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The Tower of Babel by the Gospel Project (3:25)



Lesson #7: THE TOWER OF BABEL (Genesis 11:1-9)



The Bible says that after the flood, people had to begin all over again. Noah's sons had large families and there were soon many people. God wanted them to fill the earth, but they decided to stay together in the plain of Shinar instead. As time went by, they began to forget about God. They wanted to build something to show how great they were. They wanted to be famous.



So, they decided to build a city with a very tall tower. They wanted their tower to reach all the way to the heavens.



They planned to use bricks and tar as mortar to hold the bricks together.

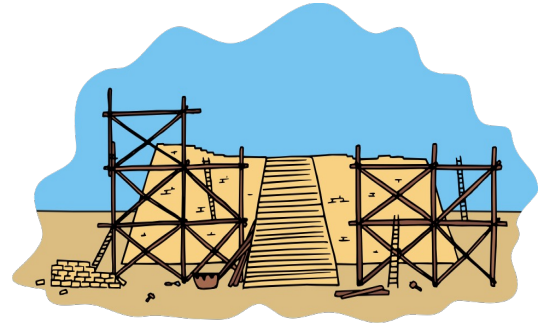
Do you know what the word "pride" means? Pride can be good or bad. **Good pride** is when you feel good about yourself because you have done a good job. You might feel proud of the way you have learned something at school, or you may be proud of something you've done in a sport. God likes it when we feel this kind of pride. **Bad pride** is when you think TOO well of yourself. Bad pride is when you might look down on other people and think you are better than them. God does not want us to have this kind of pride.

The people who were building the tower had the bad kind of pride. They proudly declared, “Let’s make a name for ourselves and build a city with a tower that reaches up to the heavens.” They thought they were very powerful. In fact, they thought so much about themselves that they didn’t even think about God’s power & His plans for where they should live.



Finally, God decided that he had to put a stop to this pride. So, God caused something amazing to happen. God confused the people’s language so that they couldn’t understand each other. When someone talked it just sounded like strange noises or “babbling.”

Since they couldn’t understand each other, they couldn’t work together on the tower. Everyone just got mixed up. So, the people stopped building. The town became known as “Babel” because the people began to speak different languages.



Living and working in the city became too confusing. The people started forming groups and moved away. They lived in smaller towns where they could talk and understand each other better. They learned that they were not the best after all. God is the best!

Let us never be full of pride and think we are best.

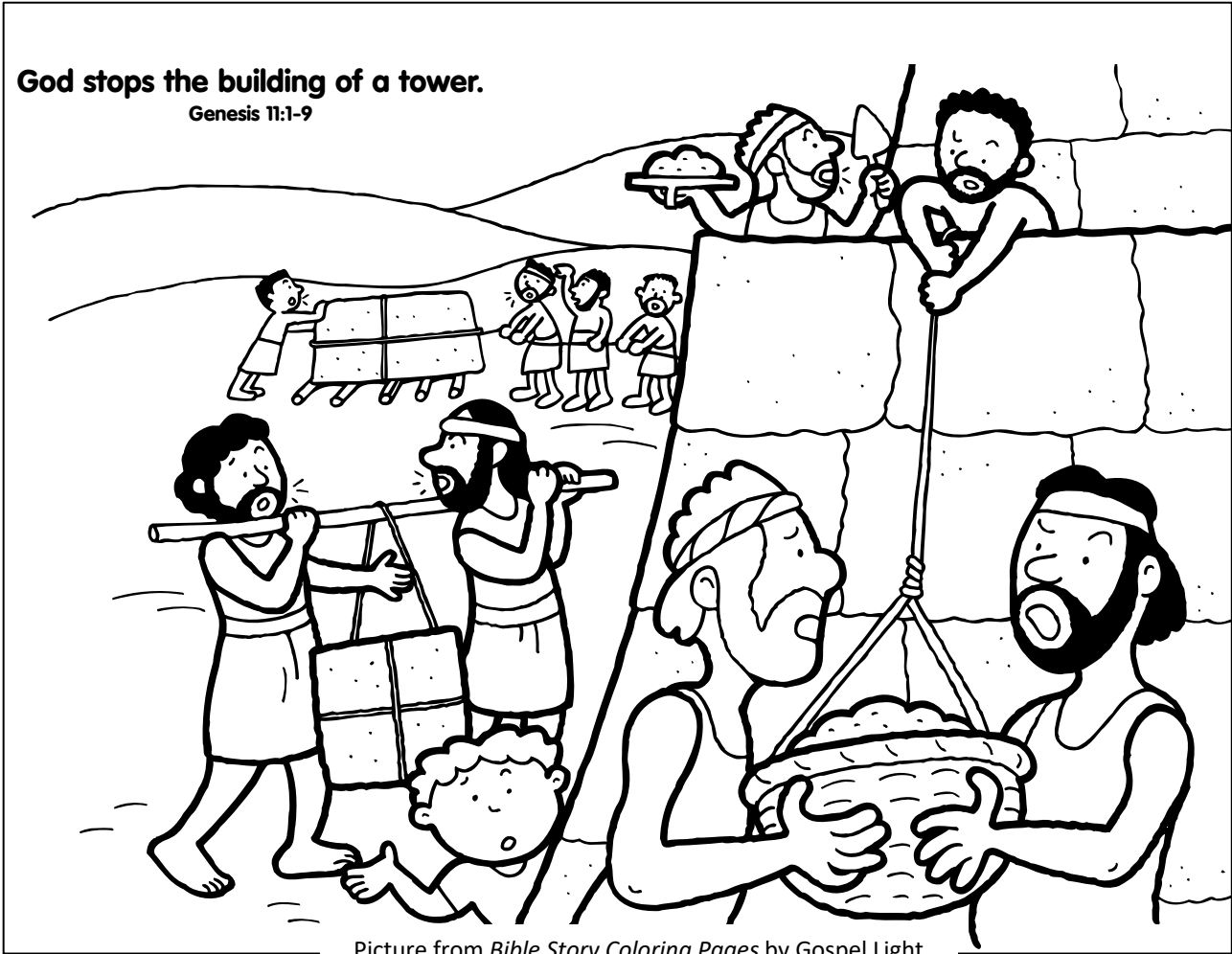
The Bible says in Proverbs 16:18,
“Pride goes before destruction,
And a haughty spirit before a fall.”



Let us decide with our mind and our heart that we will listen to God and not be full of pride. God is the best and we want to give Him the glory!

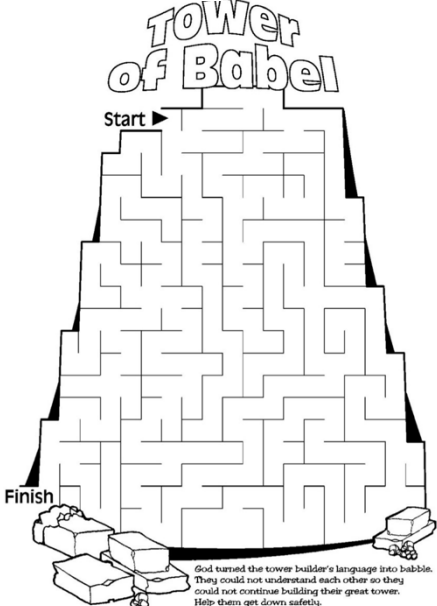
PRIMARY GRADES ACTIVITY

God stops the building of a tower.
Genesis 11:1-9



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UPPER GRADES ACTIVITY



Tower of Babel

Read Genesis 11 for the answers.

____ Why was it easy for people to work together to build the tower of Babel?

____ How high did they plan to build the tower?

____ What materials did the people use to build the tower?

____ What did the people think the tower would protect them from?

____ Who came down to see the tower?

____ How did YHWH stop their work?

____ Why did the people stop building the tower?

____ What was the name of the place where they tried to build the tower?

____ What does the biblical name Babel mean?

____ What happened to the people?

1. Land of Shinar
2. Yahweh / God
3. God scattered them all over the earth
4. To the heavens
5. They all spoke one language
6. Confusion
7. Being scattered
8. Brick and bitumen
9. He mixed their languages
10. They didn't understand one another's speech



Have you ever had a time when you caught yourself being **too prideful**? Did you stop yourself from getting "puffed up?"

Write about what happened:

