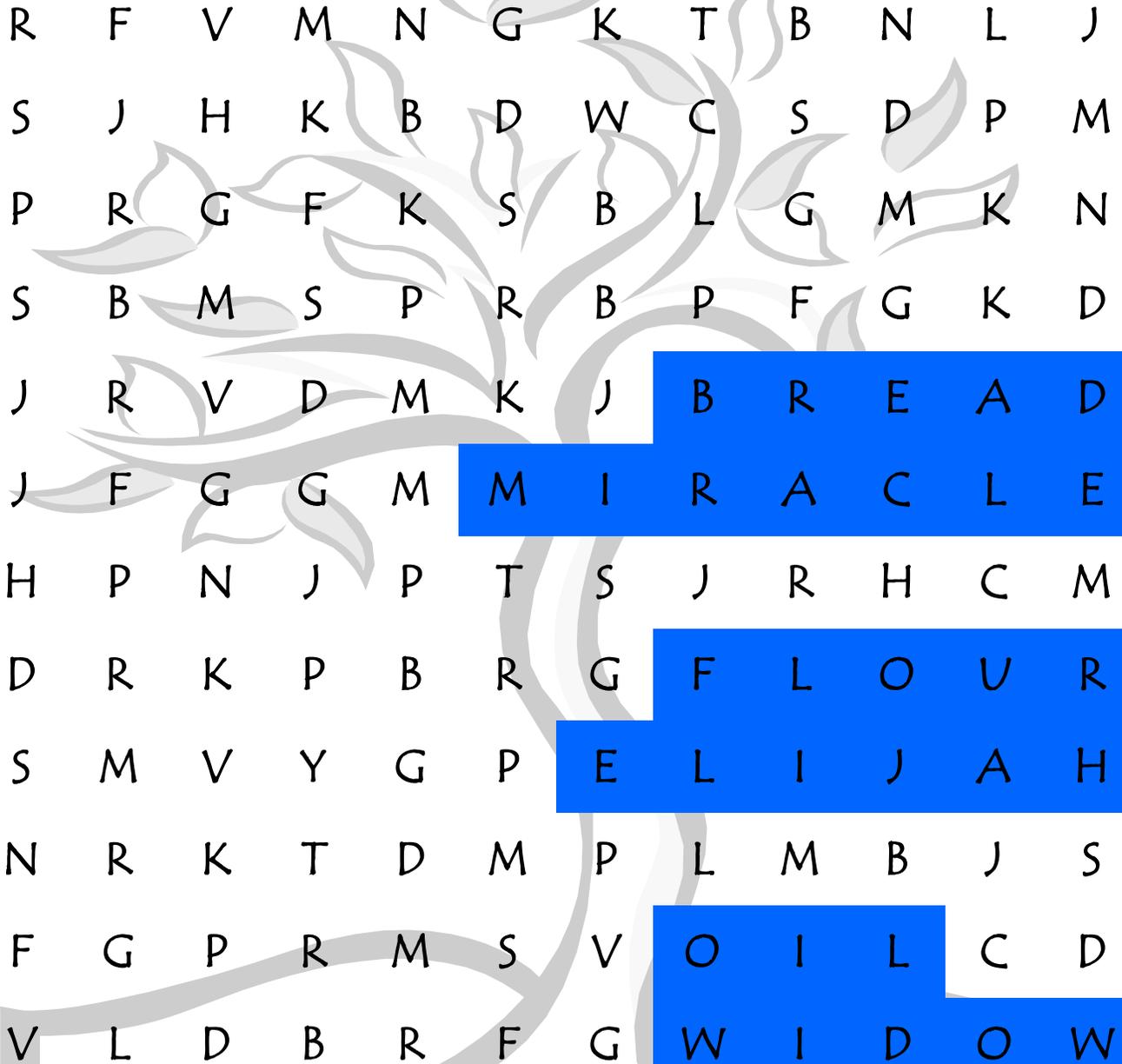
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# Preschool Word Search Solution



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**Anagram**

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GOD'S WORD

## Anagram Solution

WIDOW

ZAREPHATH

FLOUR

OIL

GATHER

STICKS

BREAD

SON

DIE

GOD'S WORD