

# Trees of Faith

“O Lord! Provide for the speedy growth of the Tree of Thy divine Unity . . .” —The Báb

**D**id you know that trees are among the longest living things in the world? They're also a powerful symbol rooted in the world's diverse religions.

Sacred fig trees are often found in Hindu stories and worship. Buddhists believe that Buddha received knowledge from God while meditating under a fig tree. For Jews and Christians, the Bible begins with a story about Adam and Eve eating fruit from a tree in the

Garden of Eden. In the Qur'án, the holy book of Islam, a lote tree is seen by the Prophet Muhammad in heaven. In the Bahá'í writings, trees are used poetically by the Báb and Bahá'u'lláh. The Báb called His followers the “leaves and fruit of the same tree.”

Like a tree nourishes our bodies, faith offers us spiritual food and shelter for our souls. By turning to God's teachings for strength and guidance, we can all grow in love and unity.

In this orange tree growing near the Shrine of the Báb, fill in blank oranges with letters to find words that relate to all religions. Connected oranges have the same letter.

