

Imagine that you were at Babel and now your family including your brothers, sisters, parents, aunts, uncles and grandparents have to go off together and start a new town without anyone to help. How would you do? Is there anyone in your family who can grow food? Start a fire? Cook on a fire? Build a shelter or house? Make clothes? Make fabric for making clothes? Would your family have built a town or ended up as cave men?

How skilled or unskilled each family was, was not really the important thing - God loved them all just the same. What was important was whether or not they remembered God.

What about you and your family?

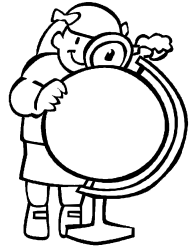


For the Lord corrects those He loves. Proverbs 3:12<sup>NLT</sup>

# The Tower

## Sabbath

Do you have any friends from a different culture? Fill in the following table to see what is different or the same between your families' culture and another culture; use a friend or look up information about another culture.



Your culture: \_\_\_\_\_

Culture to compare with: \_\_\_\_\_

	Different	Same
Skin colours / types		
Hair colours / types		
Eye colours & shapes		
Traditional clothes		
Hair styles		
Languages		
Accent – what you sound like		
Traditional food		
Traditional house style		
How you greet people		

How are your cultures the same? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

How are your cultures different? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Sunday

After the flood, all the people of the world spoke the same language. Now God had commanded them to spread out and fill the earth; but a large group of them found a plain in the land of Babylonia and settled there to build themselves a city. They said, "Let's build a giant tower that reaches into the sky; we will become a great nation and nothing - not even another flood will stop us."

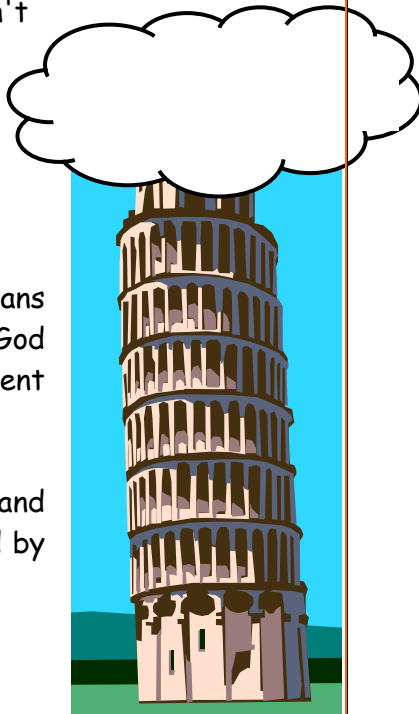
These people had forgotten two important things. That God had promised never to flood the whole world again, and that He had commanded the people to spread out and fill the whole earth.

God saw the city and the tower the people were building; already the people had turned from worshiping and obeying Him. So God changed their languages. The people found they couldn't understand each other, and they couldn't keep building together.

They formed groups with people who spoke the same language, and moved away to settled in different places, just as God had commanded them.

The city was called Babel, which means confusion, because that is where God confused the people with different languages.

All of the different cultures, languages and appearances in the world can be explained by what happened at the Tower of Babel.



## Friday

Who does God love? In Revelation 14:6<sup>NLT</sup> it says that to good news about Jesus will go to...

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Jesus loves the  
little children,  
All the children  
of the world.  
Red and yellow,  
black and  
white.  
All are precious  
in His sight.  
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## Thursday

The distinctive looks of different races also came about because of the tower of Babel.

*If most of the people in a group had brown eyes, then most of their children would have brown eyes, and when they grew up and had children of their own, more of them would have brown eyes and so on until everyone had brown eyes. The same goes for skin colour and hair colour and type, height, the shape of facial features like the eyes and nose – actually it is true for every part of your body, although diet and lifestyle also affect body size and shape.*

Your DNA contains instructions on how to make every part of your body, both how it should look and how it should work. Everybody has 2 copies of each gene in their DNA – one they get from their mother and one from their father.


For each of these body parts, tick who you think you got the genes from:


	Dad's family	Mum's family	Both	Don't know
Hair				
Skin				
Height				
Body shape				
Nose				
Ears				
Hands				
Feet				
Legs				
Personality				
Other:				




## Monday


After God changed their languages, the people got together with the other people who spoke the same language – most probably it was the other members of their immediate family, and they moved off to start their own towns, away from the other people whose language they could not understand. Only the skills those people possessed and whatever tools or possessions they were able to take, were available for them to use.

 The groups that included builders were able to build houses, while other groups had to make do with tents, caves, bush shelters or nothing.

 Groups that farmers could grow crops or perhaps even farm animals; others had to make do with whatever they could find; settling near a good supply of food or moving now and then to find food.



 Some groups may have owned sheep and been skilled at making clothes from wool, some could make clothes from animal skins, but others had to make do with bark, leaves or nothing once their clothes wore out.

 Groups with skilled potters, made beautiful clay pots, groups with the basic knowledge of pottery but perhaps not the same skill level, made crude, simple pots, others made do with whatever they could work out.



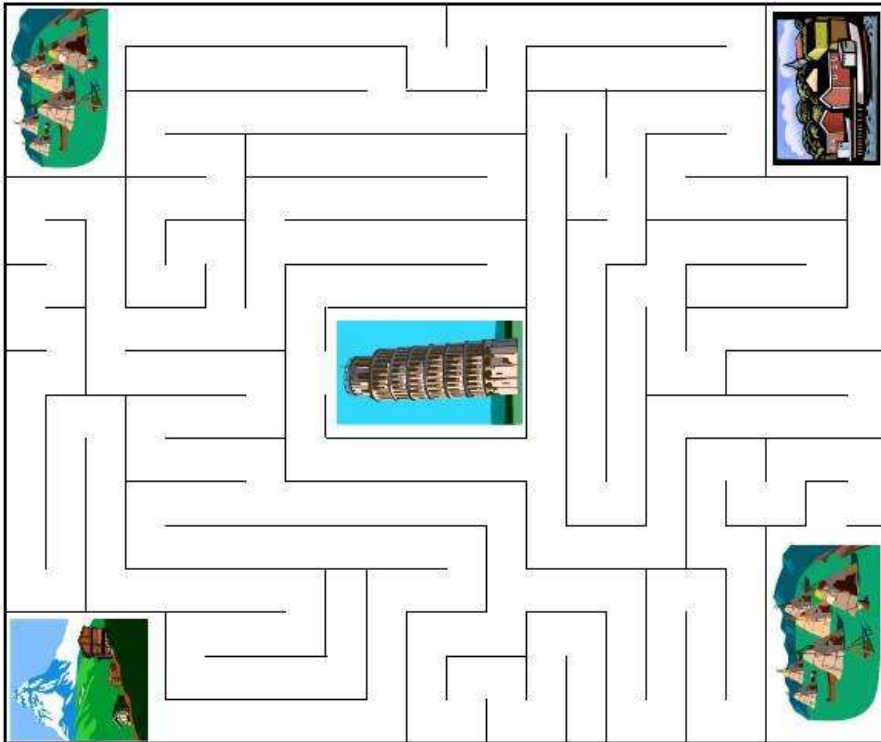
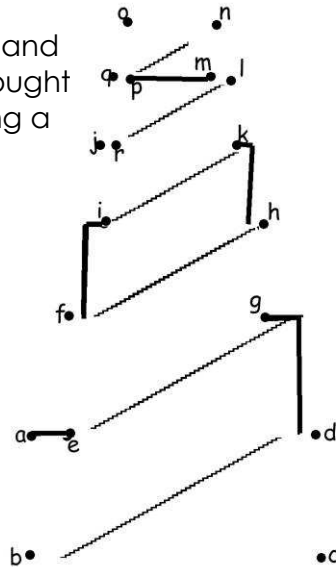
Groups which included skilled people such as farmers, builders, designers, scientists, teachers, doctors and artists setup new towns, and quickly advanced their culture.

Other groups became what we might term cave men; living wherever they could, hunting or gathering whatever they could to eat; wearing skins, or making clothes from leaves or bark.

## Tuesday

The people didn't want to obey God, and didn't believe what God said, and thought they could save themselves by building a great tower. Join the dots.

When God mixed up their languages, the people left in groups and found other places to live. Find a way from the tower to each of the new towns.



## Wednesday

When the people separated after Babel, they had to make do with whatever skills they had. Some groups had highly skilled people and they started advanced civilisations, others didn't have the skills or were so busy just surviving that they became cave men. Use the clues to fill in the crossword.

1. This person makes things out of metal a black\_\_\_\_\_ or a silver\_\_\_\_\_
2. This person makes bowls and jugs from clay
3. This person catches animals to eat
4. This person puts colour on objects or buildings
5. This person puts stories on paper or other things
6. This man catches fish for food
7. This person makes houses
8. This person likes to make beautiful things
9. This person grows crops for food
10. This person likes to learn how the world works and to find better ways to do things.
11. This person makes furniture
12. This person makes beautiful things to wear from gold, precious stones, shells or similar
13. This person likes to help other people learn
14. This person looks after sheep
15. This person helps sick people
16. What do you call it when you join fabric together to make clothes?
17. This person makes fabric from sheep's wool or other things
18. What do you call it when you prepare food for eating?

