

# THE TOWER OF BABEL

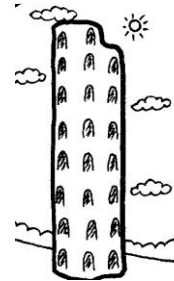
*Genesis 11:1-9*

## CRAFT/ACTIVITY: THE TILTING TOWER

Students will make a tower to remind them that God was displeased with the people's plan to make a name for themselves.

### MATERIALS

1. 67 lb White Cardstock
2. Tower Pattern
3. Crayons, Markers, or Colored Pencils
4. Tape
5. Scissors



### DIRECTIONS

1. Make a copy of the "Tower Pattern" onto 67 lb white cardstock for each student.
2. Allow the students to color the bricks on the tower pattern.
3. Next, students should cut out their tower on the solid black lines.
4. Help students tape end "A" to end "B" to make a cylindrical tower.

### FOR DISCUSSION

As students are coloring their towers, remind them how the people at that time had one language. They wanted to make a name for themselves and God was not pleased. God confused their language and scattered the people over all the earth. We do not please God when we do things out of selfish ambition. Review the memory verse with your students.

### TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 10 minutes

### MEMORY VERSE

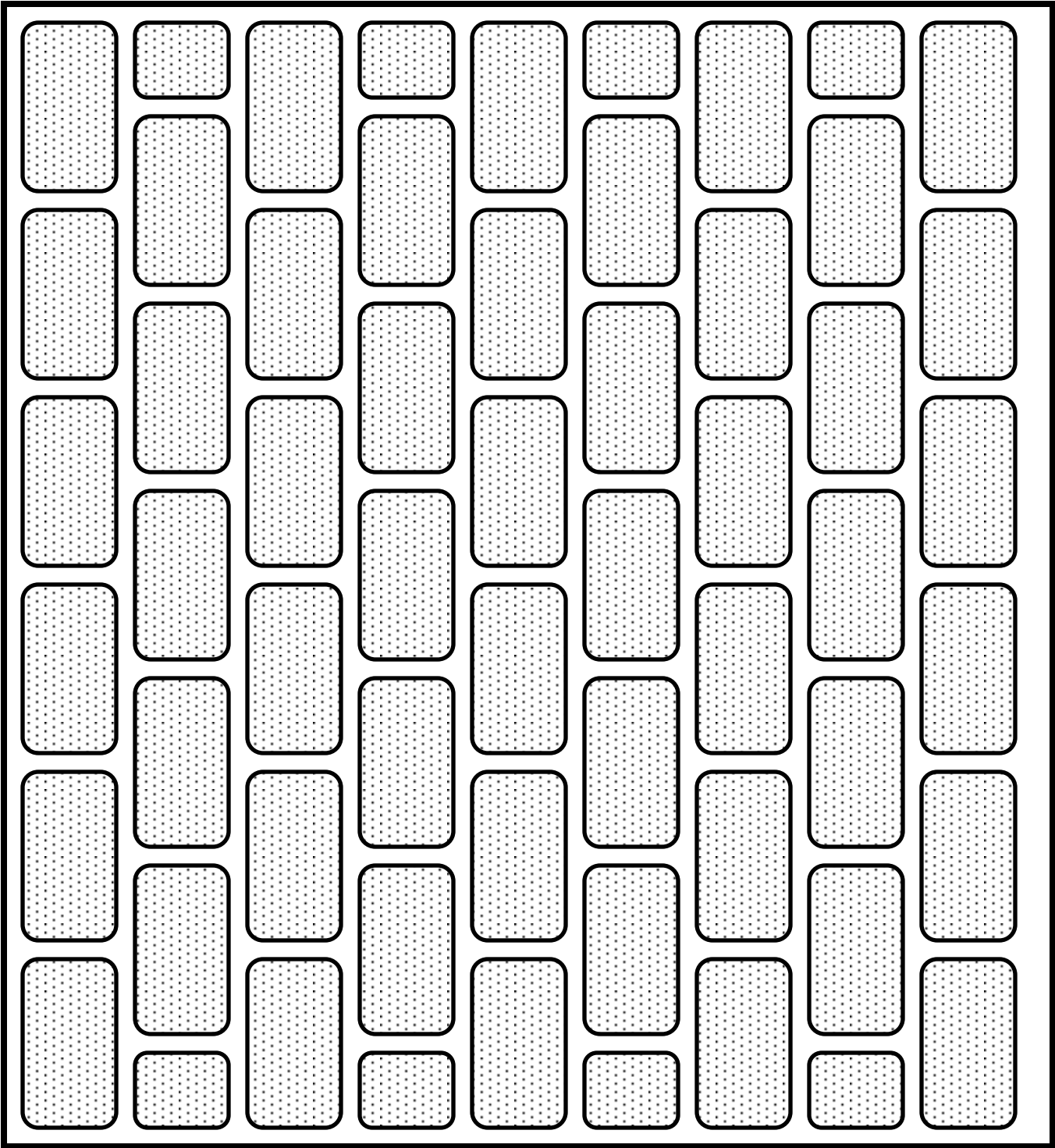
*"For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice."*      *James 3:16*

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TOWER PATTERN

**A**



**B**

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## *Genesis 11:1-9*

### Genesis 11

<sup>1</sup>Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. <sup>2</sup>As men moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there.

<sup>3</sup>They said to each other, “Come, let’s make bricks and bake them thoroughly.” They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. <sup>4</sup>Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves and not be scattered over the face of the whole earth.”

<sup>5</sup>But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower that the men

were building. <sup>6</sup>The LORD said, “If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them.

<sup>7</sup>Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other.”

<sup>8</sup>So the LORD scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. <sup>9</sup>That is why it was called Babel—because there the LORD confused the language of the whole world. From there the LORD scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) What were the people attempting to do?
5		2.) Why were they building a tower? (Verse 4)
5		3.) What did God do to stop the people?
5		4.) Why don't you think God wanted the people to build the tower?

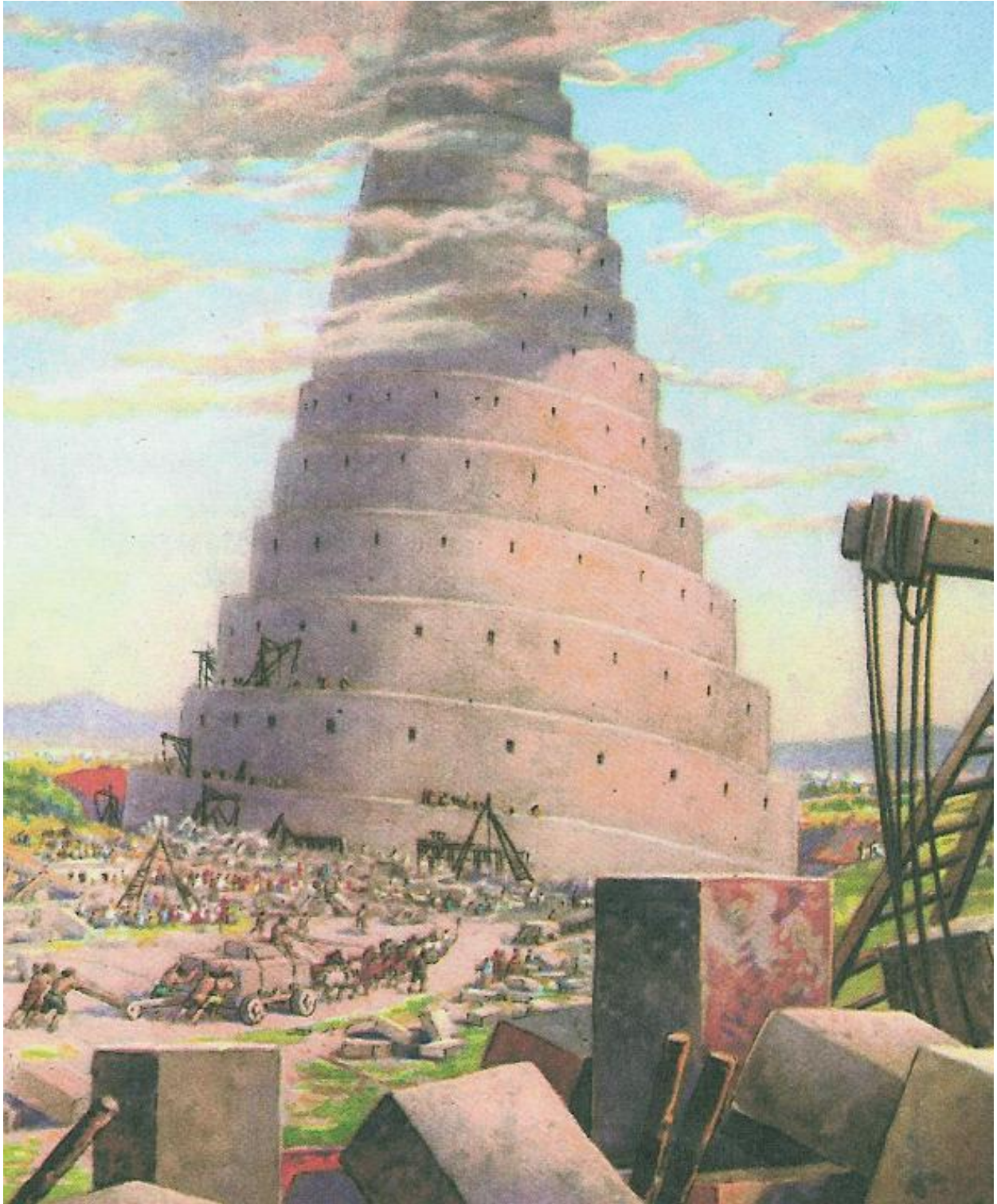
POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		<p>“For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">James 3:16</p>

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	<p>LEADER’S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ____/____/____</p>

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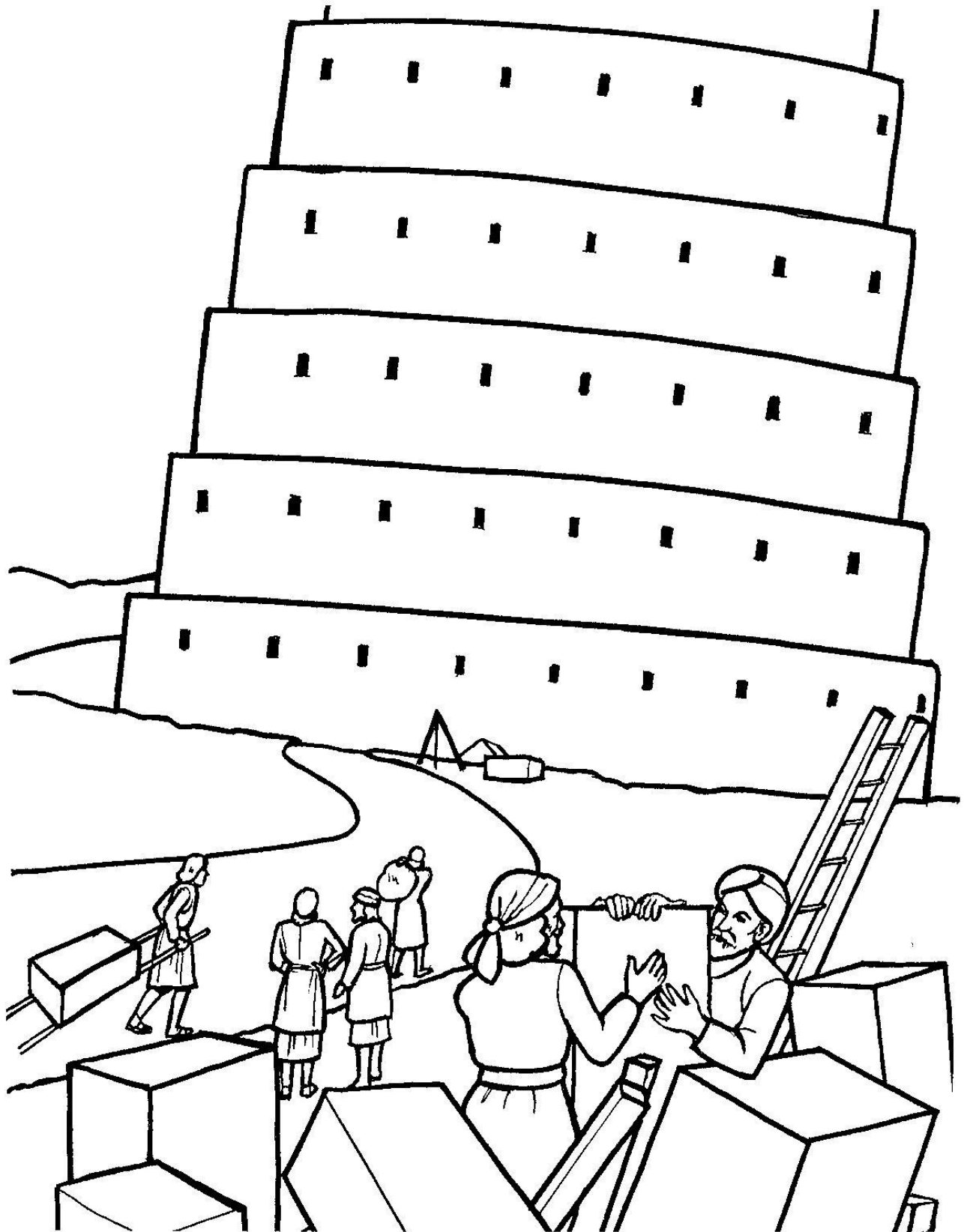
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*Genesis 11:1-9*



*A tower is built to reach the heavens*

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*Genesis 11:1-9*

## CRAFT/ACTIVITY: THE TILTING TOWER

Students will make a tower out of blocks to remind them of how the people tried to build a tower to reach the heavens.

### MATERIALS

1. Wood/Cardboard Building Blocks

### DIRECTIONS

1. Bring in children's building blocks.
2. Allow each student in class to add one block at a time to the tower until it falls.
3. Repeat, as time permits.



### FOR DISCUSSION

As students are building the tower, remind them how the people at that time had one language. They wanted to make a name for themselves and God was not pleased. God confused their language and scattered the people over all the earth. We do not please God when we do things out of selfish ambition. Review the memory verse with your students.

### TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 10 minutes

### MEMORY VERSE

*“For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.” James 3:16*





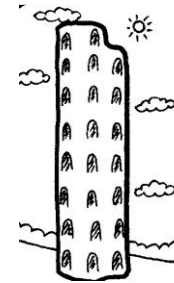
## Ideas For Home:

Today your child learned how God changed the language of the people because they were trying to make a name for themselves.

1. Have your child finish coloring this book.
2. Help your child learn the *Memory Verse*.
3. Practice the *Bible Story Rhyme*.
4. Read and discuss the bible story with your child.
5. Have a child build a tower out of blocks.

### Bible Story Mini Book

# The Tower of Babel

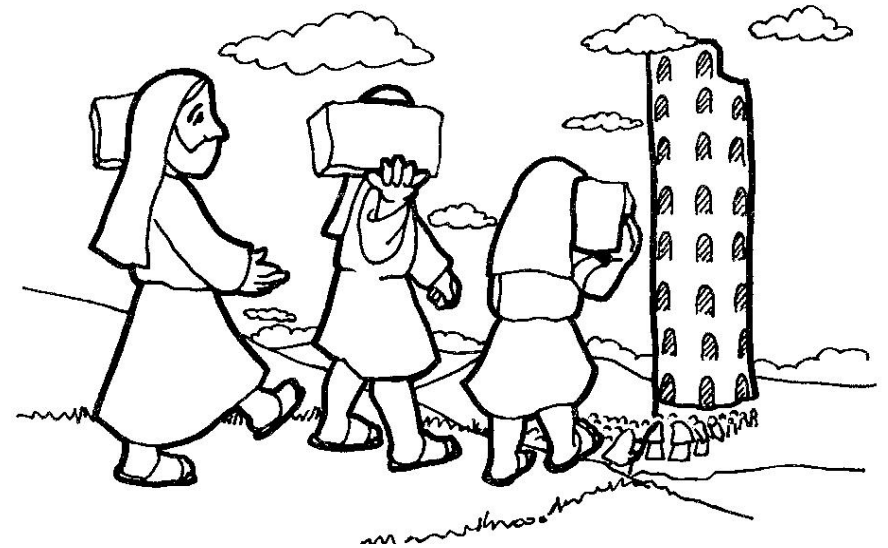


*Genesis 11:1-9*

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The people left and  
went to different lands  
to live.



The people wanted to be  
important like God. They  
built a tall tower in the  
sky.

## Memory Verse

“For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.”

James 3:16

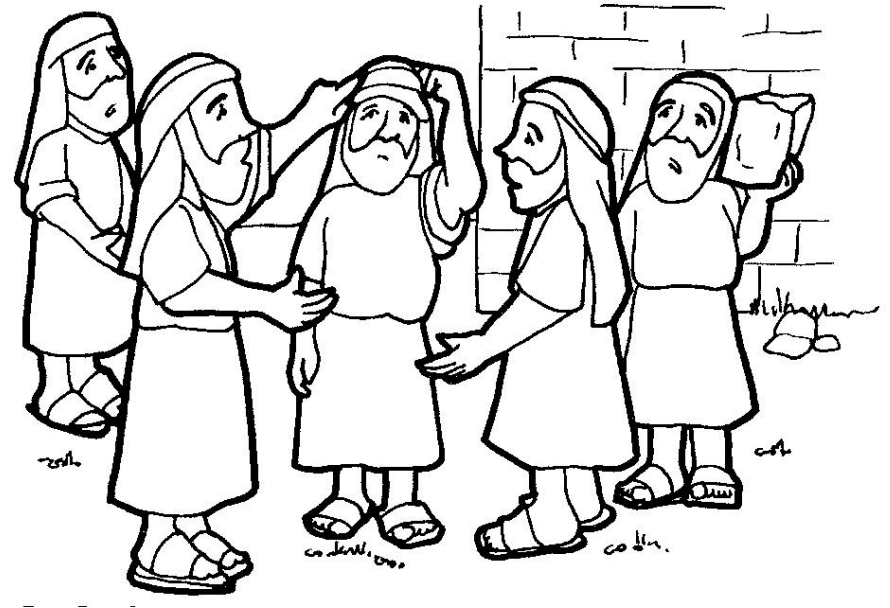
## Bible Story Rhyme

**Block by block they built a tower,**  
*(Pretend to stack blocks with both hands)*

**To the sky with their own power.**  
*(Hold up your arm and flex)*

**God was angry with their plan,**  
*(Hands on hips with angry face)*

**He changed the language in their land.**  
*(Point to mouth with pointer finger)*



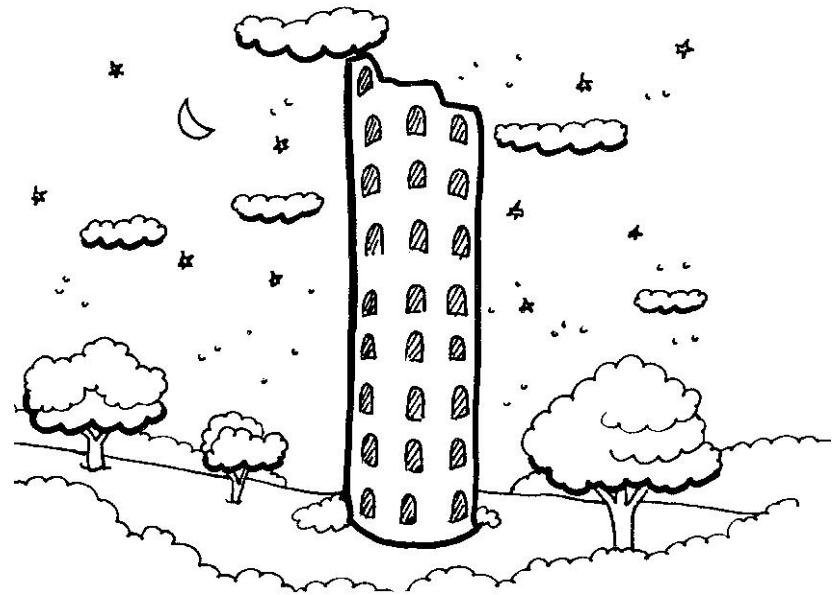
God was not happy. He  
made it so that the people  
could not talk to each  
other anymore.

## Have You Ever Sinned?

The Bible teaches that we have *all* sinned and do not measure up to God's glory. It also teaches that the price for sin is death which separates us from God. But even though we are sinners, Christ died for us and paid the price for our sin. We just need to ask him to forgive us and receive his free gift of salvation. Just pray this prayer, with a sincere heart, and Jesus will forgive you of your sins. You will become a child of God and live with Him in heaven.

*“Dear Jesus,*

*Please forgive me for the bad things that I have done. Please come into my heart and be my Lord and savior. In your name I pray, Amen.”*



The people stopped  
building the tower  
because they could not  
understand each other.

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## PRESCHOOL GAME

**Supplies:** building blocks

**Kids will play this simple game over and over after hearing the story of the Tower of Babel.**

**A**rrange the room so that each group of three to four children has plenty of floor space. Give each group a set of blocks. Say: **Remember the story of the men who thought they would build a tower high enough to reach heaven? God did not let them finish the tower because he wanted the men to understand that believing in him is the only way to heaven. Today we're going to build towers, too. Our towers won't reach heaven either. They'll fall to the ground when they get too high.** Let the kids play for several minutes, working together to build the biggest tower they can.

Next, start a new tower and show children how to place the blocks so that it's difficult to get the *next* block to balance. Have them carefully continue to add new blocks until the tower wobbles and falls. As they anticipate the tower falling, have the kids shout out the warning "Oh, no! Look out below!" Let the person who placed the last block place the first one in the next round.

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## PRESCHOOL BIBLE STORY RHYME



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Some people built a tall tower. They wanted it to reach all the way to God. Building the tower made the people feel important. But God was not happy with the tower. He made all the people speak in different languages. Then no one could understand each other and the people didn't feel so important anymore.

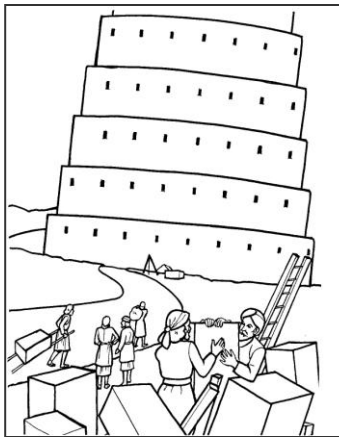
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A SPECIAL REPORT ON GENESIS 11:1-9

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The earth had only one language. So the people said to each other, "Let's build ourselves a city with a tower that reaches to the heavens so that we can make a name for ourselves."

The people were very proud of themselves.

The people made bricks and used tar to stick the bricks together.

The Lord came down to see the city and the tower that was being built. The Lord was concerned about what the people might do next. He decided to confuse their language so that they could not understand each other.

So the Lord scattered them from there all over the entire earth. The people stopped building the city because God confused their language.

For more details, please read Genesis 11:1-9 in your Bible.

## QUESTIONS

1. What were the people building?
2. Why were the people building the tower?
3. Why was the Lord concerned?
4. What did the Lord do to stop the people from building the city?

## MEMORY VERSE

"For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice."

James 3:16

## TRUE OR FALSE?

- |                                  |   |   |
|----------------------------------|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> | F | At first, the people spoke only one language.   |
| <input type="radio"/>            | F | The people decided to build a boat.             |
| <input type="radio"/>            | F | The people made bricks to build a tower.        |
| <input type="radio"/>            | F | The Lord was happy with the city and the tower. |
| <input type="radio"/>            | F | The Lord changed the language of the people.    |
| <input type="radio"/>            | F | The people were scattered over all the earth.   |



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*Genesis 11:1-9*

When people become so interested in a very special project that they forget about God, confusion may be the result! That's what happened in Genesis 11:1-9. Read the Scripture and fill in the clues. (A=Across, D=Down)

## CLUES

1. This story takes place in the country of (1-D), another name for Shinar.
2. The people settled on a (2-A) in (5-A).
3. They built their city from (5-D) instead of (4-A).
4. They planned to build a very tall (4-D).
5. It would reach to the (2-D).
6. The people wanted to make a (3-D) for themselves.
7. But the (6-A) confused their (1-A).
8. Did the people ever finish their very special project? (3-A).

