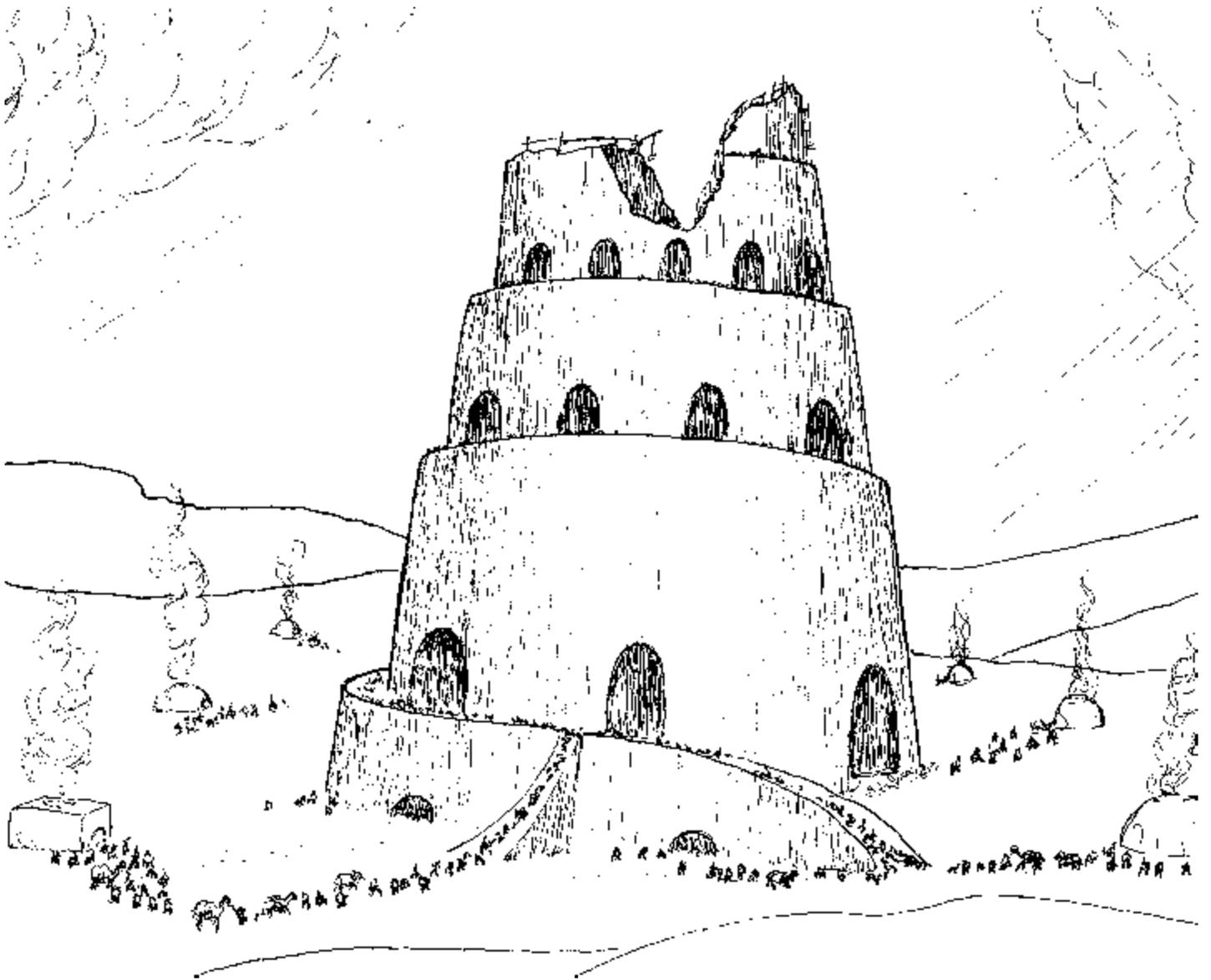


Tower of Babel

Genesis 11:1-9



The Story

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.

Human pride opposes God and will be brought to nothing.

People Built a Big Tower (To the tune "Mary Had a Little Lamb")

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.

Activity One - Color the heart by each sentence that shows how we want to and obey God. Color the tower by each sentence that shows how we want to go our own way.

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|  |  | 1. I want to grab a toy away from my sister. |
|  |  | 2. I want to go to Sunday School. |
|  |  | 3. I want to pretend I don't hear my mom call me. |
|  |  | 4. I want to tell people about Jesus. |
|  |  | 5. I want to be the boss. |
|  |  | 6. I want to eat all of the candy. |
|  |  | 7. I want to help my little brother. |
|  |  | 8. I want to sing songs to God. |

Activity Two - Action Song. The actions are in parenthesis.

"Praise Him, Praise Him"

(clap) 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.

(cross arms over chest) 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.

(fold hands) 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.

(Hands in front, palms up) 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.

Activity Three - Color the squares marked with a #. Do not color the squares marked with a ^.

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Activity Four - Cut out rectangles and have the children glue them to a piece of white paper to make their own "Tower of Babel".

Passages

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

2 Corinthians 10:17 - He who glories, let him glory in the LORD.

Hymn TLH #175 v. 1

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Prayer

God, please help me to listen to You and obey You. I don't want to be naughty by not listening to You. Help me to learn that YOUR way is the BEST way. Amen.