

# Week 5

## The Tower of Babel



The earth God made is a big place. God told His people at the time of Noah to “fill the earth.” But the people stayed together in one community. They were proud and wanted to be strong and powerful. They decided to build a tower that would reach up to the sky so they would be famous.

As they began working, they thought only of themselves. They did not praise or thank God. They thought they were the greatest—even though we know the truth is that God is the greatest above all.

The people did not obey God’s commands. God decided to confuse their languages so they could not understand each other. (\*) They stopped working on the building because they couldn’t talk to each other and plan together.

Soon, groups of people moved to other places on the earth (which is what God had asked them to do in the first place). Work on the building stopped. It was never finished.

The people had wanted glory for themselves, but what they really needed was to give glory to God. The people turned away from God instead of repenting of

their sins and trusting God to forgive them. But God remained faithful to His Word and promises

*Fold the family letter back so your child can focus on the big picture as you tell the Bible story. At the point in the story indicated by an asterisk (\*), fold the picture strip forward, overlapping part of the big picture. Talk about what has changed in the picture as you continue the story.*

### Think about It

Help your child recognize God’s many blessings in your lives. Praise and thank God for even the smallest signs of His care. The Bible words from Matthew 6 tell us that when we put God first in our lives, “all these things will be added to you.”

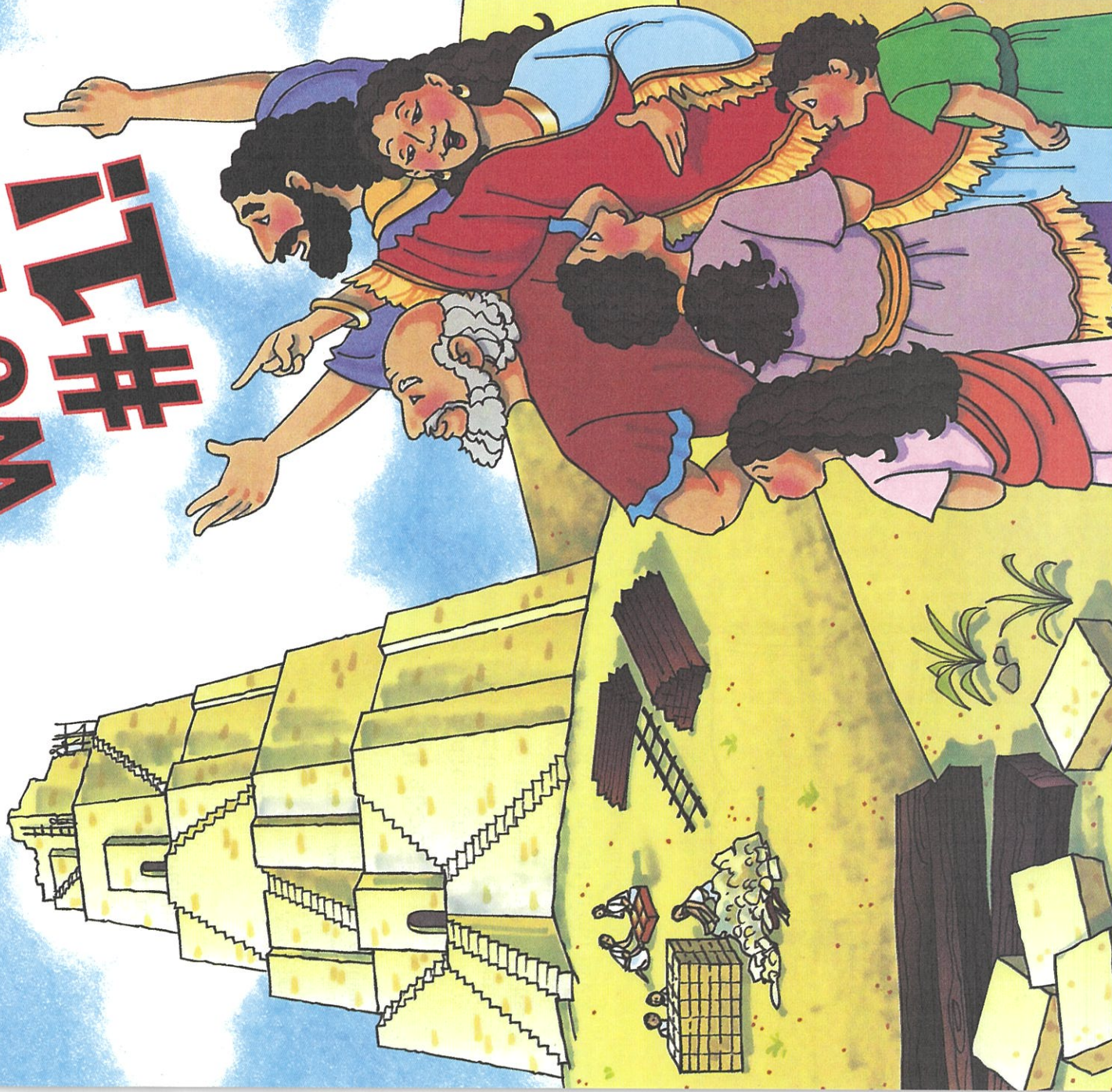
### Bible Words

Seek first the kingdom of God.

Matthew 6:33



# We're #1!



## Dear Family,

This Bible story is about imperfect people. They were proud and ignored God's will. God did not trivialize their sin and say, "That's okay." Instead, there were consequences. Even at that, God continued to love and care for them.

God is a good example for family life today. Your child from time to time will ignore your will and do what he or she wants. Your child will sometimes be disobedient and do what he or she knows is wrong. Do not trivialize this and say, "That's okay." Instead, confront your child with the consequences of what was done (such as cleaning up the mess that was made). See this as a learning experience rather than a punishment. Remember that without consequences, the learning experience will be, "Mommy and Daddy will talk to me, but I still get to do what I want."

Surround the whole situation with your unconditional love and care. And always assure your child of the forgiveness we have by faith in Jesus.