

Tower of Babel

Genesis 11:1-9

The Story

Parents: Review this lesson with your child.

After the Flood, God told Noah and his family to "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth." In the days after the Flood, there were a lot of people on the earth again. Everyone on earth spoke the same language. Then people moved west, and they settled on a plain in the land of Shinar.

When they had settled in Shinar, they said to one another, "Let us make bricks. We'll bake them thoroughly so they will be hard, and we will use asphalt for mortar, so they will stay together." Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city with a tower. The tower will reach all the way up to the heavens. People will hear about our tower, and we will be famous! We don't want to be scattered all over the whole earth."

But the LORD saw the city and the tower which they had built. And the LORD said, "All the people are one people and they all speak one language. Now they will be able to do anything they want to do. Come, let Us go down there and give them different languages so they won't be able to understand each other any more."

So the LORD made the people scatter all over the world. They quit building the city and moved away when they couldn't understand each other any more. The reason the city is called Babel is because it is the place where the LORD gave people different languages. This made them scatter all over the earth.

God confused the languages and scattered the people.

Passage

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. Proverbs 3:5

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,
Please help me to listen to You and obey You. Help me to learn that YOUR way is the BEST way. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn "Praise Him, Praise Him, All You Little Children"

Praise Him, praise Him, all you little children;
God is love, God is love.

Praise Him, praise Him, all you little children;
God is love, God is love. (*clap this verse*)

Thank Him, thank Him, all you little children;
God is love, God is love.

Thank Him, thank Him, all you little children;
God is love, God is love. (*fold hands*)

Love Him, love Him, all you little children;
God is love, God is love.

Love Him, love Him, all you little children;
God is love, God is love. (*cross arms*)

Serve Him, serve Him, all you little children;
God is love, God is love.

Serve Him, serve Him, all you little children;
God is love, God is love. (*palms up*)



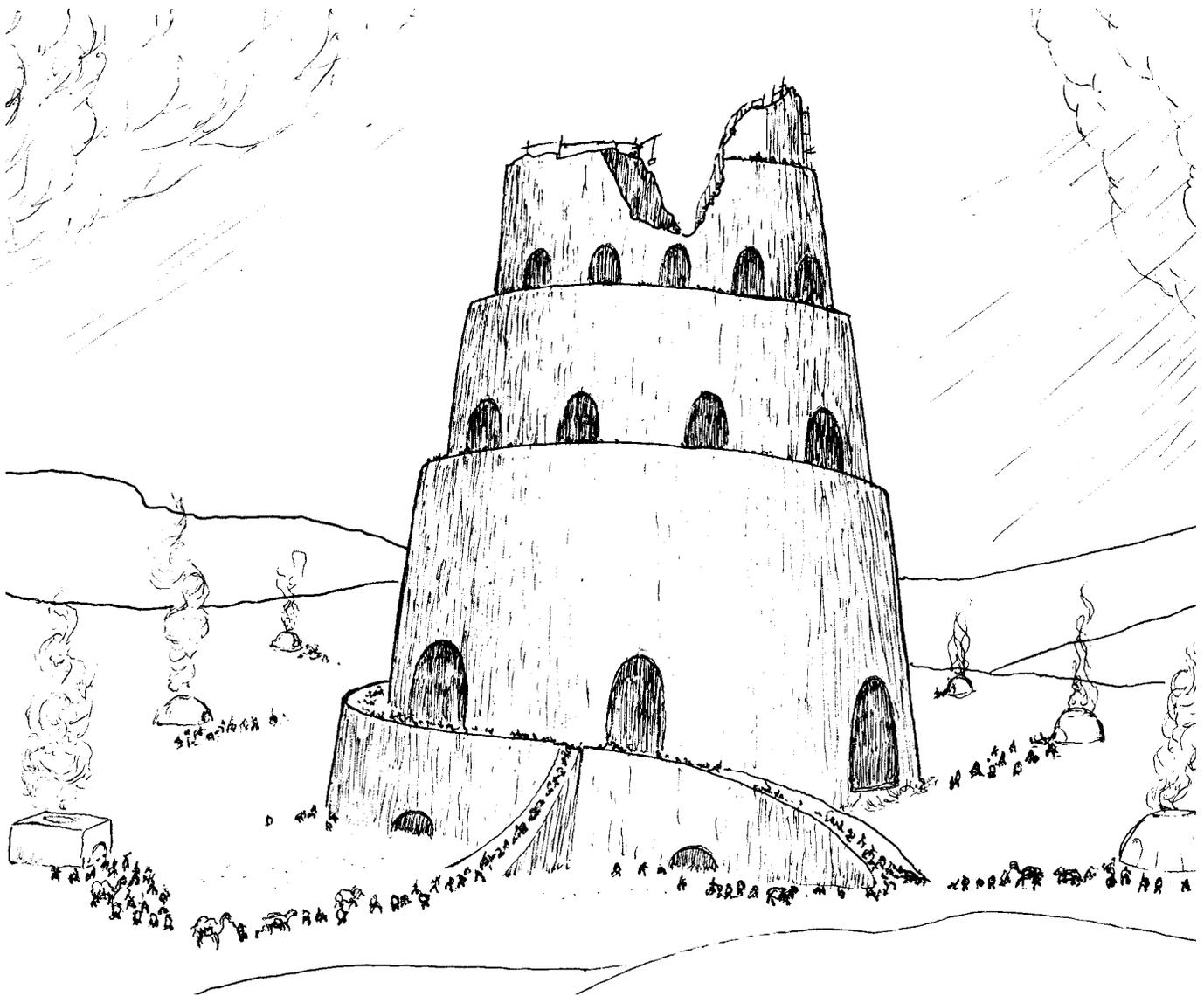
Classroom Activity - Action Song "People Built a Big Tower"

Sing the song to the tune of "Mary Had a Little Lamb" and make up actions.

People built a big tower,
Big tower, big tower.
People built a big tower
Because they were so proud.

God said, "Remember I'm in charge,
I'm in charge, I'm in charge.
God said, "Remember I'm in charge.
Now speak in many tongues."

The people scattered all over,
All over, all over.
The people scattered all over
God's way is always best.



Classroom Art Activity - Paper Plate Plaque

Have the children decorate the edge of a large paper plate. Cut out the passage circle and glue to center of plate. Punch hole and tie ribbon as a hanger.

