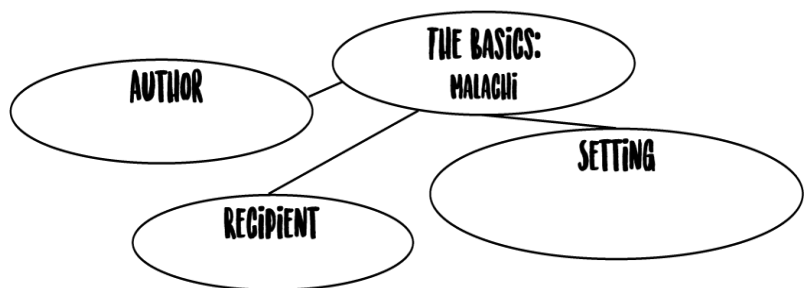


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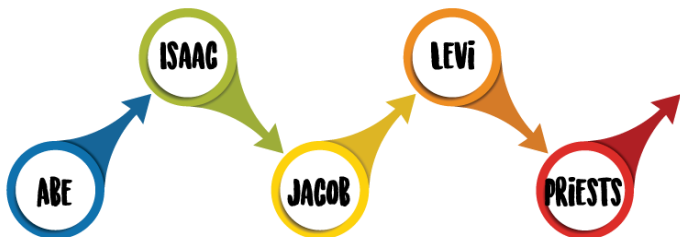


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Malachi 2:5, 7



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Jesus Storybook Bible

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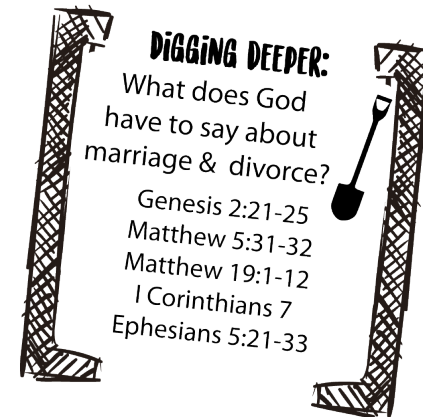
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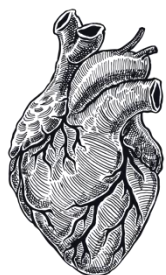
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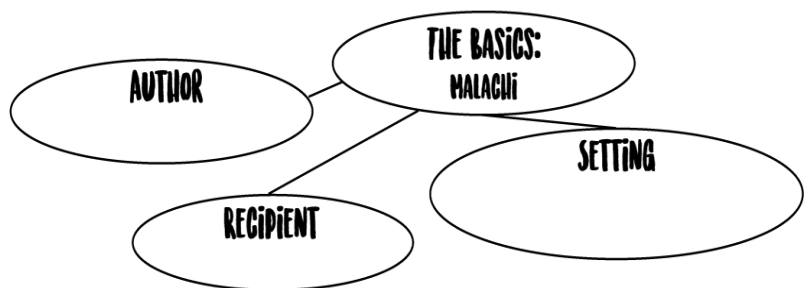


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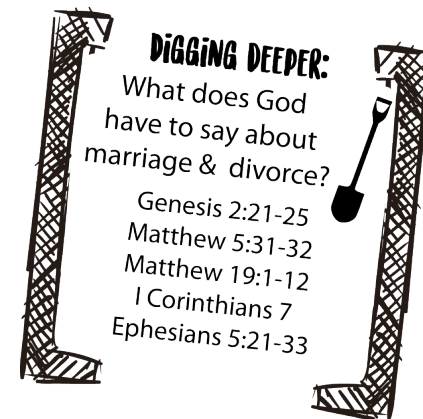
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