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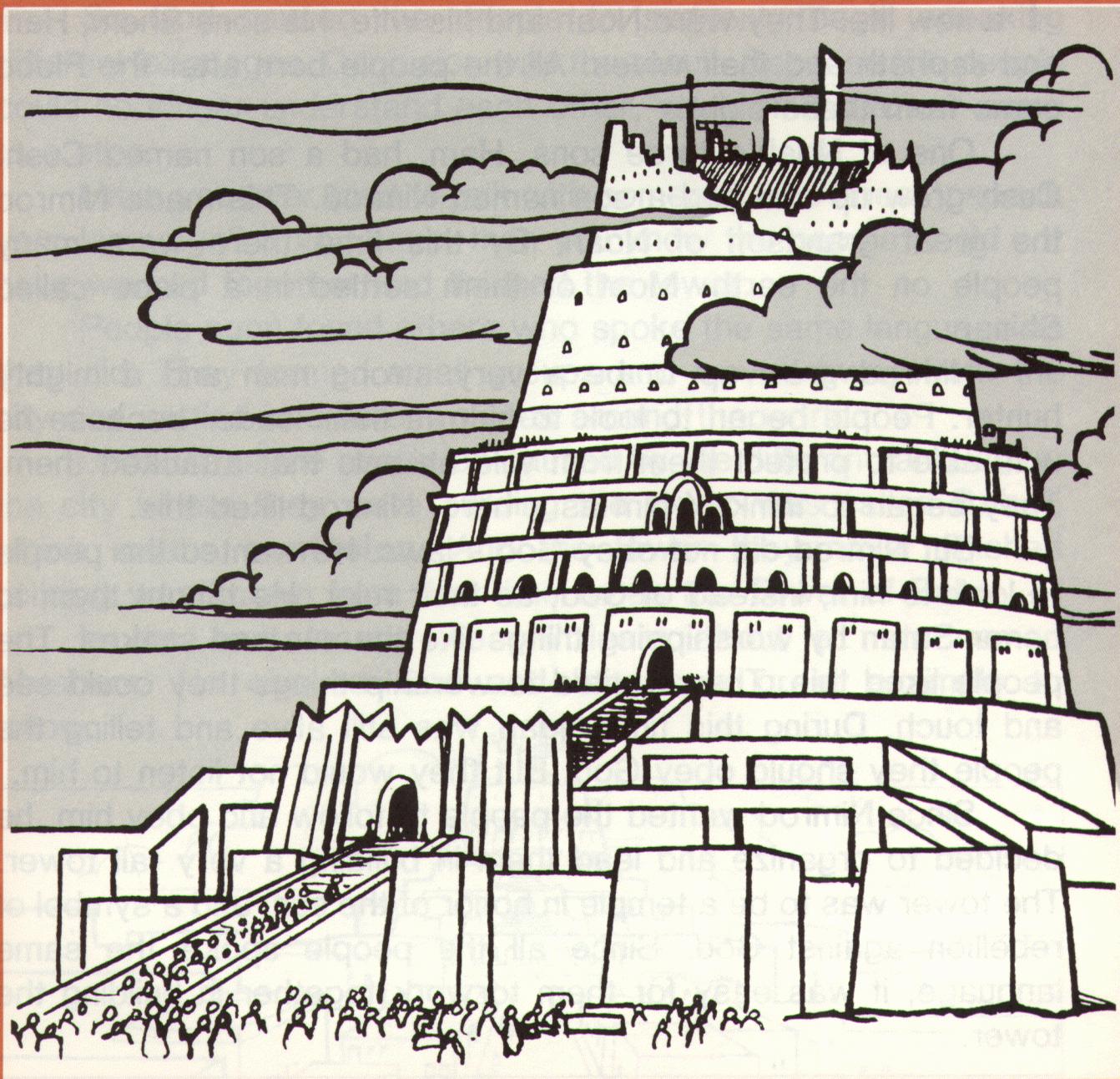
LEVEL 1

BIBLE

LESSONS



LESSON 5



Nimrod and the Tower of Babel

NIMROD AND THE TOWER OF BABEL

The last lesson ended with eight people leaving the ark to start a new life. They were Noah and his wife, his sons Shem, Ham and Japheth and their wives. All the people born after the Flood came from these eight.

One of Noah's three sons, Ham, had a son named Cush. Cush grew up and had a son named Nimrod. This made Nimrod the great grandson of Noah. By this time there were many people on the earth. Most of them settled in a place called Shinar.

Nimrod grew up to be a very strong man and a mighty hunter. People began to look to him as their leader because he was able to protect them from wild animals that attacked them. They began to think of him as a hero. Nimrod liked this.

But Nimrod did not obey God's laws. He wanted the people to look to him, instead of God, as their ruler. He taught them to honor Satan by worshipping things like the sun and snakes. The people liked this. They wanted to worship things they could see and touch. During this time Noah was still alive and telling the people they should obey God. But they would not listen to him.

Since Nimrod wanted the people to follow and obey him, he decided to organize and lead them in building a very tall tower. The tower was to be a temple in honor of the sun, and a symbol of rebellion against God. Since all the people spoke the same language, it was easy for them to work together in building the tower.

The people worked very hard. The tower began to take shape. It became the most important thing in their lives.

God saw what Nimrod and the people were doing. He was not pleased. He had wanted them to spread out after the Flood and live in different parts of the world. He also wanted them to obey His laws. God knew that if the people were allowed to continue following Nimrod in building the tower, they would soon be just as evil and wicked as people were before the Flood.

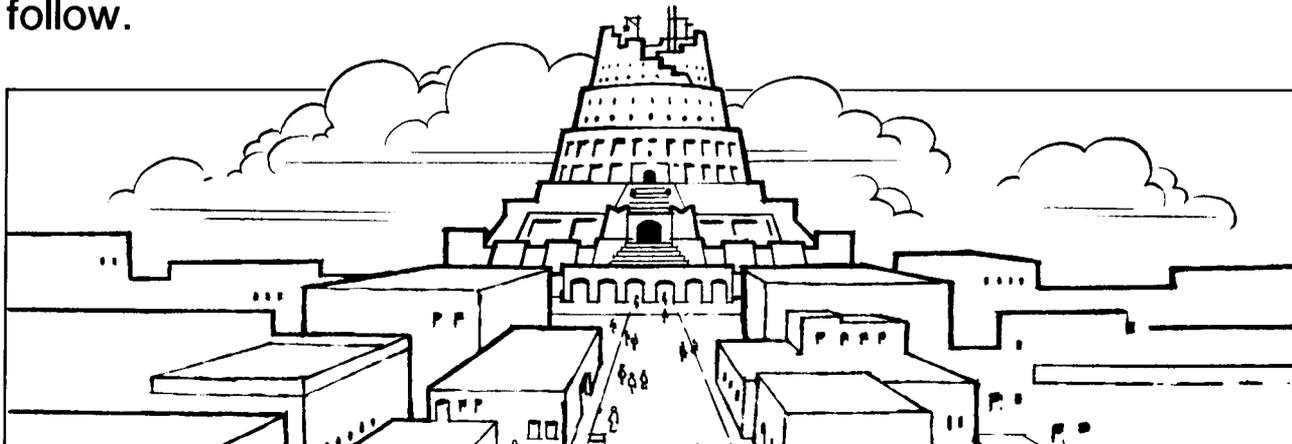
So God caused the people to suddenly begin speaking different languages. Confusion was the result. Because the people could no longer understand each other, work on the tower came to a stop.

Have you ever tried to talk with someone who doesn't speak your language? If you have, then you know the people could not have worked together and finished the tower.

People soon found others who spoke the same language as they did. They formed small groups and moved away from the city and settled in different places around the world.

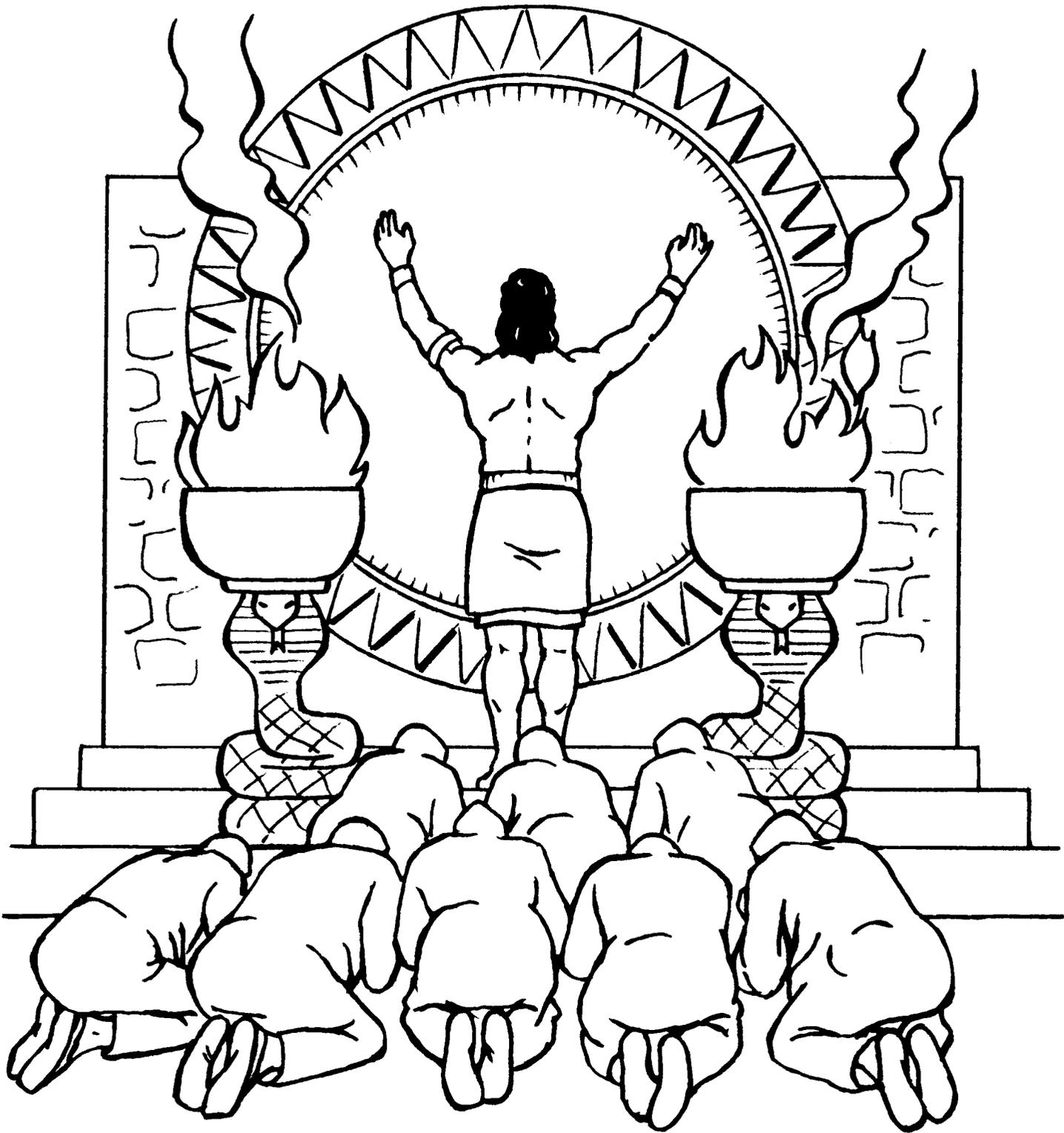
Because of the confusion caused by the different languages, the city where they were building the tower was called **Babel**, which means **confusion**. And the tower they never finished building was known from that time on as the Tower of Babel.

In the next lesson we will learn about a man named Abraham. He obeyed God and left us a great example to follow.

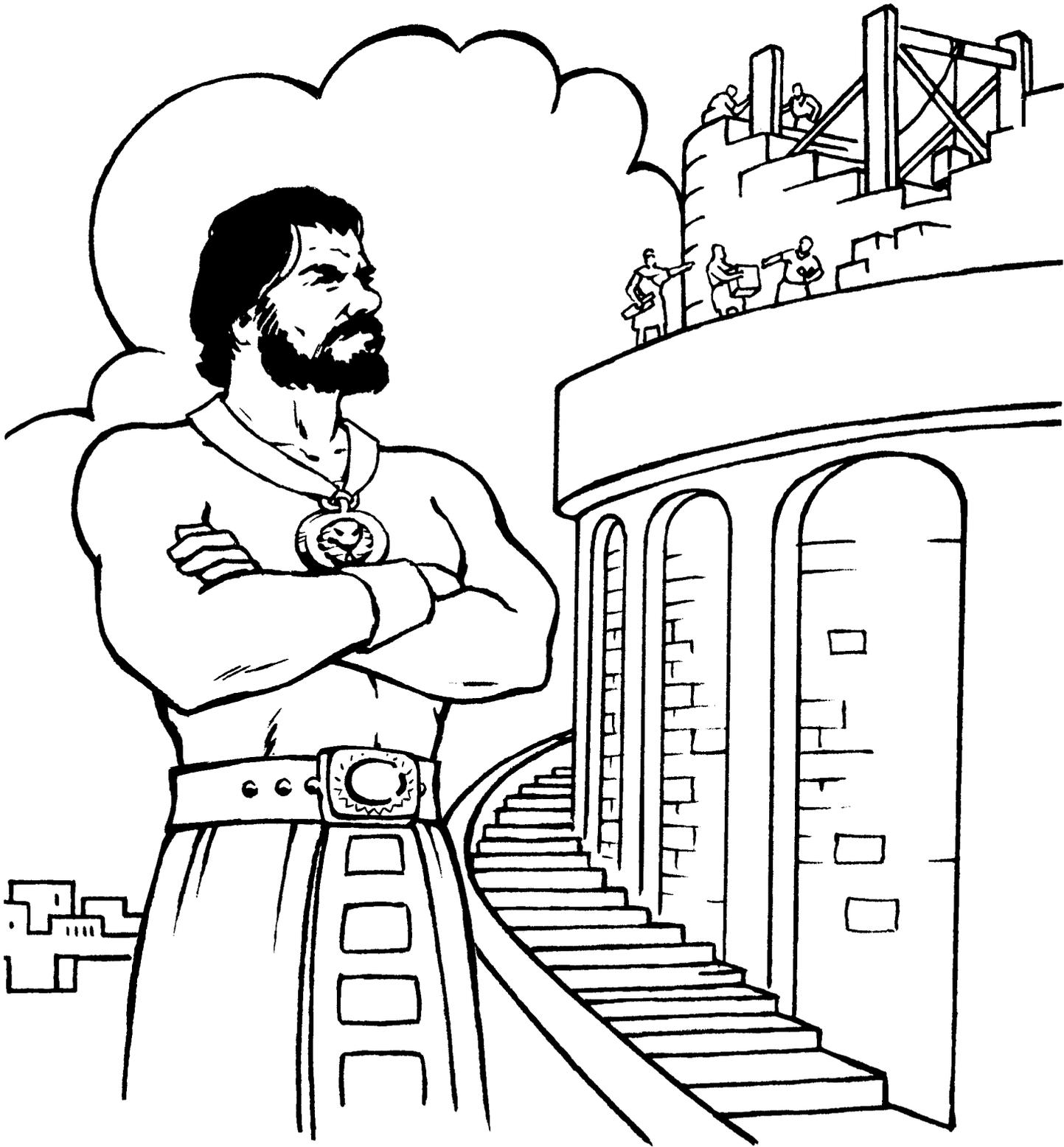




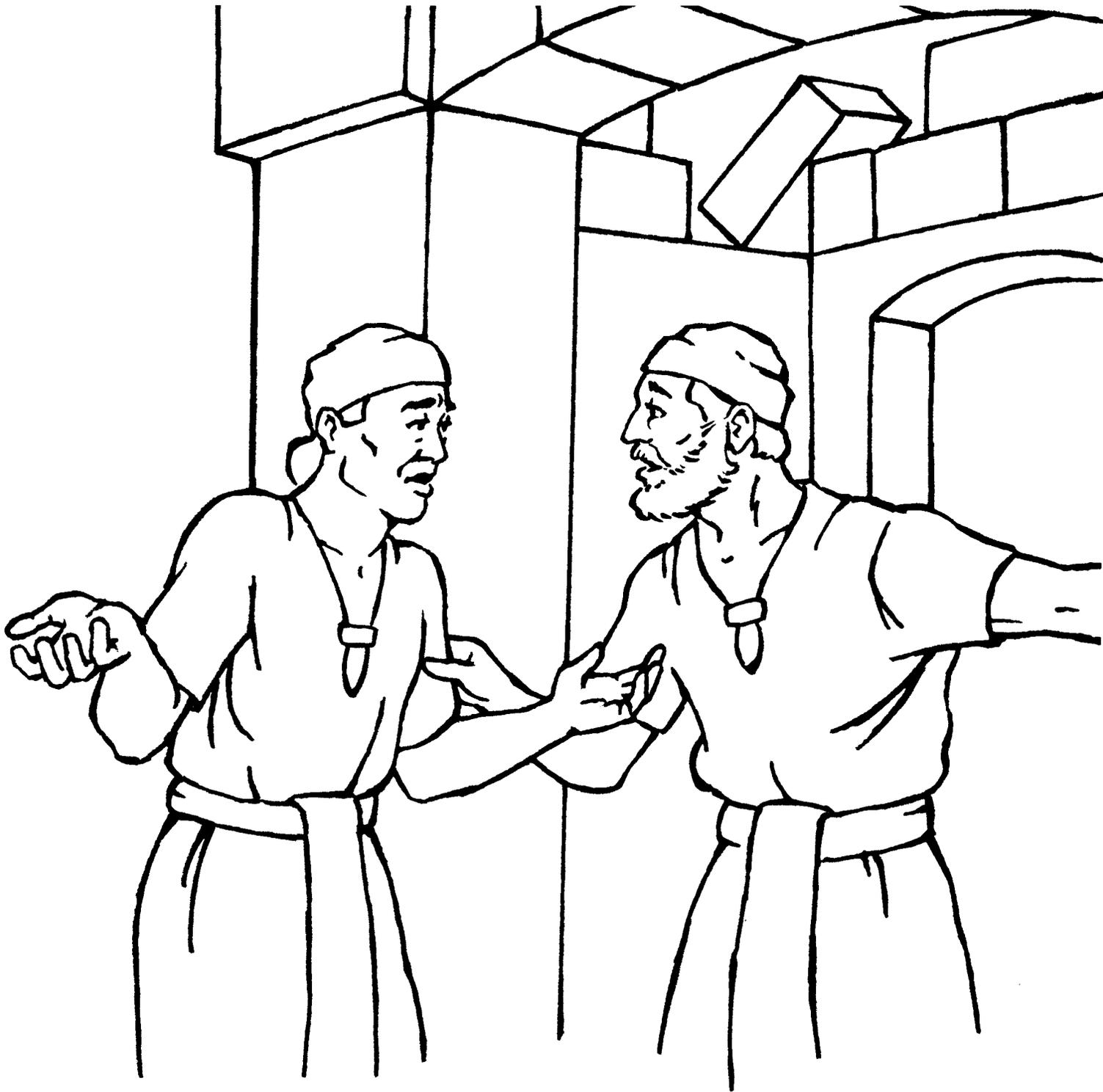
Nimrod was a strong man and a mighty hunter. He protected the people from wild animals.



Nimrod taught the people
to worship the sun and idols
in place of God.



Nimrod led the people to build a tower, which was a symbol of their rebellion against God.



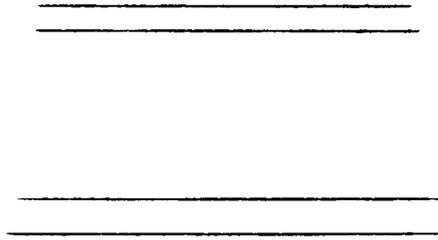
God confused the people's language. This stopped work on the tower.



The people began to leave the city and settle in different places around the world.

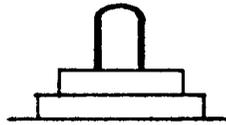
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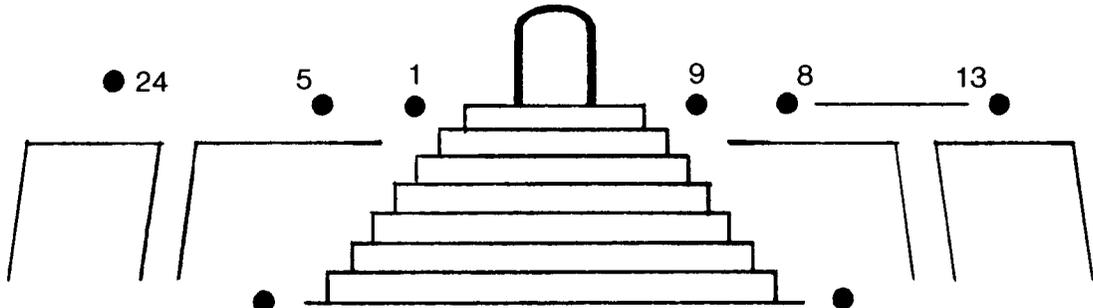
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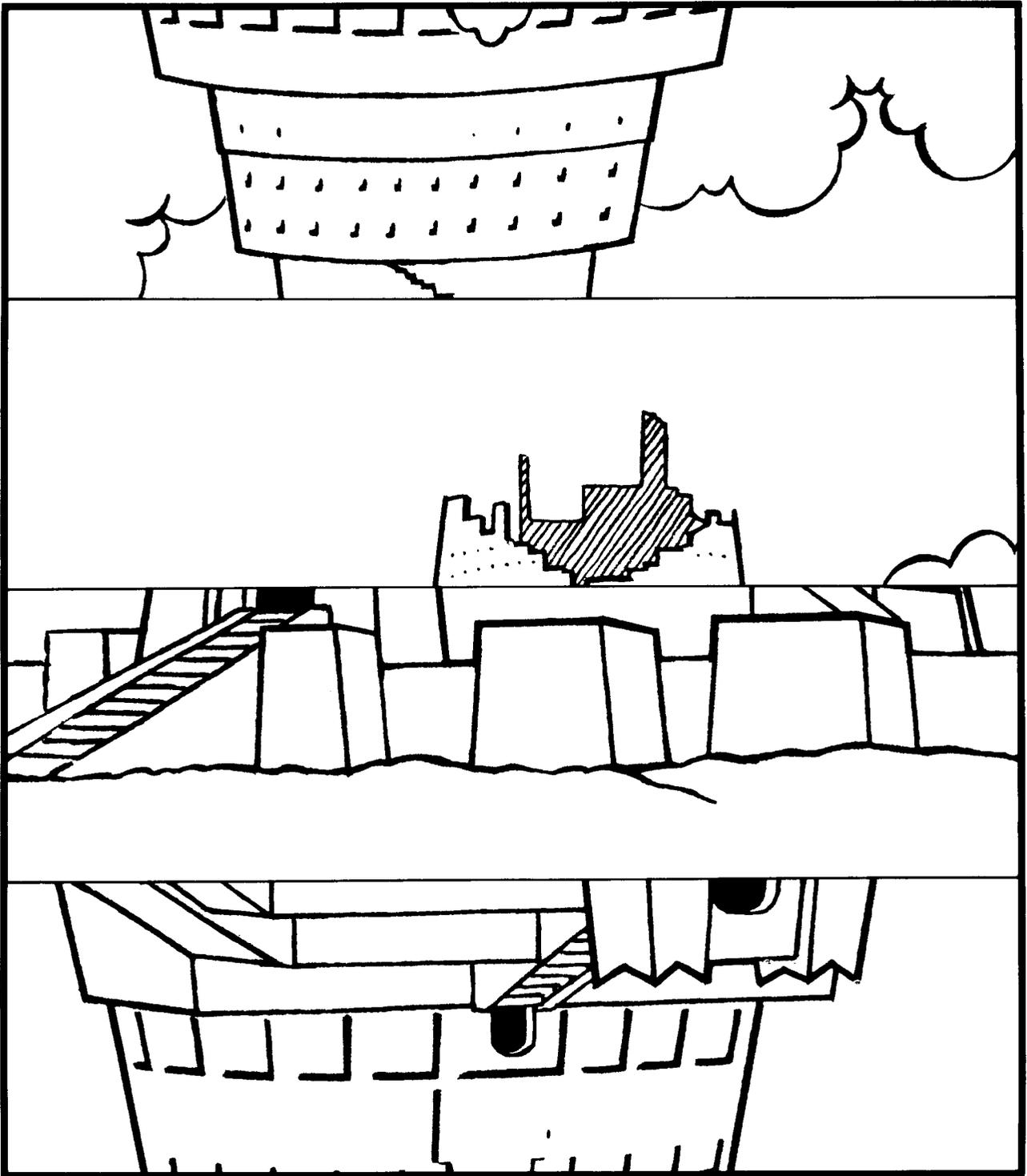


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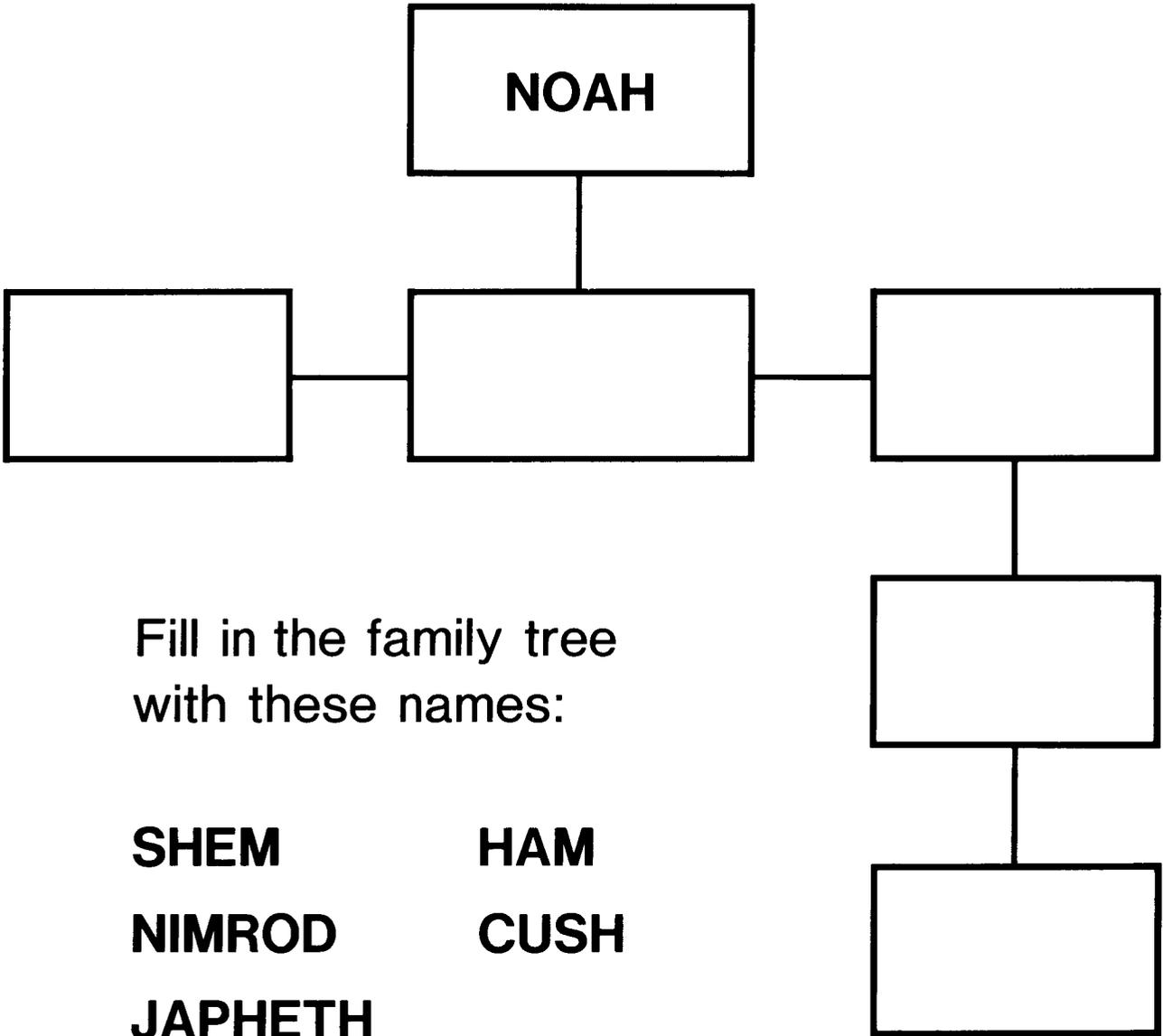


Connect the dots.
See what the people of Babel
started but never finished.



Mixed-up picture

Parents: Have your child cut out the pieces of the picture along the black lines. Arrange the pieces correctly on another piece of paper and paste them down. Then color the picture.



Parents: Have your child write the names of Noah's three sons, Nimrod and his father in the boxes of the family tree. Point out that Nimrod is the great grandson of Noah.

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BIBLE MEMORY

God's Festivals

Passover

Days of Unleavened Bread

Pentecost

Feast of Trumpets

Day of Atonement

Feast of Tabernacles

Last Great Day

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

1. Did Nimrod and his followers obey God? _ _ _ .
2. Nimrod was a _ _ _ _ to the people.

DOWN

1. _ _ _ _ _ built a tower.
2. _ _ _ was one of Noah's three sons.

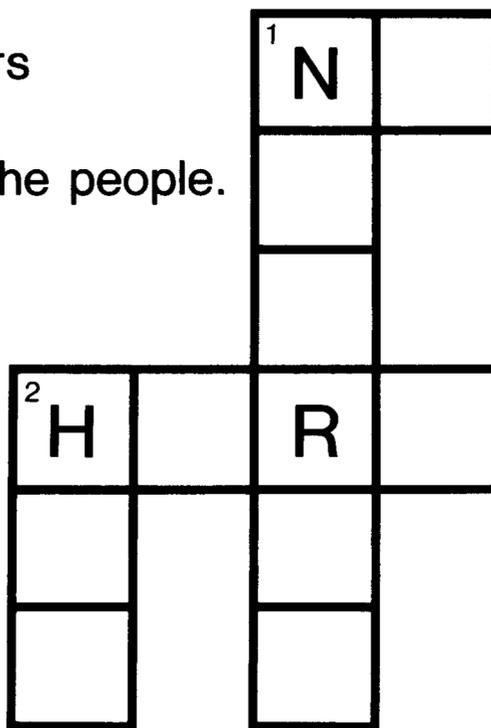
WORDS

Nimrod

Ham

Hero

No



Parents: To complete this crossword puzzle, read the questions or statements to your child. Also point out the answers under "WORDS." Also point out the already existing letters in the puzzle. Then have them write the correct letters in the boxes.