



TOWER OF BABEL

BIBLE PASSAGE (GENESIS 11:1-9)

Summary: God instructed people to fill the Earth. Instead, they chose to gather in one spot and build a city, including a great tower so that they could make a name for themselves. God protected them from their wrong desires by confusing their language. They couldn't understand each other and stopped trying to build the city. God scattered the people throughout the Earth.

Today's Brite Idea is: No one is greater than God.



MONTHLY Memory Verse

*For by Him all things
were created.*

(COLOSSIANS 1:16)



BIG QUESTION

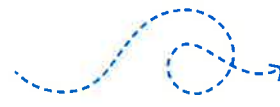
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LEADER TRAINING: HELP THEM TO BELIEVE

Child discipleship means teaching kids God's Word in a way that helps them know, love and follow Jesus. Preschoolers can begin to understand the Bible and the Gospel when leaders use intentional, hands-on and story-driven approaches.

- **Tell God's big story.** Help kids see that each Bible story is part of one big story—God creating the world, people turning away, Jesus rescuing us and God making all things new. This gives them a simple, true picture of who God is and what He does.
- **Ask thoughtful questions.** Encourage kids to wonder about the story, "What does this tell us about God?" or "How can we follow Him this week?" This helps them notice God's work and think about how He wants them to live.
- **Point to Jesus.** Remind kids often that every story in the Bible shows God's love and points to Jesus. Help them understand that Jesus came to save and love them.
- **Use the Bible.** Hold a Bible as you teach, let kids touch it, and practice opening it to find verses. Preschoolers love connecting with God's Word in a hands-on, tangible way!

NAVIGATING A BROKEN WORLD: IS JESUS REALLY THE ONLY WAY TO HEAVEN?

Almost half of American adults believe that you can work your way to heaven.* Most people, even when we know Jesus, default to a works-based approach to our faith. Combine this with the plurality of religious beliefs kids are exposed to, and it is likely that kids can be confused about salvation. In today's lesson, kids will learn that

God made a way for us to be with Him through Jesus. There may be kids in your group who believe that everyone goes to heaven. Some may believe that all religions are the same. Encourage kids to talk about what they have heard. Gently correct theology while being sensitive that these conversations may be very personal if kids have loved ones who believe different things. Avoid sounding judgmental by pointing to Scripture and being cautious with broad statements. Remind kids that only God knows each person's heart and that He gives us the big job of sharing His truth with others.

*For more resources on this topic, check out: britecurriculum.com/resources.

PRESCHOOL GLOSSARY:

Language: the words we speak to others

Scatter: move far away from each other

1 **BELONG**
Small Group (15 MINUTES)
GOAL: For kids to experience
God's love through a
welcoming community

HIGHER
SUPPLIES: Sticky notes,
writing supplies

OR **TOWER INTRODUCTIONS**
SUPPLIES: Blocks
(1 per kid)

2 **BIBLE
TEACHING**
Large Group (20 MINUTES)

TOWER OF BABEL
(GENESIS 11:1-9)

SUPPLIES: Bible, teaching slides, teaching pictures
(printed/shown from teaching slides), video player,
music player, large blocks (1 per kid), printable page

3 **BELIEVE**
Small Group (10 MINUTES)
GOAL: For kids to discover
who God is by engaging
with the Bible

**MEMORY VERSE
MUSIC MAKERS**
SUPPLIES: Music player,
Memory Verse Song,
musical instruments
(1 per kid)

OR **SCATTERED
FRIENDS**
SUPPLIES: None

4 **BECOME**
Small Group (15 MINUTES)
GOAL: For kids to learn to
follow Jesus by applying
faith to their lives

**PAPER TOWER
STACK**
SUPPLIES: Take-Home
page, coloring supplies,
printable page, various
colored cardstock
paper, scissors (prep),
glue sticks (1 per 2 kids)

OR **TOWER TOP
CHALLENGE**
SUPPLIES: Take-Home
page, coloring
supplies, 40 cups,
timer



HIGHER

SUPPLIES:

Sticky notes, writing supplies

PREP:

Stick sticky notes on the wall for kids to jump up and try to touch.

LEADER TIP: If there is no nearby wall for this activity, have a leader hold out their hand for kids to try to jump up and touch.

ADAPTATION FOR DIFFERENT LEARNERS: For kids with mobility needs, allow extra space and time for specialized equipment or buddy them up with a familiar friend to assist.

ACTIVITY INTRO:

Welcome, everyone! My name is _____. Can you each tell us your name? *Welcome each kid by name and welcome any new kids to the group.*

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **Say:** Today, we will learn about people who thought they could build something really high to make their name really great. But only God is the greatest!
2. **Say:** I have put these sticky notes really high up. Let's see if you can jump up high to touch any of them!
3. *Lead kids to take turns trying to jump up and touch the sticky note.*
4. *As kids wait their turn, have kids go back to back to see who is taller.*
5. **Ask:** Is anyone greater than God?



ACTIVITY WRAP-UP:

No one is greater than God. Today we will learn more about people who thought their ways were better than God's ways. Let's learn about how God helps them do what He said to do as they find out only God is the highest and the greatest.



TOWER INTRODUCTIONS

SUPPLIES:

Blocks (1 per kid)

PREP:

None

LEADER TIP: Encourage kids to cheer for each other's tower additions and remind them that God is greater than anything we can build together.

ACTIVITY INTRO:

Welcome everyone! My name is _____. Can you each tell us your name? *Welcome each kid by name and welcome any new kids to the group.*

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. *Have the kids sit in a circle with the blocks in the middle.*
2. **Say:** We will each say our name as we take turns to add a block to build a tower together.
3. *Go around the circle, letting each kid say their name and add a block.*
4. *After everyone has added a block, pause.*
5. **Say:** Look at our tower! In our story, people tried to make a tower to show everyone how great they were. But God is the greatest, and no one can be greater than Him!
6. **Ask:** Who is the greatest?



ACTIVITY WRAP-UP:

Great job building together! Remember, God is the greatest, and He loves us always.



INTRO:

Play Countdown Video and guide kids to sit together for large group teaching.

WELCOME:

Say: Welcome! I am so glad you are here today. I'm excited to learn about a true story from the Bible with you.

RECAP FROM *Last Week*

Say: We learned about the very beginning. God created everything! He created and rules over the stars in the sky, animals, plants, water and even people. God said all of His creation was good.

Show teaching illustration: God's Created People.

Say: Then we learned about the very first people God made—Adam and Eve. He made them in His image and loved them very much. He placed them in a beautiful garden and gave them one rule. They weren't supposed to eat the fruit from one tree.

Show teaching illustration: Adam and Eve.

Say: Last week we learned about how Adam and Eve did the one thing God told them not to do! They sinned and the whole world fell into sin. God's perfect creation was broken.

Show teaching illustration: Eating the Fruit.

Say: Today we will learn a true story from the Bible about God's people who had a not very good idea.

Say: Let's take a look at this month's Big Question. Can you help me do a drumroll? Ready? 1, 2, 3 drumroll!



BIG QUESTION



PLAY FIND IT IN THE
Bible Song

SUPPLIES:

Bible, teaching slides, teaching pictures (printed/shown from teaching slides), video player, music player, large blocks (1 per kid), printable page

PREP:

Print the printable page. Scatter large blocks around your space, but far enough from where kids are sitting and listening that they don't become a distraction.

LEADER TIP:

Help kids engage by participating in the large group teaching. Encourage them to work together to build the tower and use teamwork.

Show Big Question Teaching Slide.

Say: Who made everything and rules over everything?

Play the "Find It in the Bible" song.

Hold up a Bible.

Say: Who can tell me the name of this book? Allow kids to respond.

Say: Yes! This book is called the Bible. The Bible is the most important book of all. The Bible is full of true stories about how God takes care of His people and loves them. Today we will hear a story from the Old Testament in the book of Genesis. The Old Testament is filled with lots of stories about God's creation, His people and the things that happened before Jesus came to Earth.

TOWER OF BABEL

(GENESIS 11:1-9)

Say: God told His people to have a big family and spread out all over the earth. At that time, everyone on Earth spoke the same **language**. For example, this is a picture of a cow. *Hold up and show the printable page.*

Say: Back then everyone would call this the same thing. On the count of three, everyone say, "Cow!" The people didn't do what God said. Instead of spreading out, the people gathered together in one area. They had an idea. They said, "Let's make a city. Let's make a tower in our city that will reach all the way to heaven. Everyone shield your eyes and look away up high. Why, we can't see as high as they wanted to built that tower! Everyone will know who we are and we will be famous."

Say: Okay, so I guess that is the plan. Can you all find a block and bring it here to the front? We need to build a very tall tower. *Allow kids to find a block and help them build a tower.*

Show teaching illustration: Tower of Babel.

Say: Well, you made a pretty big tower. But, remember the people wanted the BIGGEST tower so everyone could see how great they were. They wanted their tower to go all the way to heaven.

Say: That was their plan, but it wasn't God's plan. They wanted to do things their way instead of God's way. God knew that wasn't good. He stopped their plan. Everyone hold out your hand and say, "Stop!"

Say: God did something amazing. All of a sudden, everyone began speaking a different **language**. No one could understand each other! One person would say "hola" and no one else knew what that meant. Now, some people didn't call this a cow anymore! They used new words like *vaca* (Spanish), *kuh* (German) and *korova* (Russian).

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Say: Someone else would say, “Parlez-vous français?” and everyone else thought that was gibberish. Someone else would say “Does someone have a snack?” and their friends would give them a hammer. Everyone was confused!

Say: It was impossible for them to work together to build a tower. *Knock down the tower.* God **scattered** the people all over the world, just like He had told them to do in the first place. The place was forever called Babel, and when we remember the Tower of Babel, we can remember no one is greater than God!

Show teaching illustration: Move.



POINT TO JESUS

Say: The people were trying to make themselves great instead of focusing on how great God is. We all do that sometimes. We all sin and mess up. Only God is great enough to fix our sin. That is why Jesus came. Because He died on the cross and rose again, we can be forgiven for all the times we sin.

Say: Let’s close in prayer as we wrap up our Bible story time together. Reach your hands up really high.

Reach hands up high.

Say: Now clap them together like this.

Clap hands together.

Say: Let’s pray.

Pray: Dear God, You are the greatest of all. Thank You for Jesus and for forgiving us when we mess up. Amen.



BIG QUESTION

Say: Now it's time to answer our Big Question. Can you all help me do a drumroll?
1, 2, 3... drumroll!

Show the Big Question Teaching Image.

Say: Who made everything and rules over everything? God!

Say: That's right! The Bible teaches that God created everything and He rules over everything!



VERSE VIDEO

*Play Memory Verse
Motion Video after the
verse is read.*

MEMORY VERSE MOTIONS:

Help kids recite and retain the memory verse by teaching it with motions. Before you teach the verse, be sure to explain what it means.

- For by Him (point up)
- all things (spread your arms out wide)
- were created. (cup hands and bring them together)
- Colossians 1:16 (open hands like a book)



MONTHLY

Memory Verse

*For by Him all things
are created.*

(COLOSSIANS 1:16)



REVIEW:

Say: It's been so great being with you today, friends! Before we end our teaching time, let's review what we have learned. Let's all point up really high and say, "God is the greatest."

Have the kids point up and say, "God is the greatest."

Say: Now let's reach our hands out to the side and say, "We can trust God."

Have kids reach out and say, "We can trust God."

Say: Now let's point to ourselves and say, "I can trust God."

Have kids point to themselves and say, "I can trust God."



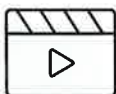
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* Consider showing the Bible Review Video as kids eat snack, are waiting for pick-up, or another time that fits your church's schedule.



MEMORY VERSE MUSIC MAKERS

SUPPLIES:

Music player, Memory Verse Song, musical instruments (1 per kid)

PREP:

None

ADAPTATION FOR DIFFERENT LEARNERS: Some kids may be sensitive to sounds. Allow for headphones, covering their ears or moving kids away from loud instruments.

ACTIVITY INTRO:

The Bible teaches us true stories about God. Today we learned no one is greater than God! Let's use music to help us remember our memory verse.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. *Gather the kids in a circle and pass out one musical instrument to each kid.*
2. **Say:** We will play our instruments along with the Memory Verse Song. Let's listen to the music and play along to the beat!
3. *Play the Memory Verse Song while kids play their instruments.*
4. *Repeat the song several times, letting kids switch instruments or try different rhythms.*
5. *Gather instruments back from each kid.*
6. **Ask:** What does it mean for God to be the greatest?



ACTIVITY WRAP-UP:

Great job making music together! Remember, God made everything and is the greatest of all.



SCATTERED FRIENDS

SUPPLIES:

None

PREP:

None

LEADER TIP: Encourage kids to move safely and remind them that God's plan is bigger than ours.

ADAPTATION FOR DIFFERENT LEARNERS: For kids with mobility needs, allow flexibility and extra time for them to move to another space.

ACTIVITY INTRO:

The Bible teaches us true stories about God. Today we learned no one is greater than God! Let's play a game to remember how God scattered the people in today's Bible story.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. *Have kids stand close together in one spot, pretending to be the people in the city.*
2. **Say:** The people wanted to make a tower to make themselves look great. But God is the greatest! He had a better plan for them.
3. *On your signal, kids walk, hop, or skip to a new spot in your space, spreading out.*
4. *Repeat a few times with fun instructions:*
 - Walk to a new city!
 - Hop to another spot!
 - Tiptoe to a faraway place!
5. **Say:** Look at all the people! God's plan worked. He spread them out across the world. No one is greater than God!
6. **Ask:** Why is God's way always best?



ACTIVITY WRAP-UP:

Great job moving around like the people in our Bible story! Remember, God is the greatest and has a plan for everyone. God's ways are always best.



PAPER TOWER STACK

SUPPLIES:

Take-Home page, coloring supplies, printable page, various colored cardstock paper, scissors (prep), glue sticks (1 per 2 kids)

PREP:

Print the Take-Home page and printable page (1 per kid). Cut the cardstock paper into strips of 2-3 inches (several per kid).

LEADER TIP: Encourage kids to practice fine motor skills by carefully picking up, placing and gluing each paper "brick" while building their tower.

ADAPTATION FOR DIFFERENT LEARNERS: For active kids, give an expectation of how many strips need to be glued and then can take a break.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **Say:** Today we learned that people thought their way could be better than God's way. They tried to build a really tall tower to make their name great. But no one is greater than God. Nothing we could ever do is greater than God.
2. Give each kid a printable page and several "brick" strips of colored construction paper.
3. Show kids how to glue the strips on their page to create a stacked tower.
4. Encourage kids to use multiple colors and patterns to make their towers fun and unique.
5. **Say:** Look at your tower! Even the tallest tower can't be taller or greater than God!
6. Write the kid's name on their paper and set aside for parent pick up.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Why did the people want to build a tower?
- Did the people's plan go the way they wanted? Why not?
- What did God do to show He is greater than anyone?
- How does Jesus help us when we sin?

PRAY TOGETHER:

Dear God, thank You for making us and loving us. Help us remember You are the greatest, and that You have a plan for everyone. Amen.

ACTIVITY WRAP-UP:

Give each kid a Take-Home page. With remaining time, kids can play in centers or color the Take-Home page.



TOWER TOP CHALLENGE

SUPPLIES:

Take-Home page, coloring supplies, 40 cups, timer

PREP:

Print the Take-Home page (1 per kid).

LEADER TIP: Encourage kids to move safely and listen carefully, practicing self-control as they freeze.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. *Divide the kids into two teams.*
2. *Set out 20 cups per team.*
3. *Share that they have to work together to build the tallest tower they can in one minute.*
4. *Set the timer for one minute.*
5. **Say:** We will work together to build the tallest tower! Let's see who wins! Ready, set, go!
6. **Say:** That was so much fun! Now we will do it again, but you have to be silent and cannot talk to one another! Let's see how much harder that is!
7. *Reset the timer and mix up the two teams. Then replay the game where kids can't communicate with each other.*
8. **Say:** Wow! That time was a lot harder. God mixed up their languages so they would have to stop building the tower. The people learned that God is the greatest and that we can trust in Him.

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CENTERS:

Set up 3-4 centers around the room for kids to explore and learn as they play. While kids explore the centers, leaders can work with individuals or small groups to make the craft. Set up each center in a separate part of the room, making sure all kids are visible at all times. Show the whole group what is in each center and give simple instructions of what kids should do in each center.

- **Dramatic Play:** Provide blocks or cups for kids to stack and make a tower with.
- **Dress-Up:** Provide construction vests and hats for kids to act out building different things.
- **Modeling Dough:** Provide modeling dough for kids to make their own creations with. Share how no creation is better than God. Only God is the greatest.

BONUS SCRIPT:

Preschoolers learn best through repetition. Use the script below to review the story at any opportunity. You could review the story while kids play in centers, while they work on their craft, during snack time, or while waiting for parents.

Say: God told people to fill the Earth. But they come together to build a city and a great tall tower. They wanted their name to be known and really great. God mixed up their words so they could not understand one another. They had to stop doing their own plan and follow God's plan. God helped them to move around and fill the Earth just as He had said to do.



BIG QUESTION

Who made everything and rules over everything? God!

TOWER OF BABEL

Genesis 11:1-9

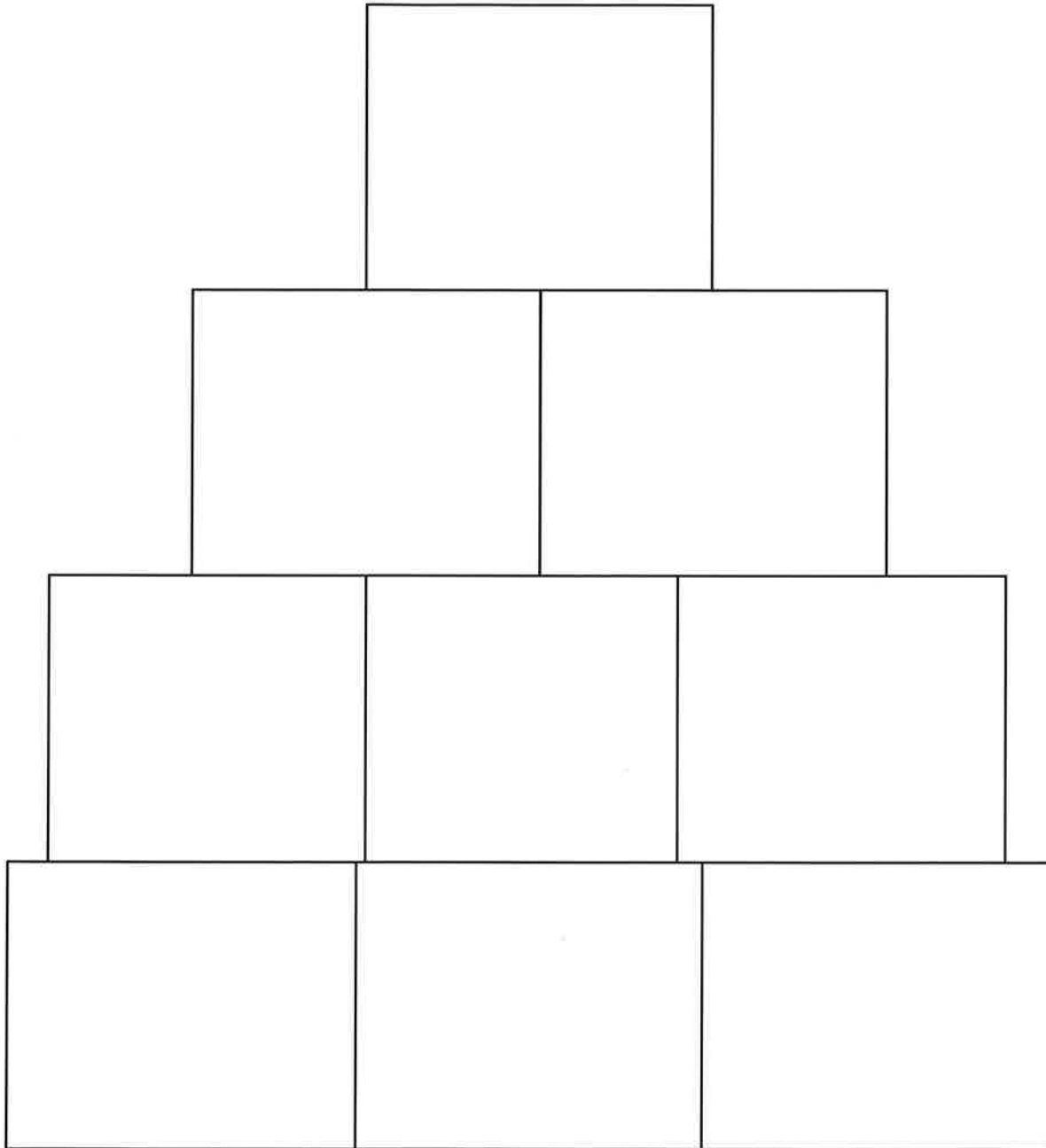


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I CAN TRUST GOD.



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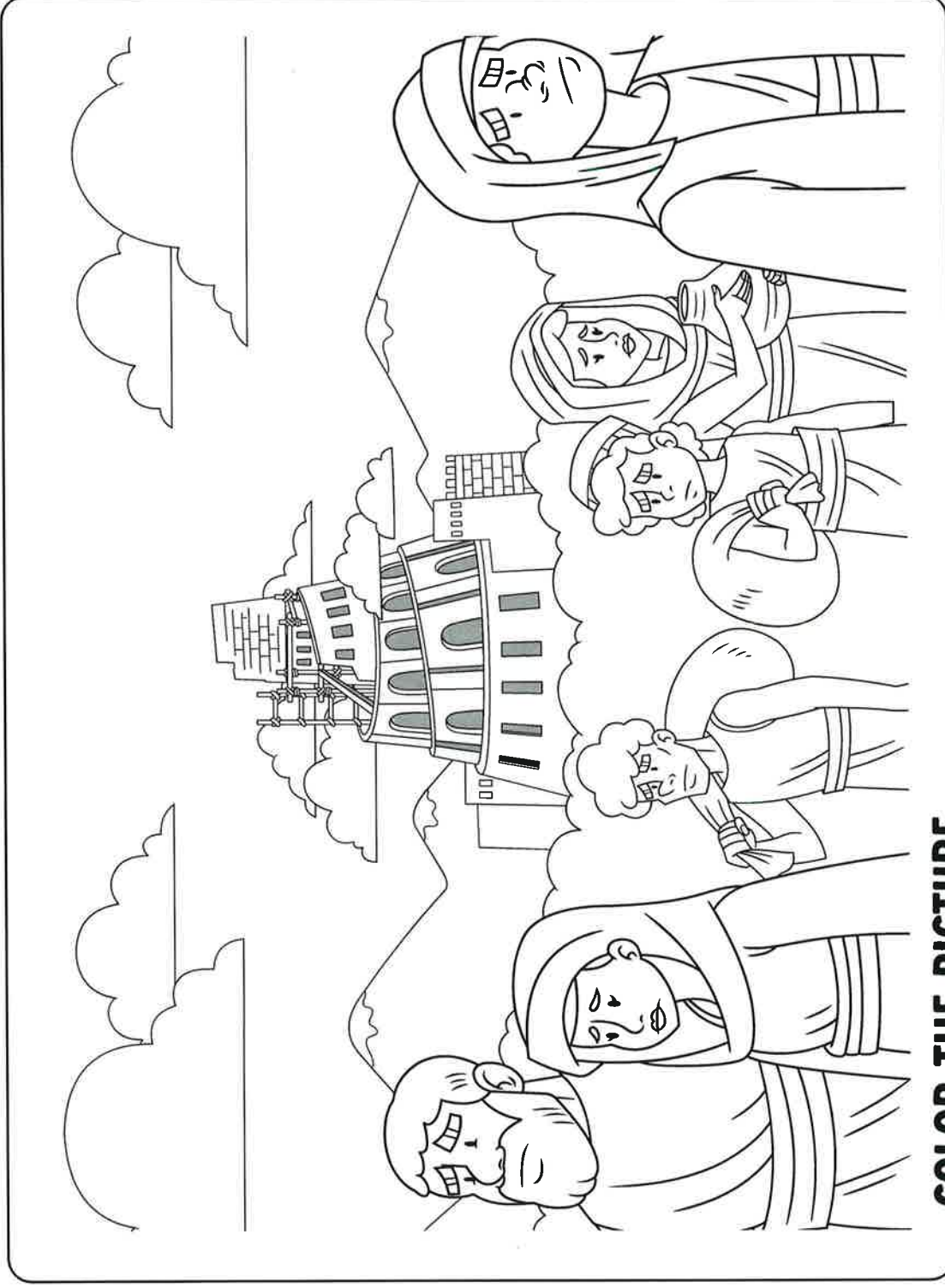
BRITE Idea

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MONTHLY Memory Verse

For by Him all things were created.
(Colossians 1:16)

SCAN ME!
FOR AT-HOME
DISCIPLESHIP DISCUSSION



COLOR THE PICTURE

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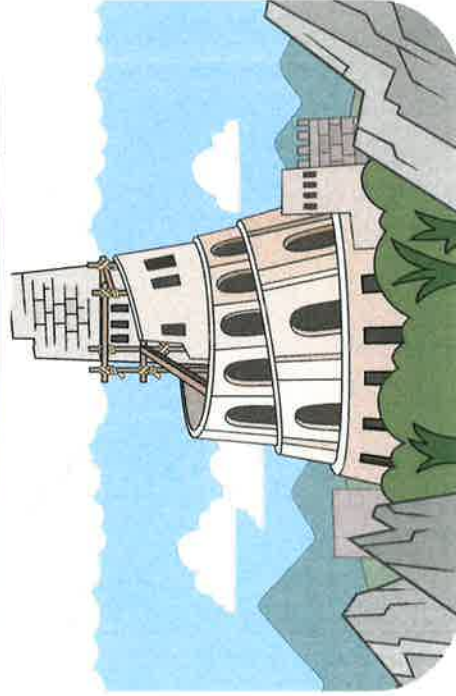
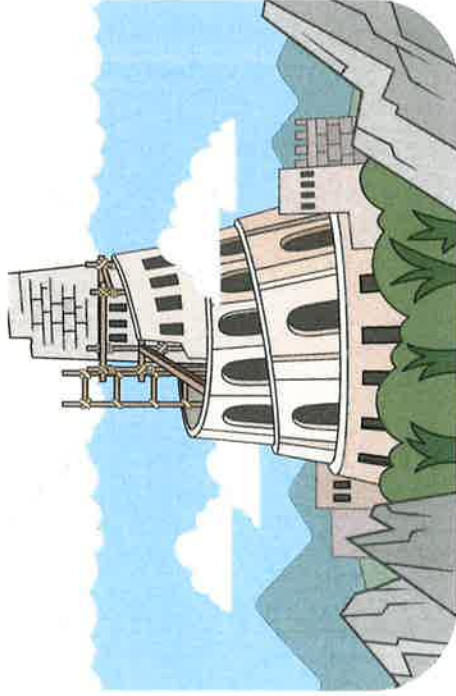
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Take-Home Page

TOWER OF BABEL

Genesis 11:1-9

FIND THE 5 DIFFERENCES



TRACE AND COLOR THE BRICKS

