

## Welcome to H2H Kids

A few introductory tips about Bible Study with Kids:

- *Remember how important it is to build relationships with the kids you are serving!*
- Bible Reading:
  - Please do not *make* kids read aloud if they don't want to
  - If you do have children read the Bible passages aloud, make sure everyone can hear and/or follow along. The Word should be clearly spoken.
  - A helpful tip: An adult can read but have kids following along in their own Bibles (if age appropriate) and you can stop on occasion and have kids say the word you paused at. This helps them stay engaged...and also allows the Word to be read with clarity and volume.
- Try to bring some type of visual to help illustrate the lesson. It goes a long way to capture kids' attention. It can be simple, while still giving them something to focus on and bringing abstract concepts to a concrete level.
- Try to get to these three levels: Observation, Interpretation, Application (as is age appropriate).
  - Observation: facts, clear understanding of what the passage is about
  - Interpretation: What does it mean? There is only one interpretation. What is the author and God saying? If it's abstract or maybe figurative, try to help kids discern the most simple and clear interpretation. If you are not certain, don't be afraid to say that!
  - Application: There will be many ways to apply scripture! Help the kids make it personal! What can we learn from this for our lives today?! How does this impact my life, my relationship with God, my understanding and knowledge of God?
- Less is More: *Please never feel like you must cover everything in the lesson.* Doing a good job on one concept is better than racing to "cover" everything. Feel free to simplify the lesson depending on the ages of the children in your group.
- During prayer time, do not make children pray aloud if they do not want to.
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# Lesson 10~ Genesis 11

## PREP Ahead:

- Print Coloring Page & Activity Page (1 copy per student)
- Game: plastic cups

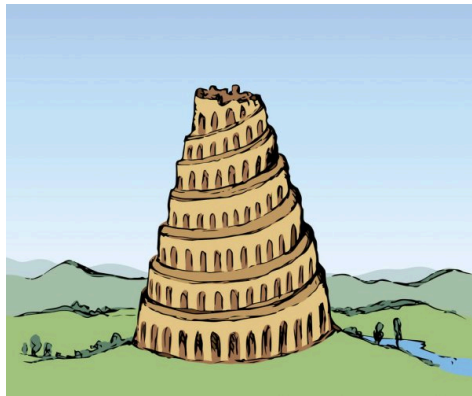
## ICEBREAKER (5 min): Table Topics

Give each child a chance to answer the following questions:

- ★ What is the best thing you have ever found?
- ★ What's your favorite family tradition?
- ★ When did you have to be brave and do something difficult?

## BIBLE DISCUSSION (10-15 min): **Genesis 11:1-9**

- **Introduction:**
  - Today, we will learn about the Tower of Babel. After the flood, the earth repopulated again. The people lived in one general area and were not quite all spread out all over the world as we are today. They all spoke the same language and could talk with and understand each other. This is an important story and illustrates the importance of glorifying God instead of ourselves.
- ***Read Genesis 11:1-4***
  - So all the people got together and made a plan: they would build a great city with a giant tower.
  - In verse 4, how tall did the people say they were going to build this tower? (so tall it reaches into the sky)
  - Here is an artist's rendition of the Tower of Babel (*share image*):



- What reason were they building the tower? (to become famous)
- The people were not using their talent to build the tower to glorify God... instead they were glorifying themselves. The people were very proud of their ability to do something so great. That is called "Pride." To be prideful means to put yourself

first. Sometimes to be prideful means you can think you are better than someone else or that you brag about your accomplishments.

- The opposite of pride is “humility.” When someone shows humility, that person is being “humble.” What do you think it means to be humble? (it means to put God and others first.. A humble person knows his or her value as a child of God and in turn values other people as well.)
  - When we are humble, we recognize that each and every person has something special about them.
  - Jesus is a wonderful example of humility.

### **Pride vs. Humility Exercise**

- Let’s do a little exercise to help you recognize pride vs. humility. I’m going to read you some situations about people and I want you to say “PRIDE” if the person in our example is showing off or putting himself first and I want you to say “HUMBLE” if someone is glorifying God by putting others first:
  - Talking loudly about your grades so people will know that you are smart (PRIDE)
  - You are good at math so you help your friend with his math homework (HUMBLE)
  - Holding the door at a store for another person (HUMBLE)
  - Letting your whole class know that you are better than them at basketball (PRIDE)
  - Letting someone go ahead of you in line because you can see they are in a hurry (HUMBLE)
- **Read Genesis 11:5-9**
  - God confused them by giving them different languages. What happened when they all spoke different languages? (they were unable to work together to build the tower)
  - Remember last week when we talked about Noah? In Genesis 9:1, God had told Noah and his sons to be fruitful and multiply, to FILL the earth. Many years later, people had gathered in the city of Babel and were glorifying themselves instead of glorifying God. They were not FILLING the earth as God had commanded. When God introduced all those languages, they were scattered to different parts of the earth to live amongst people they could understand.
  - God loves it when we use our talents and creativity to create things but we should give God the glory when God has blessed us with an ability to do something great. Instead of being focused on building a grand tower to be famous, who should the people have been focused on? (God)
    - They should have used their talent to build the tower FOR God, rather than focusing on their own fame.
  - Why do you think it is important for us to focus on Jesus? (*Allow answers*) There are so many reasons it is important for us to focus on Jesus:
    - We were created for God’s glory (Isaiah 43:7)
    - When we focus on Jesus, we obey God and bear much fruit (John 15:4-6)
    - Jesus draws close to us like a friend (John 15:15)

- Our relationship with Jesus grows and we experience peace, freedom, joy and much more.
- We all have “Towers of Babel” in our lives... things that turn our focus away from God. Is there anything in your life that is a distraction from spending time with Jesus?
- How can you keep your focus on Jesus and not build your life, your “tower,” toward other things? (build your relationship with Jesus through prayer, reading the Bible...)

**PRAYER (5 min):** Share prayer requests and pray for one another.

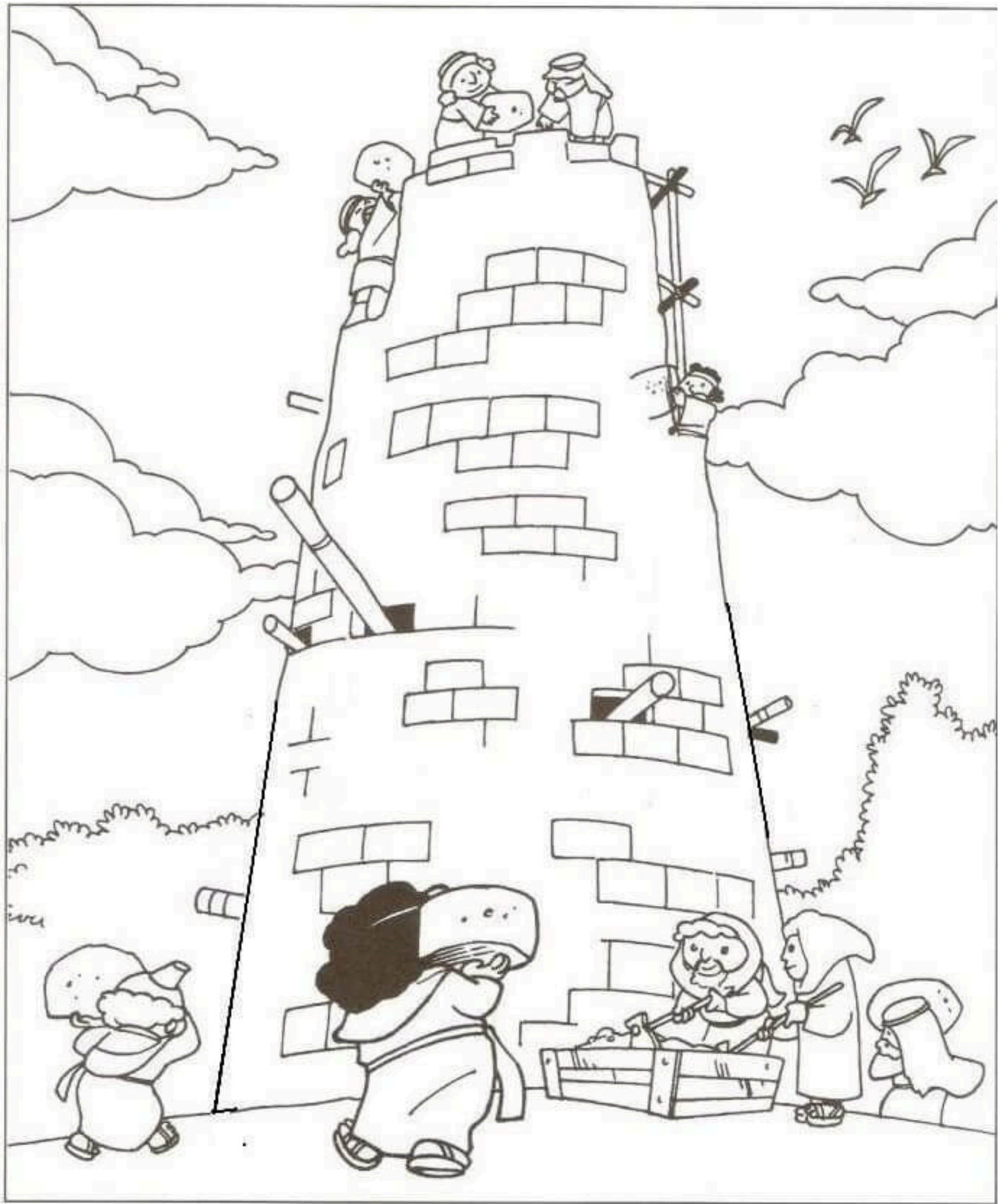
### **GAME (5-10 min):** Glory to God Tower

Materials needed: Dixie cups for each small group

Have children work together to build a “glory to God” tower using dixie cups. Children will take turns placing cups on the tower to see how tall they can build.



Source consulted: Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa Children's Curriculum





## TOWER OF BABEL WORD SEARCH

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be left to right, up and down, or diagonally.

Z R R T E B F E U P E O P L E  
L A S R E M U L O R S I T E R  
S U P I N E N I R E T B T V E  
L I E I T N U L L A F R C I D  
U N A A L I S U A D U I R I T  
I T K I A T C H E N I C M O D  
T I O N S B A B E L I K M V E  
L A I Q U A T N O N S S C T E  
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BABEL  
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LANGUAGE  
PEOPLE  
SCATTERED  
SPEAK

TALL  
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