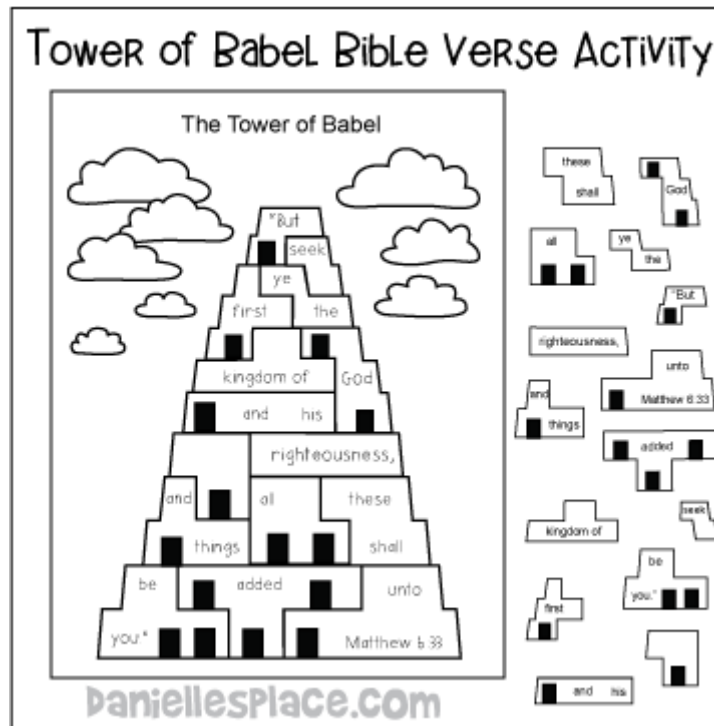


## Let us Pray:

*Father, we thank You for helping us to work together as Your Church. We pray You'll help us not to focus on ourselves and get prideful about what we can do, but remember to give You all the glory.*

*In Jesus' name we pray,*

*Amen.*



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## The Tower of Babel



*May God's blessing surround you each day.*

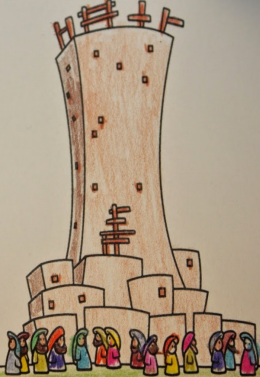
*As we trust Him and walk in His way;*

*May His presence within,*

*Guard and keep us from sin;*

Lesson Seven  
Memory Verse  
  
Let your speech be with  
grace, seasoned with salt,  
that you may know how to  
answer each and every one.

Colossians 4:6



## Seek Ye First

**Humble yourself before the Lord, and he will lift you up.**

## James 4:10

Good morning and welcome to this church service.

Today we are going to be thinking about the tower of Babel.

This week I've chosen the hymn:

## Seek ye first the kingdom of God

And His righteousness

And all these things shall be added unto you

Allelu, alleluia

## Man does not live by bread alone

But by every word

That proceeds from the mouth of God

Allelu, alleluia

## Ask and it shall be given unto you

## Seek and ye shall find

Knock and the door shall be opened unto you

Allelu, alleluia




Our reading/story today is taken from Genesis 11:1-9

## THE TOWER OF BABEL

Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. As people moved eastward,<sup>[a]</sup> they found a plain in Shinar<sup>[a]</sup> and settled there.

They said to each other, “Come, let’s make bricks and bake them thoroughly.” They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. 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; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth.”

But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower the people 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. Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other.”



So the LORD scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. That is why it was called Babel<sup>[4]</sup>— because there the LORD confused the language of the whole world. From there the LORD scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

It's difficult to work together to do something if you can't understand your instructions, isn't it? God made it difficult for people to work together once.

In the beginning, all the people spoke the same language. Everyone could talk with and understand each other. After Noah's Ark and the Flood, some people wanted to build a city.

"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; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth.'"

Did you hear why the people wanted to build a city and a tower?

They wanted to be famous for building such a great tower.

Do you think God wants us to want to be famous?

The Bible tells us that God wants us to be humble. He doesn't want us to think about how we're so great. Instead, He wants us to give Him the glory because He's so much greater than we are. No matter what we do, God has done much more. No matter how high of a tower we build, God is higher.

So, because the people were trying to make themselves seem great instead of giving glory to God, He made it so that they all spoke different languages. They were trying to build the tower, but they couldn't understand each other to work together. They had to stop building the tower.

God made them stop working together because they weren't giving Him the glory for giving them the ability to build a tower.

But when we are focusing on God and giving Him the glory, He does help us work together. He helps us to worship together, to make decisions together on looking after the buildings and more importantly to work together to support the community through brigade, toddlers, craft club lunch club and all the other things we do on this island to bring people closer to God.

When we are giving God the glory, He helps us to communicate and understand each other better so that we can work together.