

Arbol de la Vida TREE OF LIFE

Share your life story or your family's story by creating an **Arbol de la Vida**, a tree of life. A tree of life is a Mexican clay sculpture covered with flowers, leaves, and figures. For more than 100 years, Mexico has been known for these beautiful creations. Historically, trees of life told biblical

stories, but nowadays many other stories are recounted through these clay sculptures.

Take a look at the tree of life below. This is a story about the artist's typical school day. How is this artist's day different than yours? **The stories are "read" from bottom to top.**

5. The artist is playing with her best friend after school. **What do you like to do with your best friend?**

3. The artist is taking a bus to school. **How do you get to school?**

1. This story begins with the artist at home asleep. **What does your house look like?**

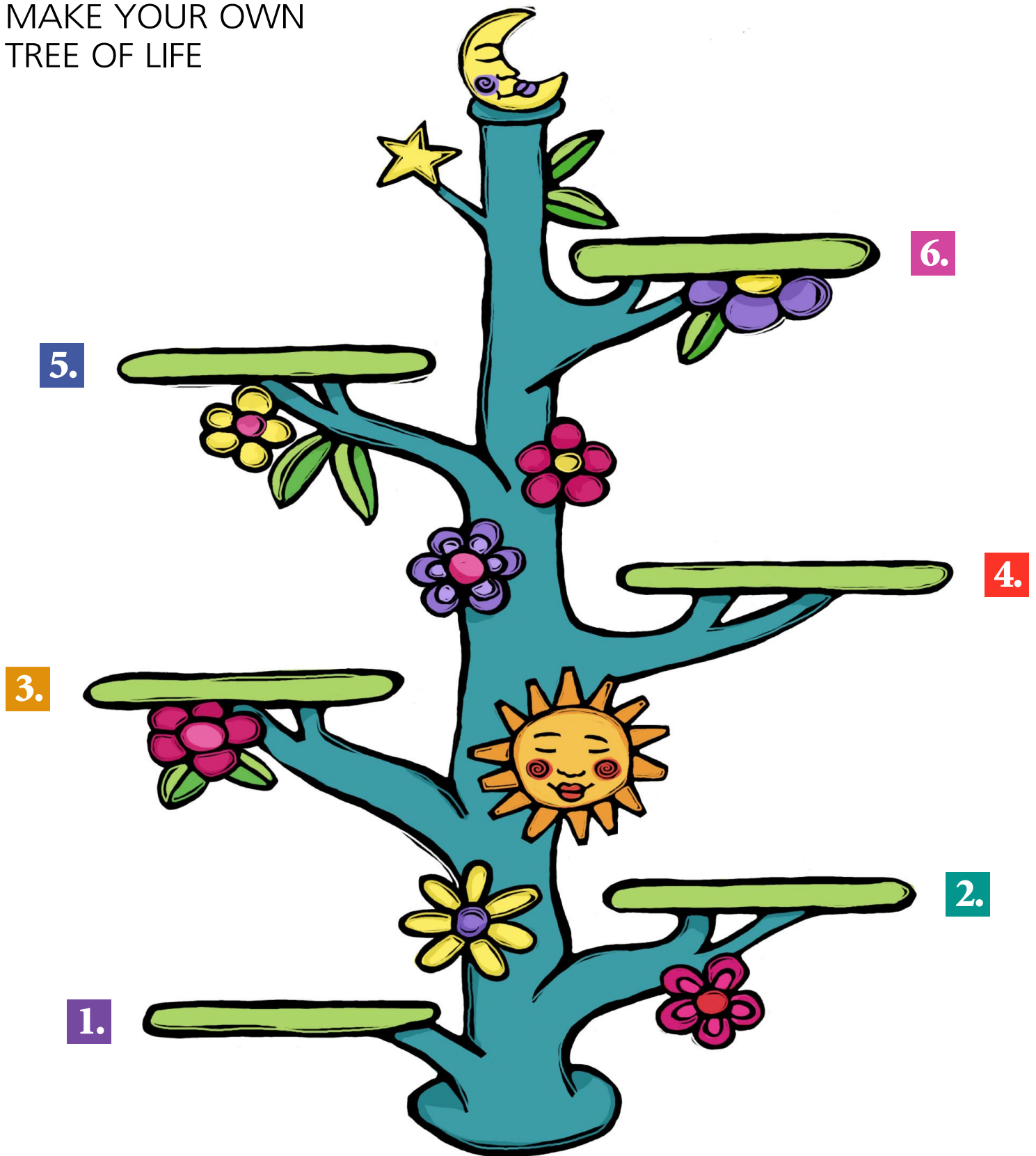


6. At night the artist reads a story with her brother. **Do you read before bed? When is your favorite time to read?**

4. The artist is happy reading in class. **What is your favorite subject at school?**

2. The artist is eating breakfast with her family. **How is your family different? Do you have a big family or a small family?**

MAKE YOUR OWN TREE OF LIFE



DIRECTIONS

Before you start, think of a story. On a separate sheet of paper, write down six events that you think tell the story best.

Remember, a tree of life is read from the bottom up. As you draw, start your story at the bottom of the tree and work your way up.

Try to add something to represent everyone in your family. **When you are done, share your tree with someone in your family. See if they can read the story correctly.**