

Bible 101

Children

Lesson 6 - The Tower of Babel

Genesis 11

Key Verse

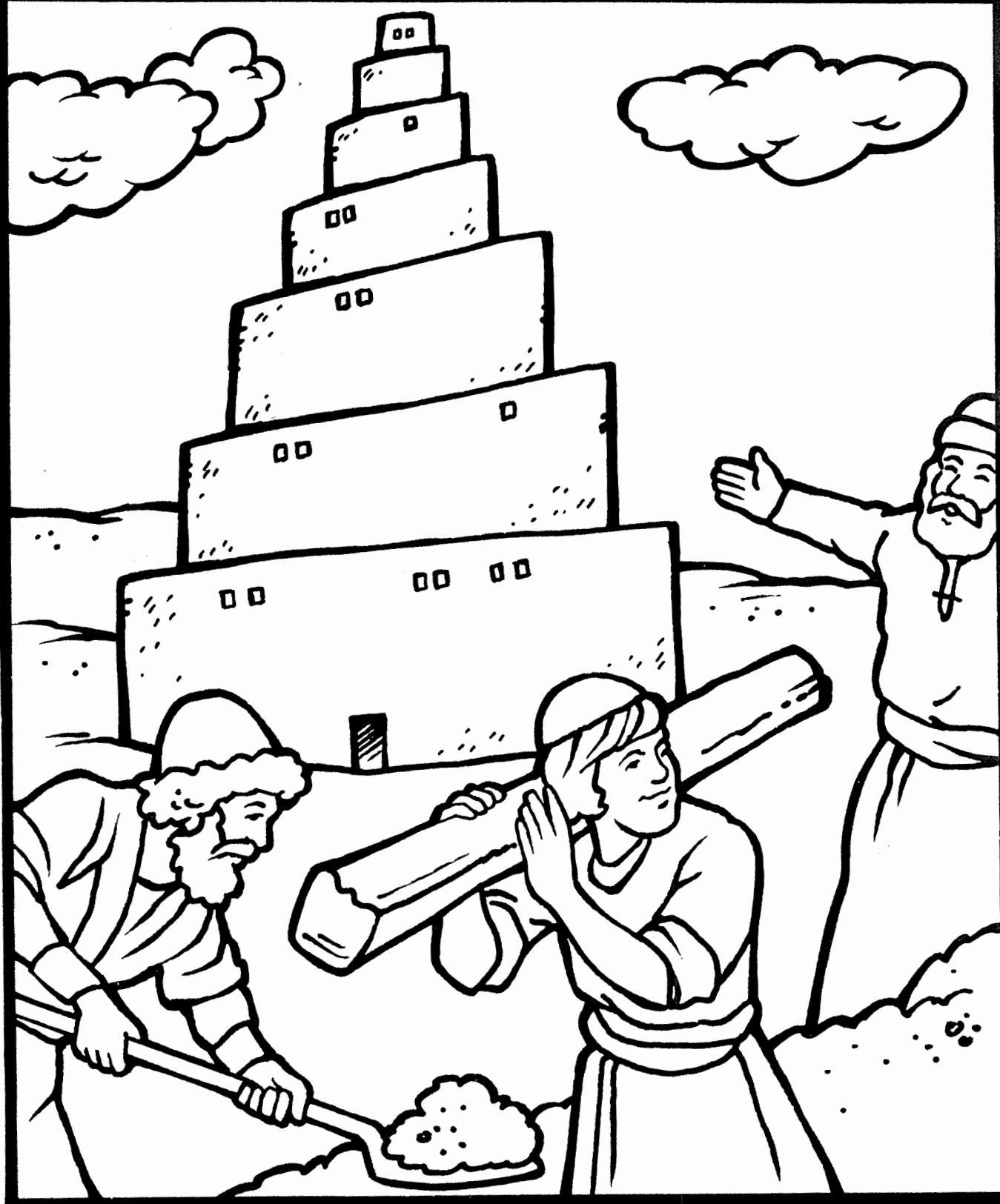
Genesis 11:9, “Therefore its name is Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.”

Key Points

1. Hundreds of years after the flood the people wanted to build a tower and a city.
2. They wanted to build it high into the heavens to gain recognition of others around them so it could be seen if they were scattered around the earth.
3. They all spoke the same language, but the Lord came down and saw what they had done.
4. He confused their language to keep them from becoming too prideful and to remind them that He is God.
5. God deliberately scattered the people so that many languages and nations began.

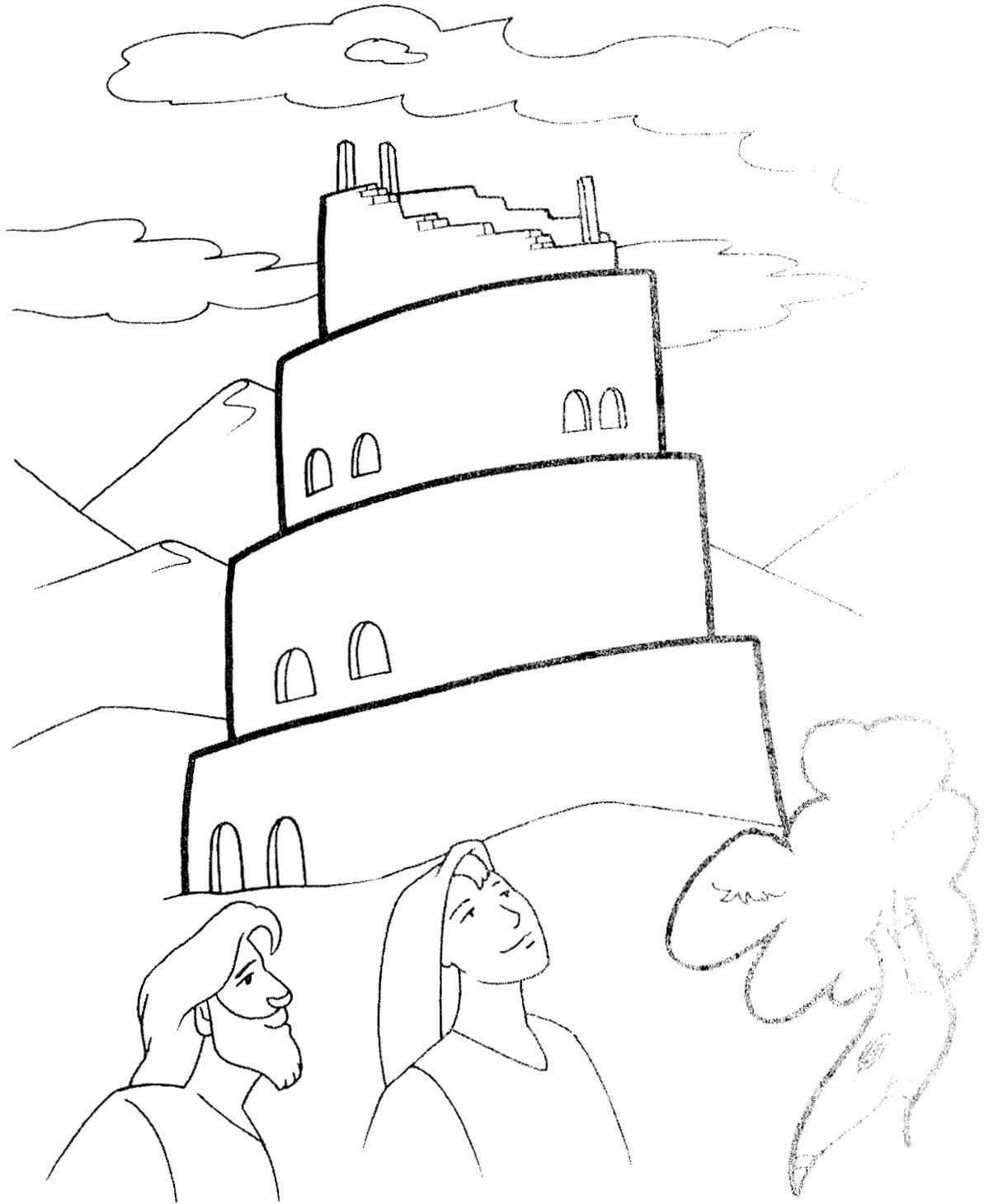
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is for Babel,
The tower up high.
It taught us to reach for GOD,
Not for the sky!



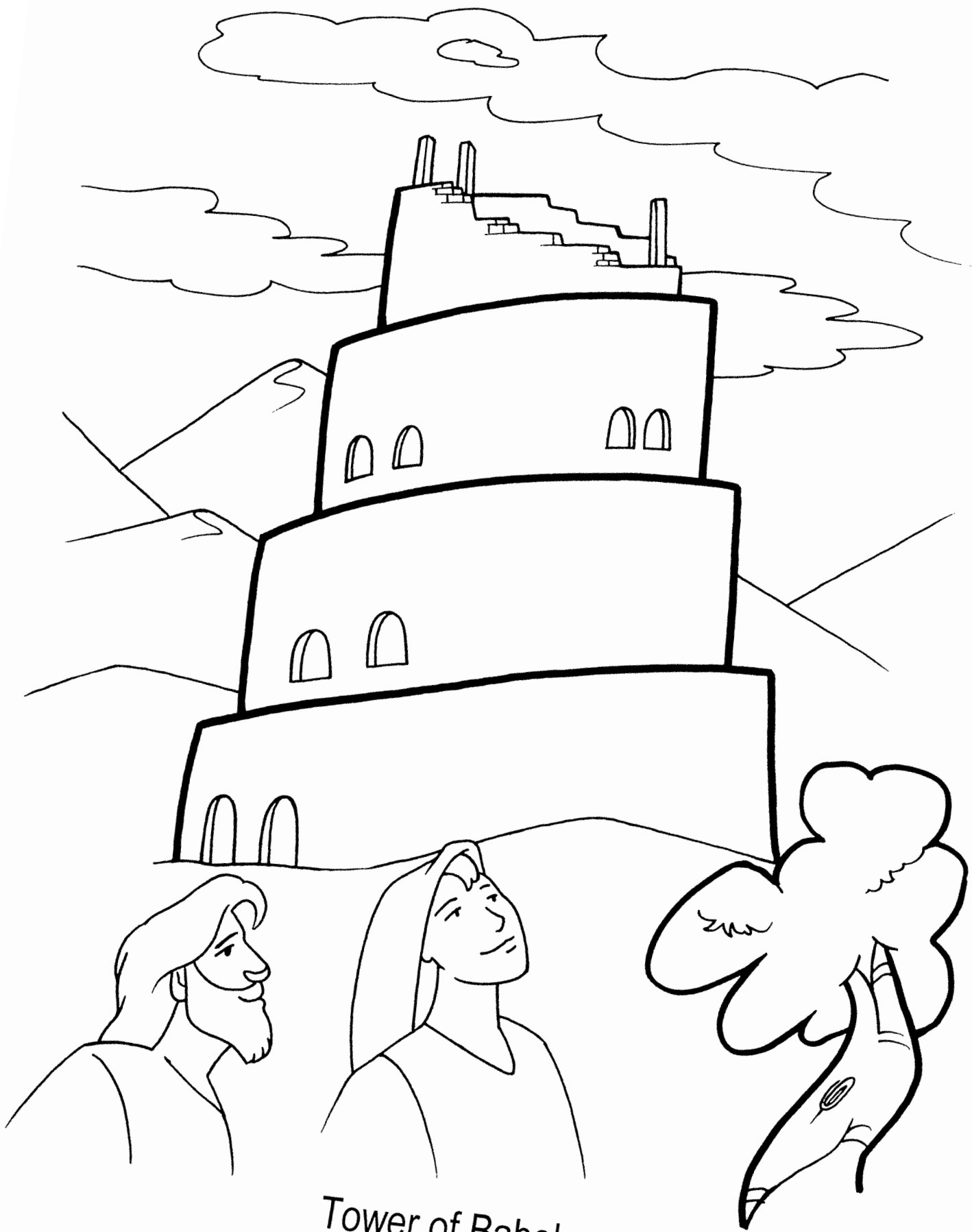
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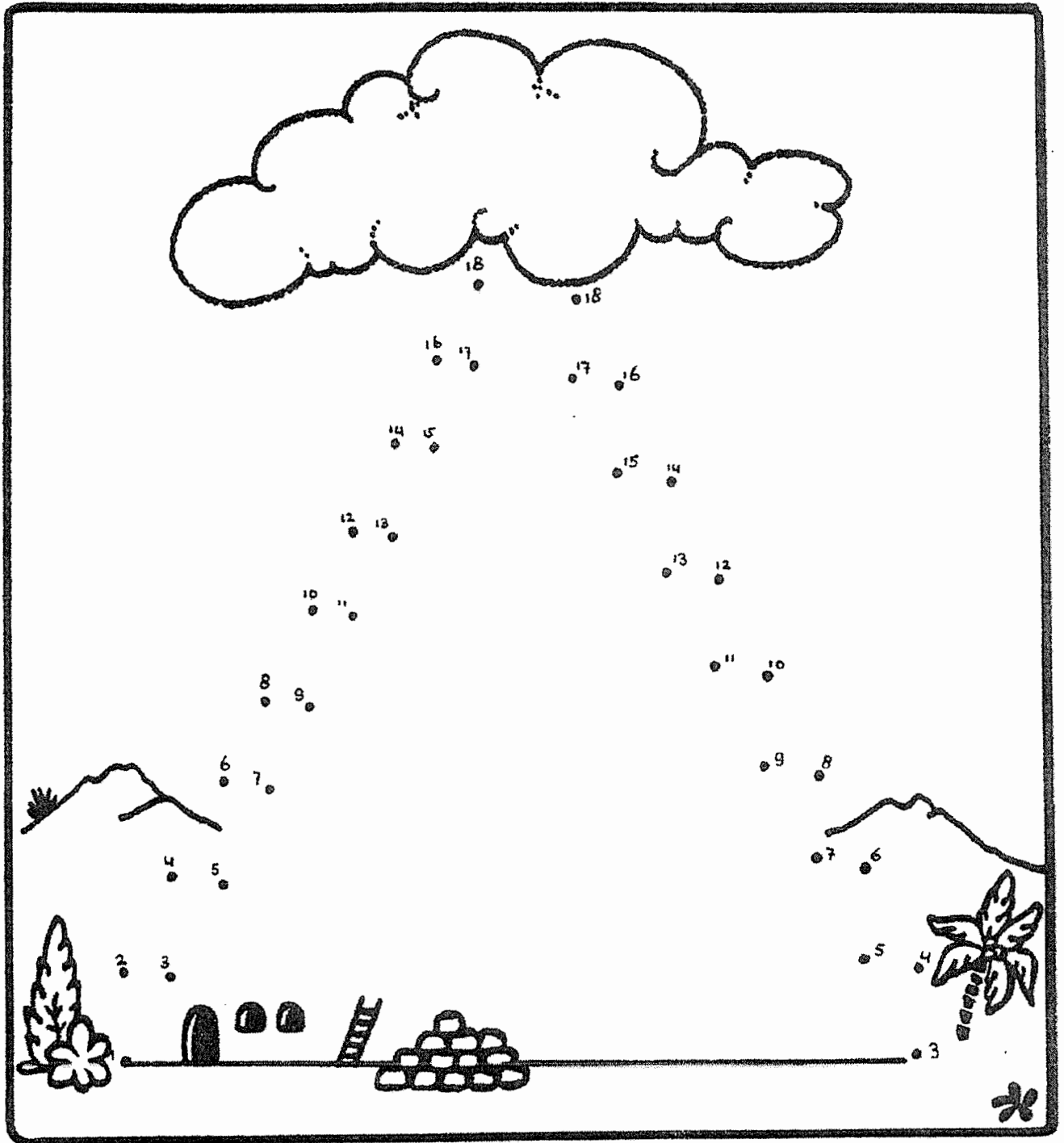


"And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top *may reach* unto heaven, and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth."

GENESIS 11:4



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TOOTHPICK TOWERS

"Then they said to each other, 'Let's build a city and a tower for ourselves, whose top will reach high into the sky. We will become famous. Then we will not be scattered over all the earth'" (Genesis 11:4).



SUPPLIES

- miniature marshmallows
- round toothpicks
- cookie sheets

Tower building is fun for everyone. Do this craft as an individual or group project. Turn it into a game by seeing which group can build the highest tower in three minutes.

1. Form groups of four to six. Give each group a cookie sheet, a box of toothpicks, and a bag of miniature marshmallows.
2. Encourage each group to decide what kind of tower they'd like to build—a tall one, a skinny one, a fancy one, a round one, or a square one.
3. Give kids several minutes to work on their towers. Call time when all the marshmallows are used up!
4. Let kids display their towers and explain their special features.

FAITH BOOSTER

Ask:

- What would you do if you wanted to show someone how great and talented and marvelous and awesome you are?

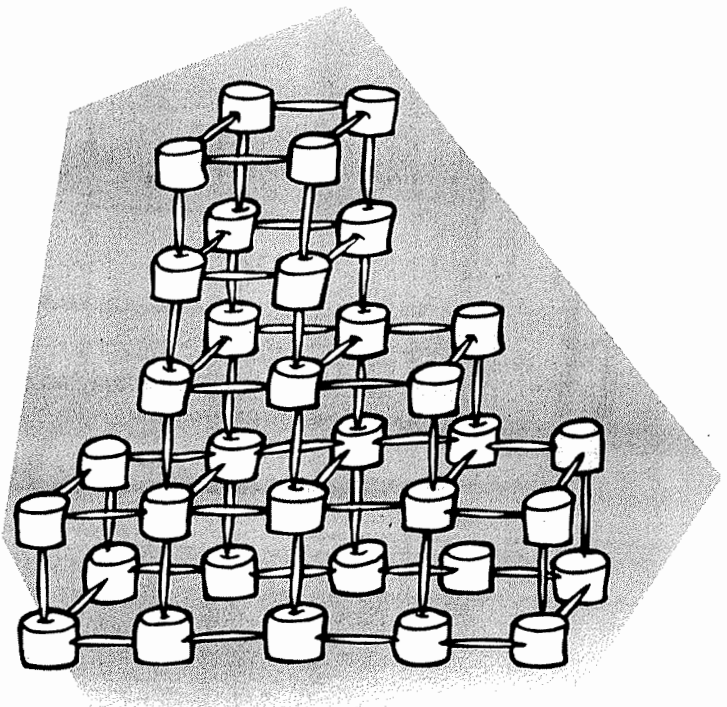
Read Genesis 11:1-9. Ask:

- Why did God stop the people from building their tower?
- When is it good to be proud of what we can do? When is it bad?

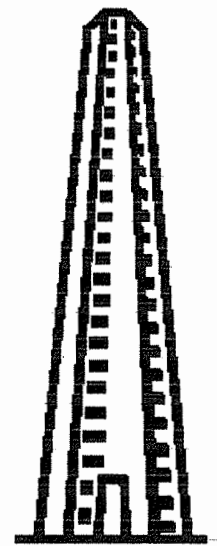
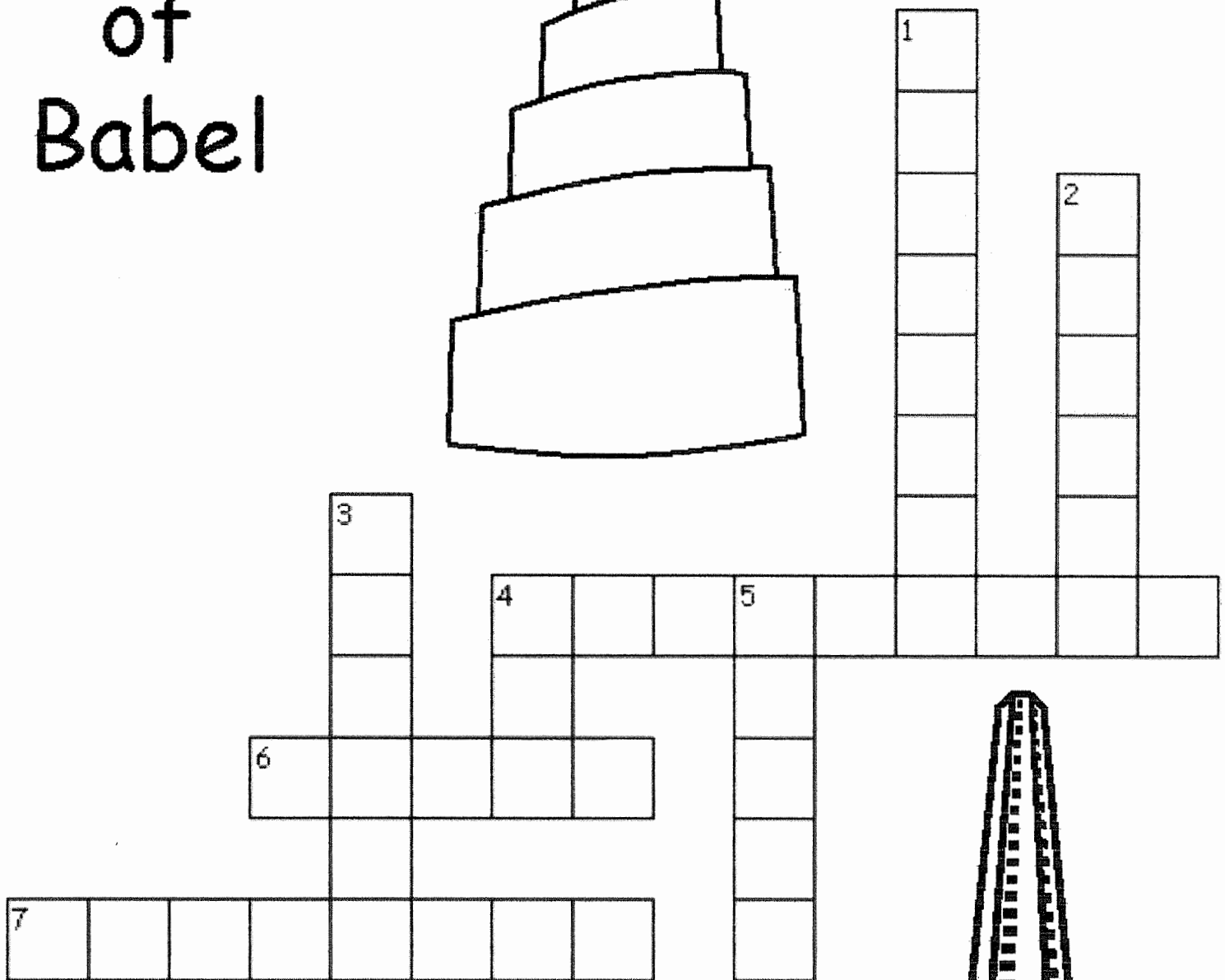
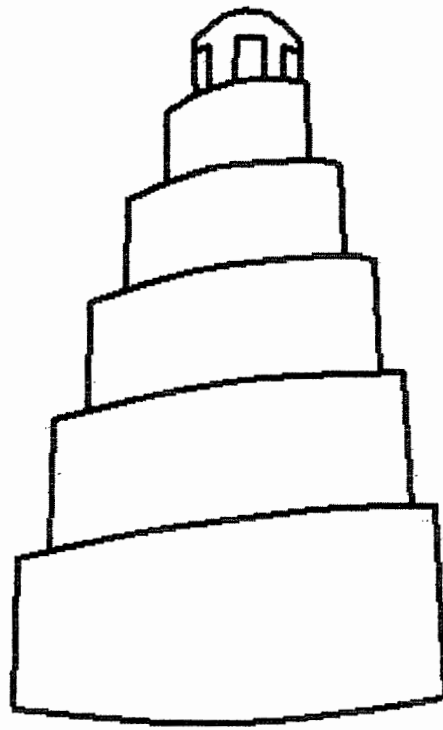
Explain that God gives each person talents and abilities and that God is glad when we use those abilities to bring honor to him. Close by having kids use toothpicks and marshmallows to make letters that spell out, "God is great!"

PRO POINTER

Multicolored toothpicks and marshmallows make this project look even more impressive. For individual towers, use a paper plate rather than a cookie sheet to form the base.



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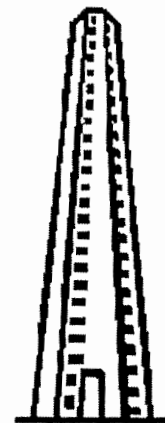
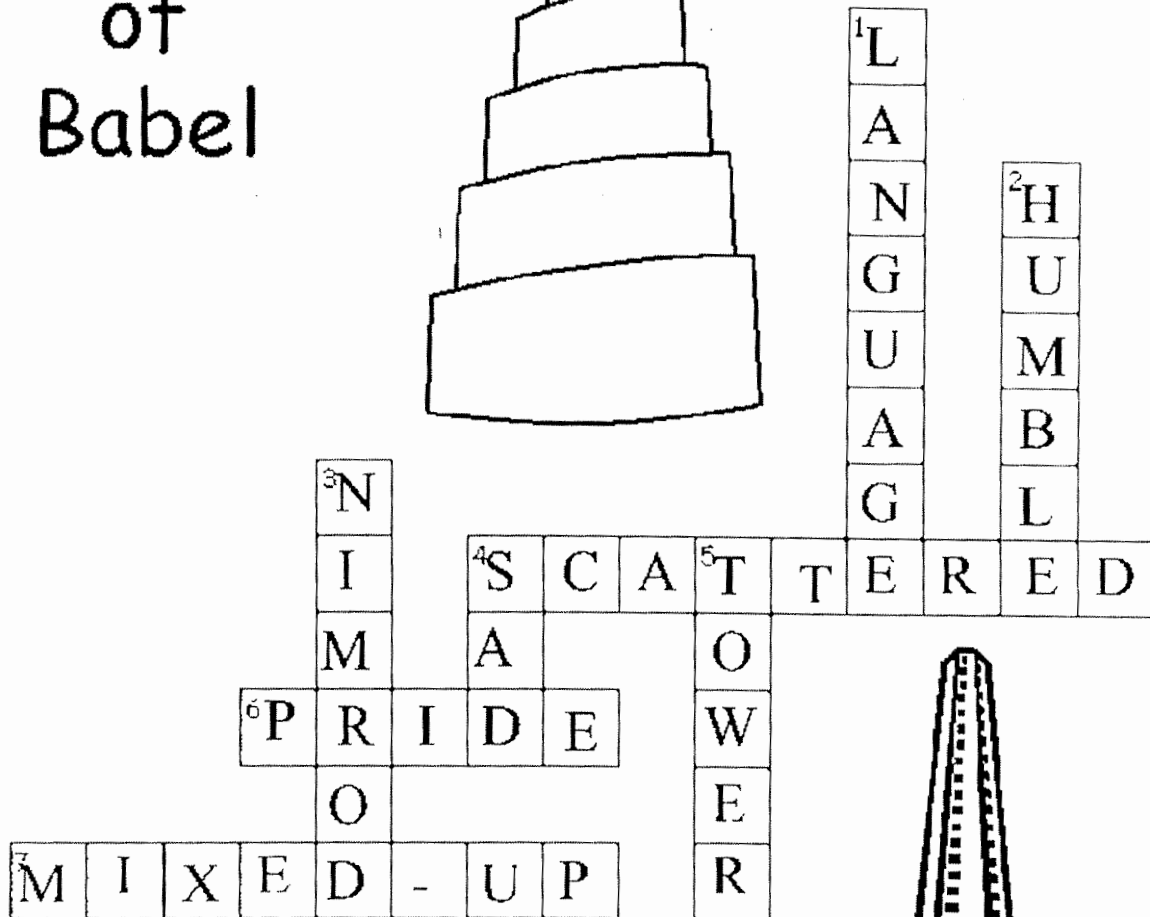
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4. After, the people were _____ over the earth.
6. God hates this.
7. What did God do to their language to stop the people from building?

Down

1. What all the people had in common.
2. By putting others before ourselves we are being _____.
3. This was the name of the king who wanted to make a name for himself.
4. How God felt when the people forgot about Him?
5. What did the people want to build to make themselves great.

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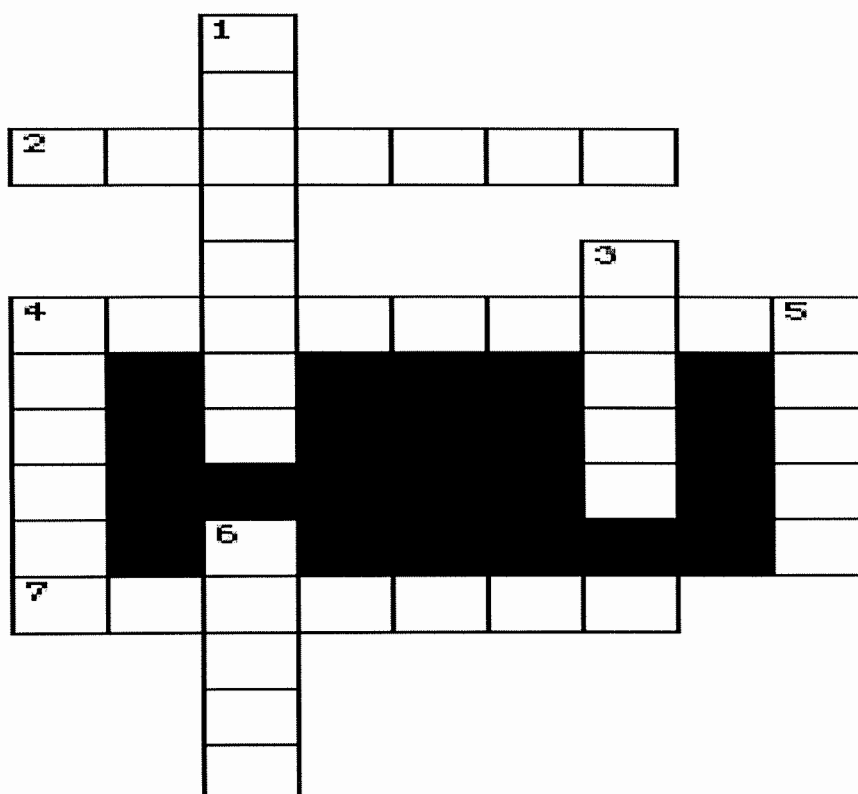
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- 3 DOWN "And He will bring down their _____ together with the trickery of their hands." **ISAIAH 25:11**
- 4 DOWN "Now the whole earth had one language and one _____." **GENESIS 11:1**
- 5 DOWN "And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they _____ there." **GENESIS 11:2**
- 7 ACROSS "And they said, 'Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the _____ let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.'" **GENESIS 11:4**
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2. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinsplints, and they dwelt there. GENESIS 11:2

TRUE OR FALSE

FILL IN THE BLANKS:

3. "And they said, 'Come, let ____ build _____ a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let ____ make a name for _____, lest ____ be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.'" GENESIS 11:4

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORDS:

4. "And the LORD said, 'Indeed the people are one and they all have one (LANGUAGE, HAIRDO), and this is what they begin to do; now (EVERYTHING, NOTHING) that they propose to do will be withheld from them.'" GENESIS 11:6

TRUE OR FALSE:

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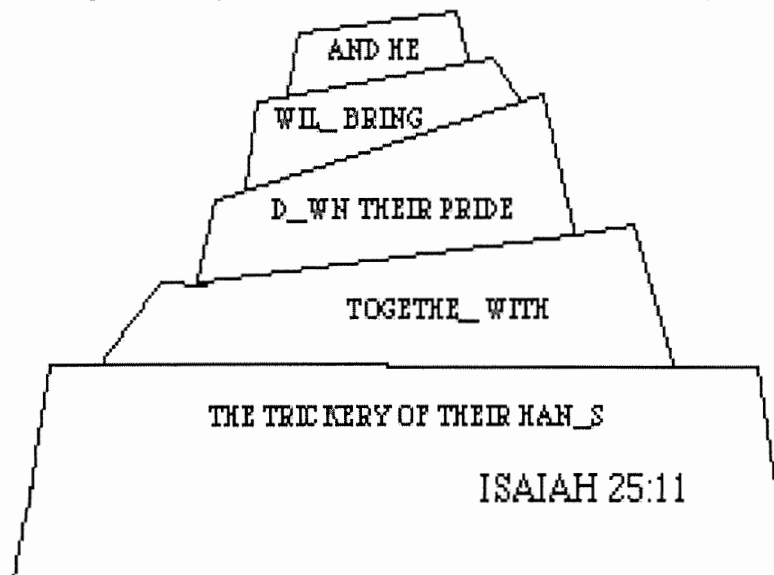
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K K W R I T X F D Z G O L F D
I H Y B F A I M D W T M F H A

BABEL HUNTER SCATTERED BAKE
LANGUAGE SHINAR BRICKS LORD
SPEECH CITY NAME STONE
CONFUSE NIMROD TOWER CUSH
ONE UNDERSTAND HEAVENS



THE TOWER OF BABEL

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V Z M X F B P I S P K L U O W L I D U Q I H R J N
O R I Y Z L Z F C R P K V W Y O V S W A F N A I M
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SHINAR BRICKS LORD SPEECH CITY

NAME STONE CONFUSE NIMROD TOWER

CUSH ONE UNDERSTAND HEAVENS