

FAMILY BIBLE STUDY

The Tower of Babel

THE BIG YEAR SEASON 1 WEEK 2

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WHAT YOU NEED

- Tower of Babel page (1 printed)
- Tower of Babel Puzzle Pieces page (1 printed)
- Scissors

LET'S READ THE BIBLE

Have someone in your family read the following passage:

- Genesis 11:1-9

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WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

This week we learned about Noah and his ark. After the flood, people had to begin all over again. Noah's sons had large families and there were soon many people. Sadly, the people began to forget about God. God wanted them to move to other places but they decided to stay together in one city instead.

As time went by they began to forget about God and only think about what good builders they were. They were so proud of themselves! The people wanted to build something to show how good they were. They wanted to be famous. They decided to build a very tall tower.

Pride can have a good meaning or a bad meaning. GOOD PRIDE is when you feel good about yourself because you have done a good job or you are part of something good that makes you feel happy. BAD PRIDE is when you think too well of yourself. You might think that you are better than you really are. 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 a bad kind of pride. They thought they were so good that they were even better than God. They thought they didn't need God to make the best city and the tallest tower. In fact, they thought so much about themselves that they didn't even think about God very much at all.

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 languages so that they could no longer understand each other. When someone talked it just sounded like strange noises or "babbling."

It became impossible to work together on the tower. Everyone just got mixed up. The town became known as "Babel" because of all the different languages. The people learned an important lesson about pride. They learned that they were not the best after all. God is the best!

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LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

- Why did the people of Babel begin building a tall tower? (*Gen 11:4*)
- How many languages did the whole world have at this time? (*Gen 11:1*)
- How did God stop the people from building the tower? (*Gen 11:7*)
- Why was the city called Babel? (*Gen 11:9*)
- What do we learn from this story?

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LET'S GO A BIT DEEPER

- Why did God stop the people from building the tower? (*They were too proud and they acted like they didn't need God*)
- What does a GOOD kind of pride cause us to think about? (*God and what He has done for us*)
- What does a BAD kind of pride cause us to think about? (*Only ourselves and how we are better than others*)
- Do you sometimes struggle with the BAD kind of pride?
- What can we do to stop the BAD kind of pride from coming into our lives?

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LET'S PRAY TOGETHER

Ask each family member:

- Do you feel like you need help to stop the BAD kind of pride from coming into your life?
- What else can we pray for?

Pray together:

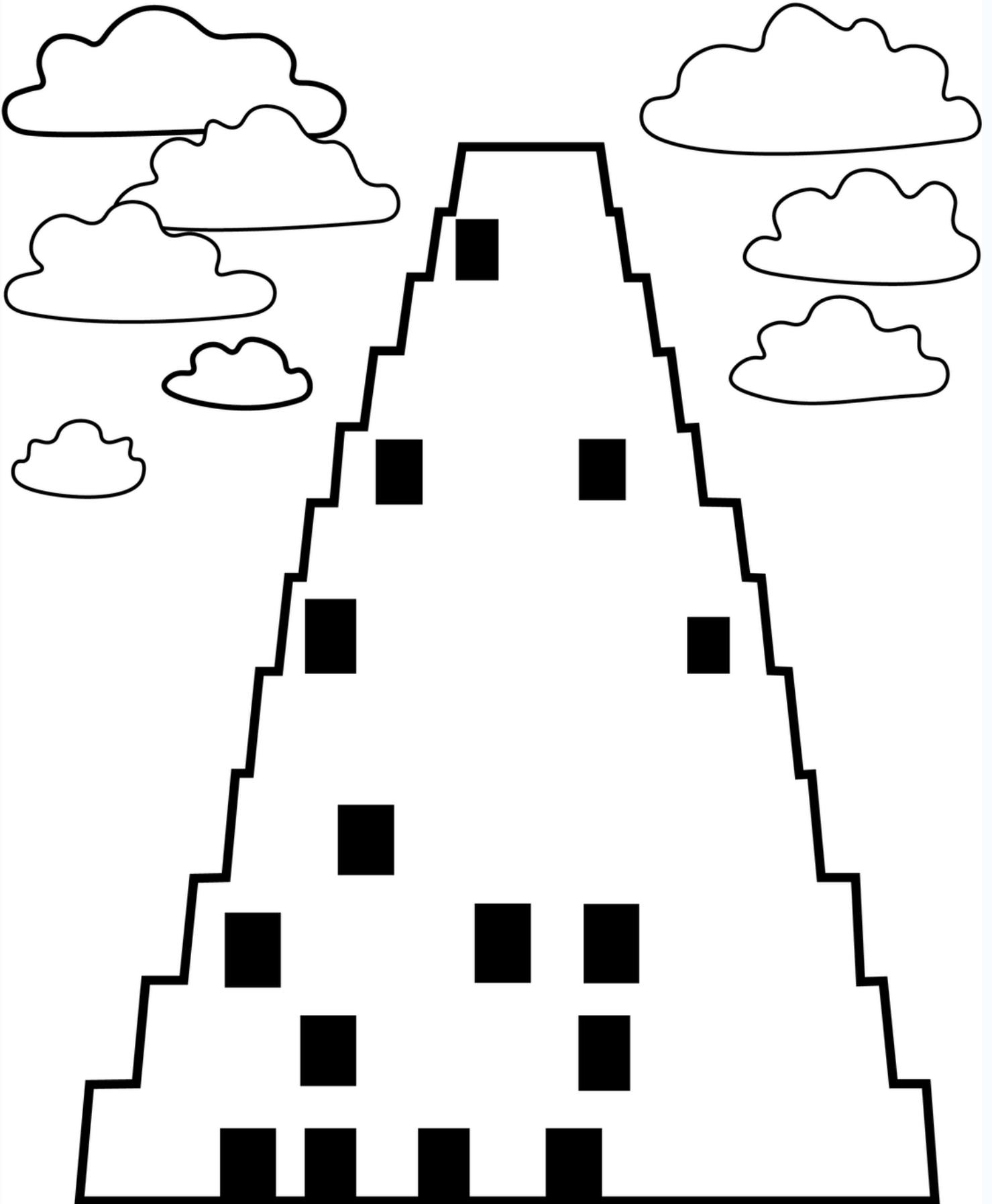
- Pray that God would remind each of us that He should be the most important in our lives
- Pray that God would help us to stop the BAD kind of pride from coming into our lives
- Pray for any other prayer requests

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LET'S HAVE SOME FUN

- Print out the Tower of Babel Page & The Tower of Babel Puzzle Pieces Page
- Cut out the puzzle pieces
- The puzzle pieces all fit into the tower picture
- As a family try to assemble the puzzle without talking to each other - this is what the people would have felt like trying to build the tower of Babel without understanding each other's languages - give yourselves 5 minutes to assemble the puzzle (set a timer).
- After the activity, talk about what it felt like to try and work together without being able to talk to each other
- Would it have been easier to build the puzzle if you could talk to each other?
- If you didn't manage to build the puzzle within 5 minutes, try again but this time you are allowed to talk to each other.

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The Tower of Babel Puzzle Pieces

