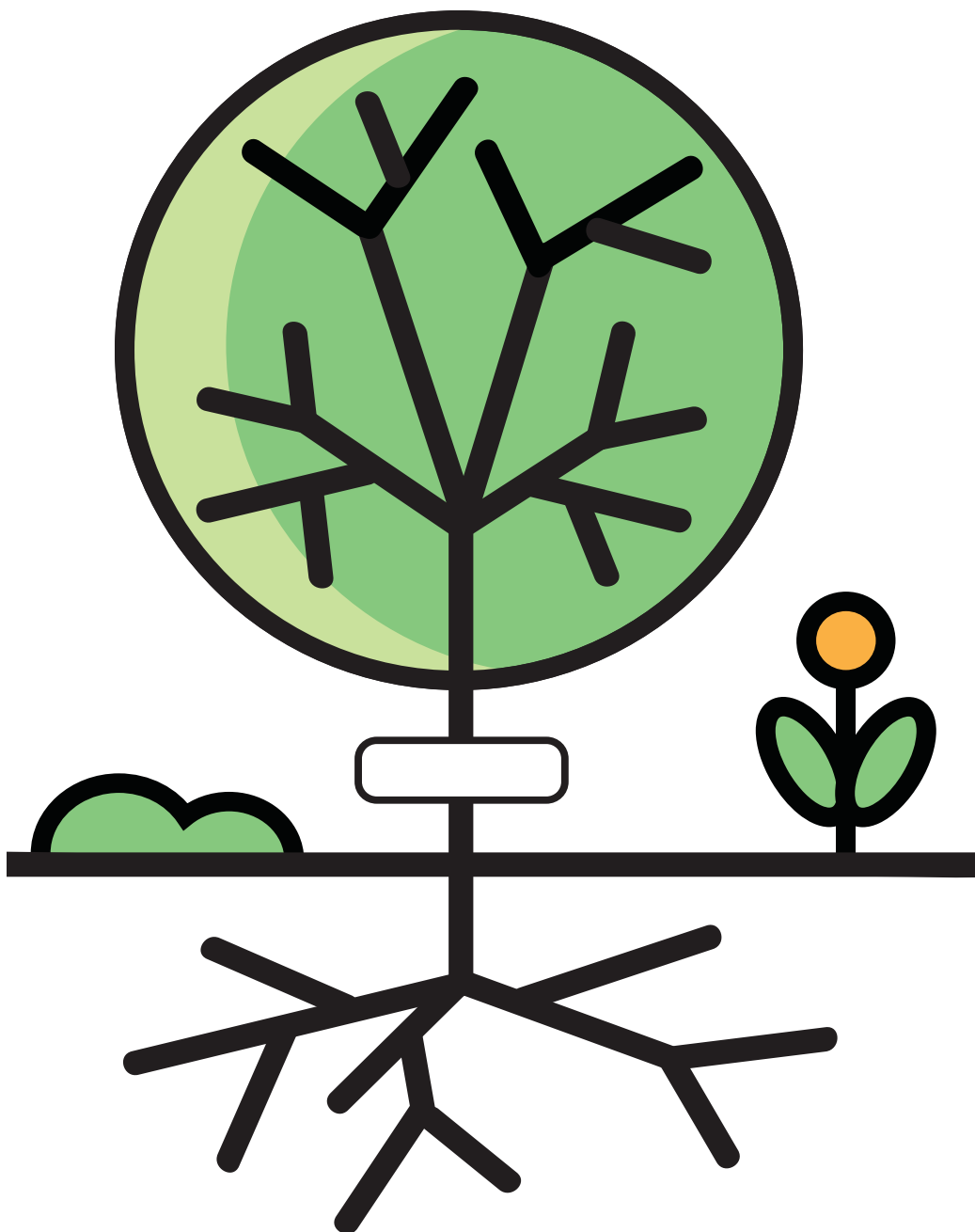A Name Tree is a great option for a child who wants to be more private about their adoption or the specifics of their family. The child's name is written at the bottom of the page, and the names of family members are written in the shape of the tree. The child can place anyone they want wherever they want, and they don't need to include titles like aunt, mother, or sister. Instead, they can just use peoples' names or nicknames. These trees can be especially beautiful pieces of art!
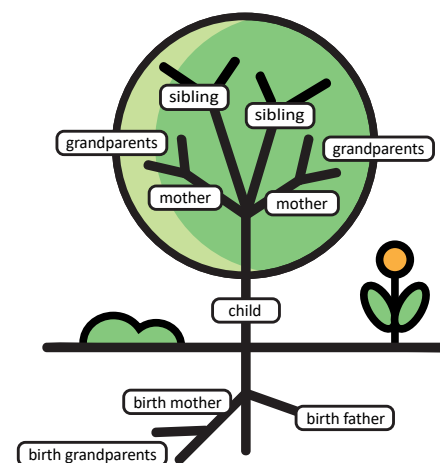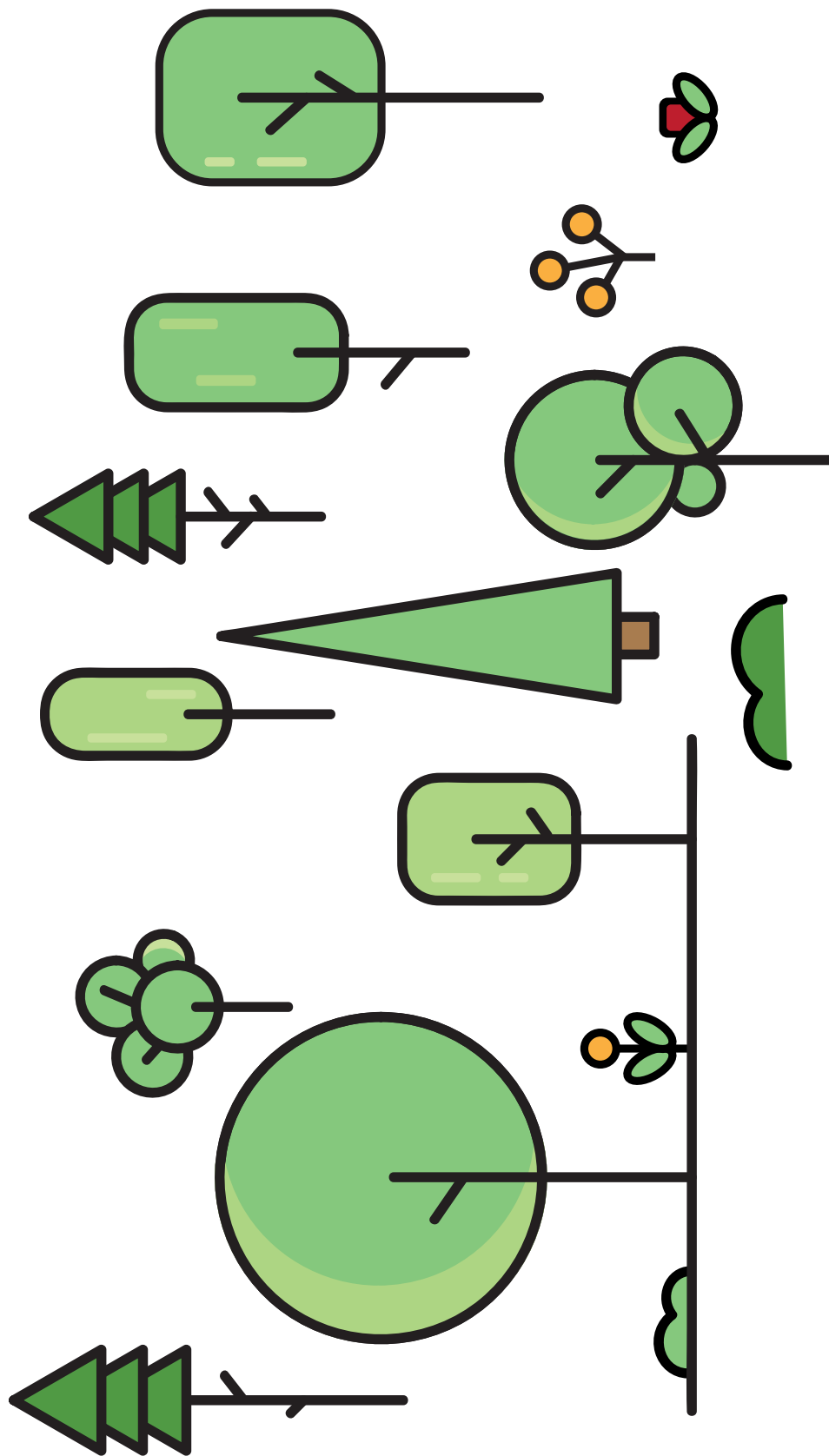
Example:

SAMPSON
MICHAEL
MRS JACKSON
ETHAN JACKSON
AUNTIE BARB
OWEN
LIAM SAMANTHA
AVA
JOJO
NOAH
LUKE
GRANDPA PHIL
MOM SARAH
JORDAN BROWN

_____

NAME

The Roots and Branches family tree is a great way to accommodate a child's biological and adoptive families. The child's name is written in the space in trunk, or heart, of the tree. The roots represent the biological family, the trunk represents the child, and the branches represent the adoptive family. This format could easily be adjusted so that the branches include foster family, step-family, or any other type of family.

Example:

sibling

sibling

grandparents

grandparents

mother

mother

child

birth mother
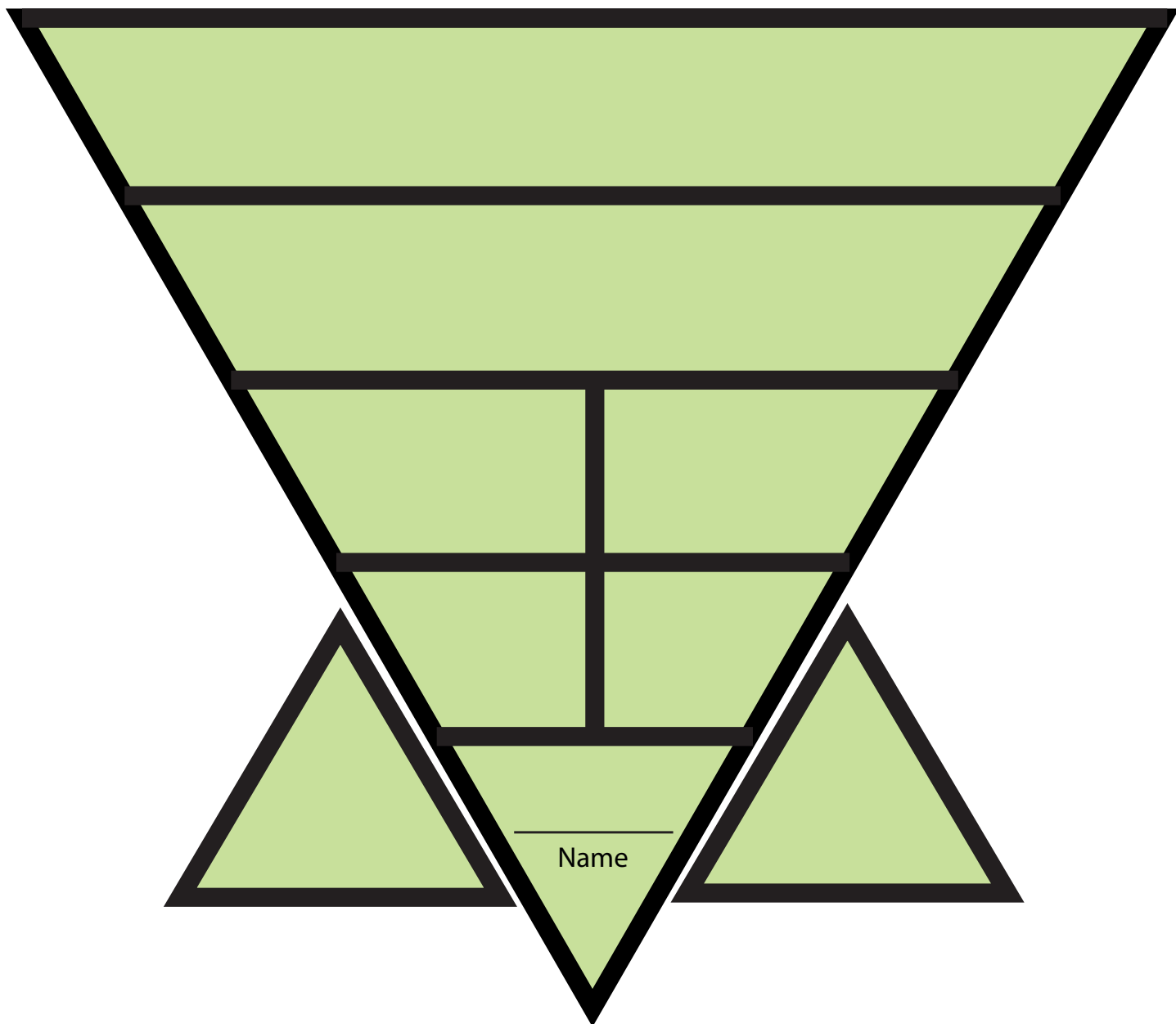
birth father

birth grandparents

In the **Family Forest**, the child's tree is the largest; other trees of various sizes are assigned to family members. This option allows for a lot of creativity! The child can assign their birth family to a specific type or size of tree, and their adoptive family to a different type or size. The level of creativity is up to you!
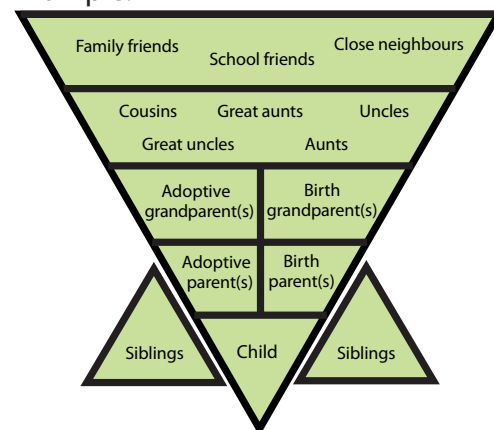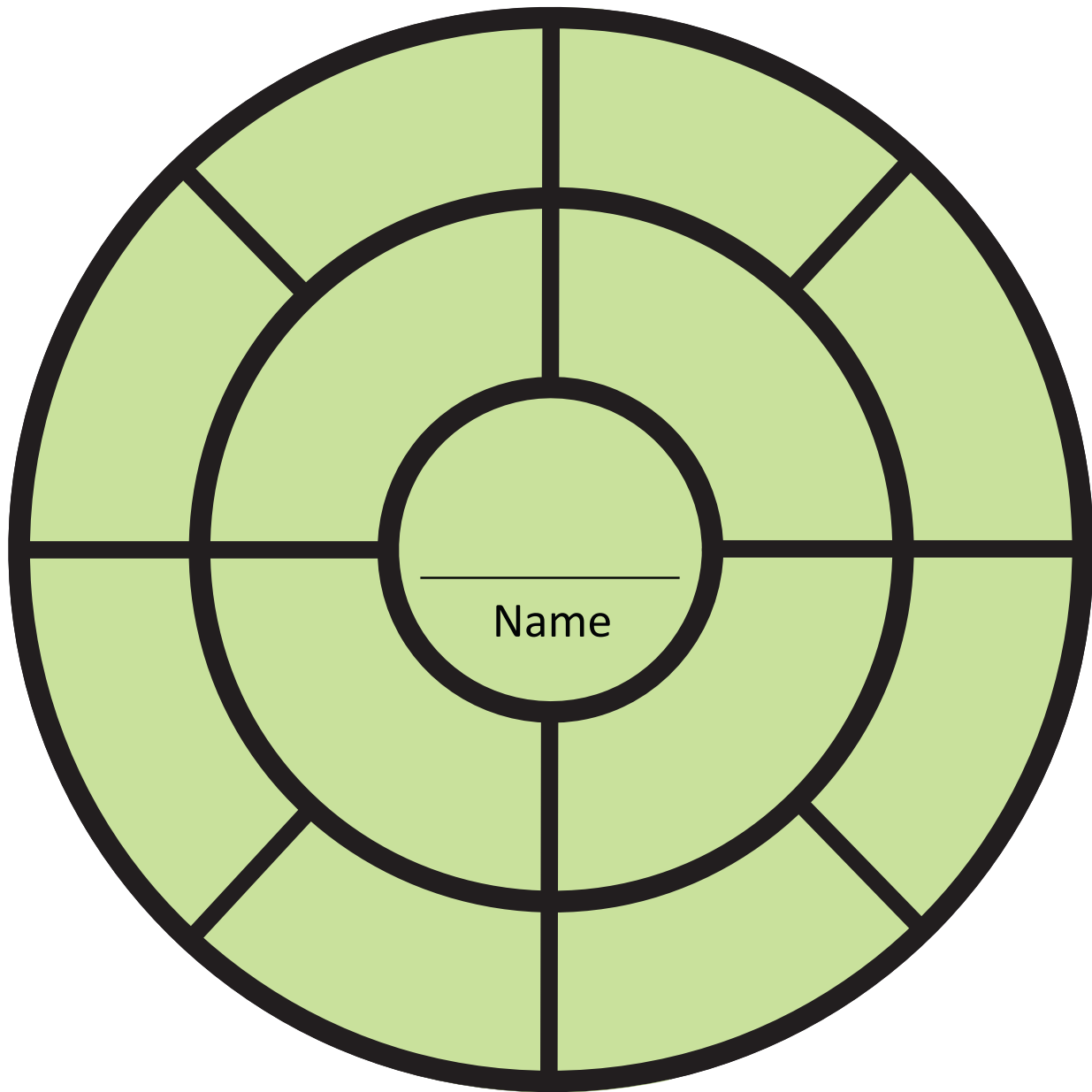
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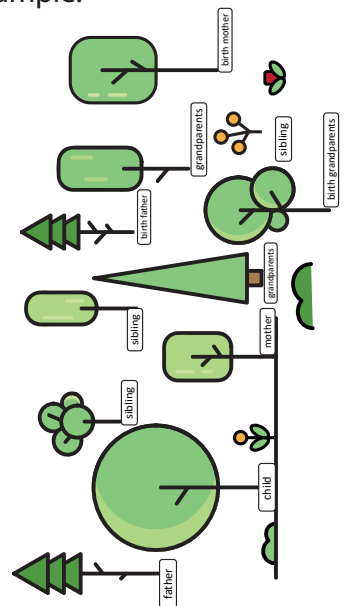
Name

The Family Pyramid is a simple and adaptable alternative for adopted children. The number of levels in the pyramid is completely up to the child and their family structure. The child's name is placed on the bottom level and the family members are placed in the ones above. The pyramid can be divided in half to include birth family.

Example:

Family friends	School friends	Close neighbours
Cousins	Great aunts	Uncles
Great uncles		Aunts
Adoptive grandparent(s)	Birth grandparent(s)	
Adoptive parent(s)	Birth parent(s)	
Siblings	Child	Siblings

Name

Example:

The Family Wheel is a simple and inclusive alternative option. This diagram lets children draw as many slices of pie as they need to fit their family. The child's name goes in the center of the wheel and the middle and outer rings of the wheel represent birth, adoptive, foster and/or step-family relationships.