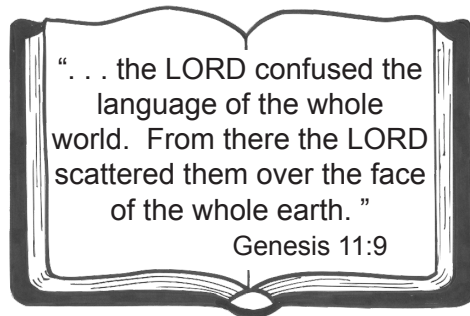


# TOWER of Babel

## New Nations & Languages



### TRUTH SEEKER



### ACTIVITY

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## “Teachable Moments”

**OBJECTIVE:** To help children learn about the sovereignty of God in relation to the world He created. The way He works out His plan is often a surprise to us, but truly amazing and the very best. It was God’s Plan to fill the earth, but man disobeyed God by doing his own thing so God had to punish man for his sin. However, man’s sin never stops God from doing His plan.

✶ **Simple Truths:** This lesson has three basic truths for your children to discover together. God blessed man and told him to build his families to fill the earth; however, man’s proud heart caused him to disobey God. No matter what, God is always in control of His plan for time and those He created.

✶ **Activity Pages:** Remember to use these as learning opportunities, so enjoy them together. Follow instructions on each page. In this lesson your children can learn to use maps to help them see God’s plan.

#### #1 - PRAYER TIME

STORY TIME: The Tower of Babel

#### #2 - GENESIS Review

From Ararat to Babylon

#### #3 - Building the Tower

#### #4 - Table of Nations

Word Search: Noah’s Grandsons

#### #5 - The Expanding World

I Wonder . . .

(This activity provides lots of encouragement to think and reason; guide your children in learning to use their imagination in a healthy way.)

✶ **Memorize :** Genesis 11:9

(Permission granted to make extra copies of coloring or game page for other children in the family as needed.)

# Simple Truths

1

GOD blesses man and commands him to fill the earth.

## How did the families grow?

--Noah's sons: Japheth, Shem and Ham began to have children; look at the genealogies (family lines).

*"These are the clans of Noah's sons, according to their lines of descent, within their nations. From these the nations spread out over the earth after the flood.*

*Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. As men moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there." (Genesis 10:32 - 11:2)*

## Did man continue to obey God's command?

--No. He didn't because his sinful heart led him astray.

2

Man's pride brings GOD'S Judgement.

## Why did God confuse their language and stop their building?

--Noah's descendants became very proud of what they could do. "We can make, we can build and we can do what we want to do." Their hearts were proud and controlled what they said and what they did. PRIDE is SIN.

*"Haughty eyes and a proud heart, the lamp of the wicked, are sin!" (Proverbs 21:4)*

--"the lamp of the wicked" is a phrase that refers to something that gives guidance or direction just as a lamp's light would do.  
--The sin of pride led them into the act of disobedience.

*"Then they said, Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves and not be scattered over the face of the whole earth." (Genesis 11:4)*

## How did God punish them?

--God could see what they were doing; He knew the attitude of their hearts.

*"But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower that the men were building. The LORD said, If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them." (Genesis 11:5 & 6)*

--God forced them to change their activity by confusing their language; they couldn't understand each other's spoken language.

*"Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other." (Genesis 11:7)*

3

GOD is always in control; He has a plan.

## How can we be sure He has a plan?

--God's plans have a purpose and His commands are to be obeyed.

--He said He would follow His plan.

*". . . What I have said, that will I bring about; what I have planned, that will I do." (Ephesians 1:11)*

## Can man's sin change GOD'S Plan?

--No. God is always the same; He never changes. Likewise, His plans are certain.

*"Your Word, O LORD, is eternal; it stands firm in heaven." (Psalm 119:89)*

--Man can face consequences for his sin; that's certain as well.

## Is GOD'S Plan always the best for man?

--YES. The way or plan God has for us is always perfect; it's the very best. Sometimes we see it better when look back at "hand of God" in our lives.

*"As for God, His way is perfect; the word of the LORD is flawless. . . It is God who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect." (Psalm 18: 30 & 32)*

REMEMBER, TRUTH SEEKERS-----

Ask God to guide your  
study and help you  
learn.



## The Tower of Babel

(Based on Genesis 11:1-9)



After Noah's family came out from the ark, they began to have more children and started building places to live. They all spoke one language so they could understand each other well. Many of their descendants began to move southeast from Mt. Ararat, where the ark had landed. They settled in a beautiful place called "the plain of Shinar." "Let stay here together and build ourselves a city with a tower that reaches to the heavens." they all agreed. Doing this,

Activity Page #1

they thought they could become famous and would never have to leave this beautiful place.

They began to make bricks and build houses to live in and the tower to reach into the heavens. They became so proud of their work and what **they** wanted to do that they forgot to **obey** GOD.

The LORD saw them building the city and the tower; if they could do this as one people, understanding one language, then nothing would be impossible for them to do. The LORD said, "Let us go down and make them speak different languages so they can not understand each other."

The building stopped and GOD made them move all over the earth as He had commanded.

**WORD  
MEANING**

**BABEL:** Noisy confusion.

# GENESIS Review. . .

the first BOOK of the LAW

Activity Page #2

## From Ararat to Babylon

Did Noah and his son's families stay in or near the Ark?

YES ☐ NO ☐

Were their families growing in number?

YES ☐ NO ☐

DO YOU REMEMBER these things that are true in this book of GOD'S BIG STORY?

Put a check in each box that is true of this lesson's story.

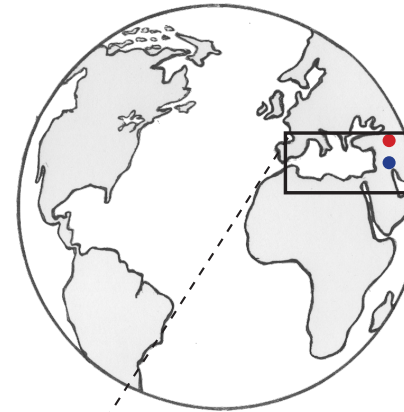
- ☐ 1. Man keeps sinning.
- ☐ 2. GOD makes promises.
- ☐ 3. GOD does amazing miracles.
- ☐ 4. Generations of families keep growing.
- ☐ 5. GOD chooses people who love Him, for special work.
- ☐ 6. GOD tells people how He wants them to live.
- ☐ 7. Some people obey GOD, some do not.

If they moved from the Ark, do you think they went to a warmer place?

YES ☐ NO ☐

Was this all of God's Plan?

YES ☐ NO ☐



● Mt. Ararat (the Ark landing)

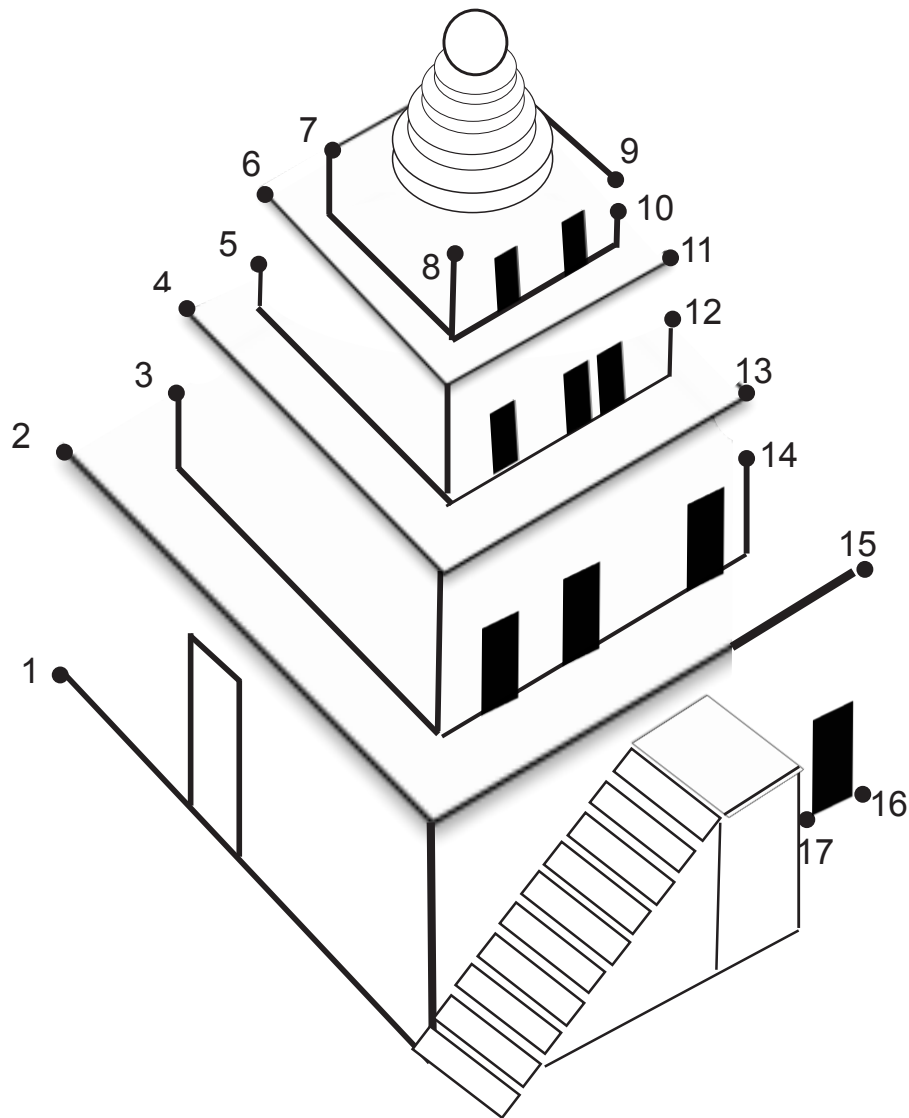
● Babylon (Tower of Babel)



# Building the Tower

(Word Scramble)

Dot to Dot and Color.



- ① What did the people use to build their city and the tower? (Genesis 11:3)  
--hand-made \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, not stones.

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- ② Why did God confuse the language of the people building the tower? (Genesis 11:4)  
--They were \_\_\_\_\_ in their hearts.

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- ③ Their heart attitude caused them to \_\_\_\_\_ God. (Genesis 11:4)

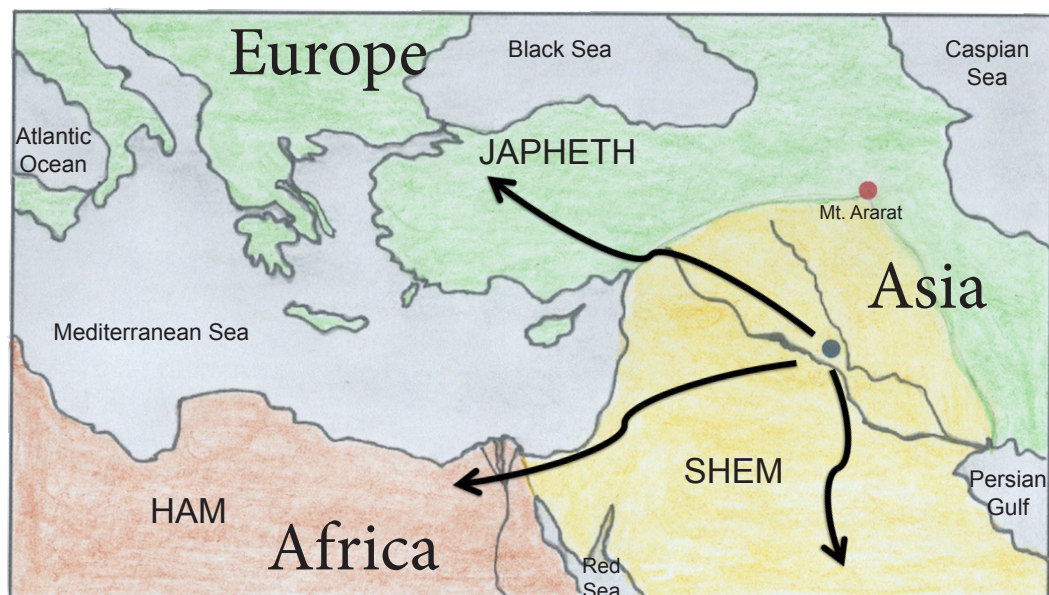
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# Table of Nations

If you are really curious about the countries/nations who were descendants of Noah's three sons, google THE TABLE OF NATIONS for lots of maps and genealogies.



Look on the map to see where the descendants of Noah's sons settled when they left the Tower of Babel.

## 7 Sons of Japheth

(Noah's oldest son)

Genesis 10:2

Europe & Asia

## 5 Sons of Shem

(Noah's middle son)

Genesis 10:22

Middle East

Shemites

## 4 Sons of Ham

(Noah's youngest son)

Genesis 10:6

Canaan, Africa

## WORD SEARCH

### Noah's Grandsons

- Look for their names in the Genesis passages listed below.
- Circle each set of sons with a different color.

A	S	S	H	U	R	B	O	T
R	M	E	S	H	E	C	H	U
P	A	I	J	A	V	A	N	B
A	G	R	Z	E	L	A	M	A
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D	H	C	I	O	P	U	T	M

# GOD'S PLAN

for

## The Expanding World

### God's Plan for Adam & Eve

God blessed them and said to them, "**Be fruitful and increase** in number, fill the earth and subdue it." (Genesis 1:28)

### God's Plan for Noah: preserve LIFE (During a time of God's judgement)

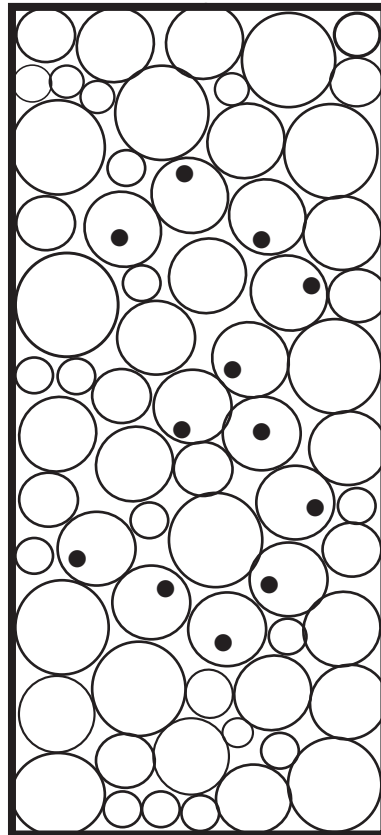


### God's Plan for Noah & sons: Japheth, Shem & Ham

Then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, "**Be fruitful and increase** in number and fill the earth." (Genesis 9:1)

As for you, "**be fruitful and increase** in number; multiply on the earth and increase upon it." (Genesis 9:7)

Use one color to fill-in circles with dots.  
Fill empty circles with another color.



Look on the map of  
**Activity Page #4** to help  
you discover the answer to  
all of these questions.

(HINT: they are the same)

How many sons of Noah?

How many continents?

How many basic Racial Groups? (not nations)

I Wonder . . . . .THINK about it!  
? ? ? . . .Use your imagination!

