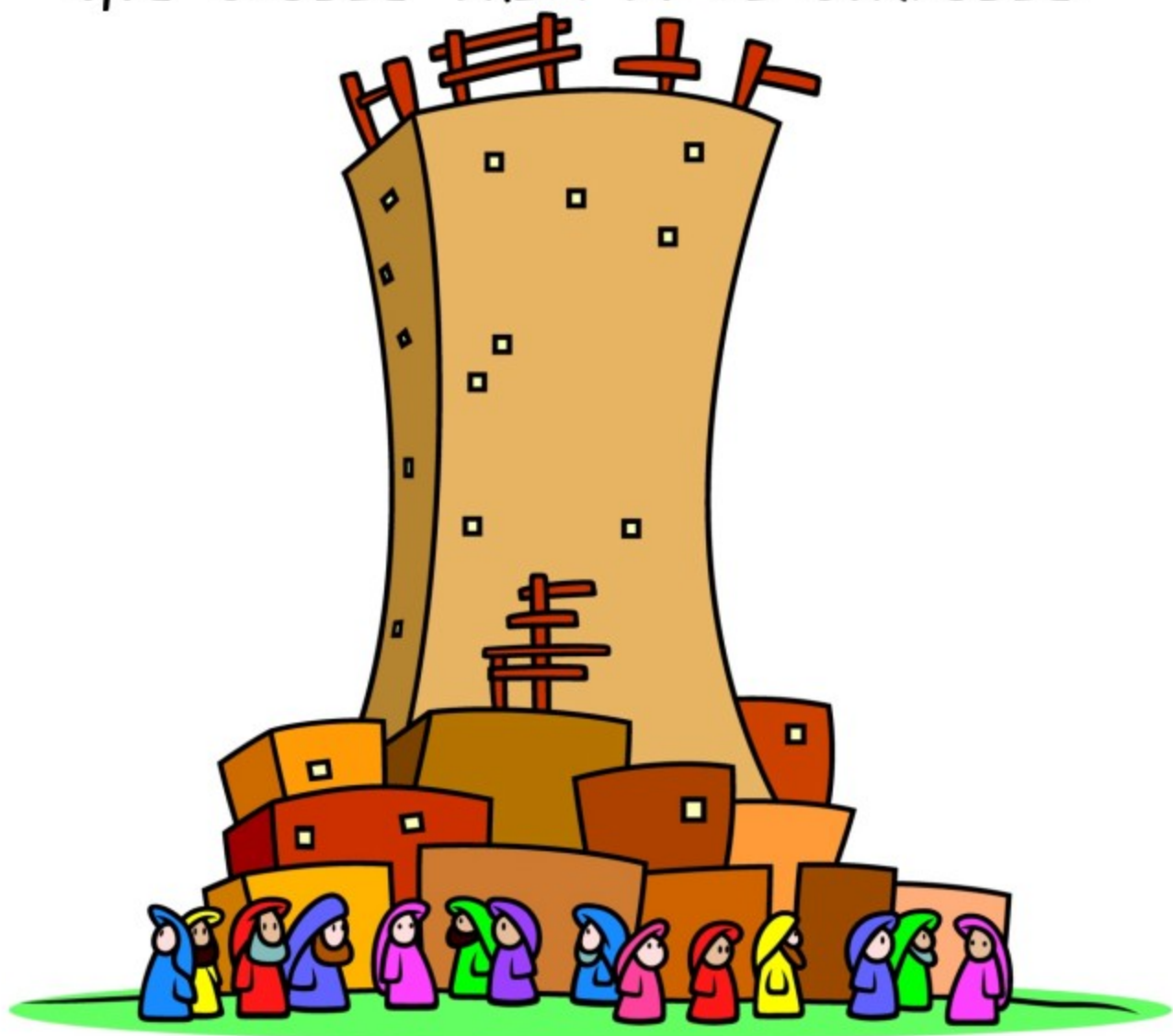


THE TOWER OF BABEL

TOWER TO THE SKY

GOD CAUSED THEM TO BE CONFUSED



The Tower of Babel

After the flood, people filled the earth again. And they all spoke the same language and could talk to each other.

They wanted to build a gigantic tower that could reach all the way to heaven. This tower would make them feel very important.

This decision was a direct refusal to obey God's command to go out and fill the earth. Also, the tower was designed for worshiping the sun, moon and stars. Mankind had chosen to worship God's creations instead of the Lord Himself. The Lord looked upon the city and tower which these people were building.

But God said, "If speaking the same language makes them think they can build a tower to heaven, then I will give them all different languages."

Let us go down and confuse their language, so that they cannot understand each other's speech." And the Lord mixed up their language, causing them to stop building the city.

Now when they spoke, strange words came out! They could no longer understand each other. And so they could no longer build their tower up to heaven.

Therefore the name of that city became "Babel," which means confusion; because there the Lord multiplied language on the earth, causing people to scatter abroad.

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Genesis 11:1-9



Long ago, all the people on earth spoke the same language. Some people decided to build a tower to show everyone how great they were.

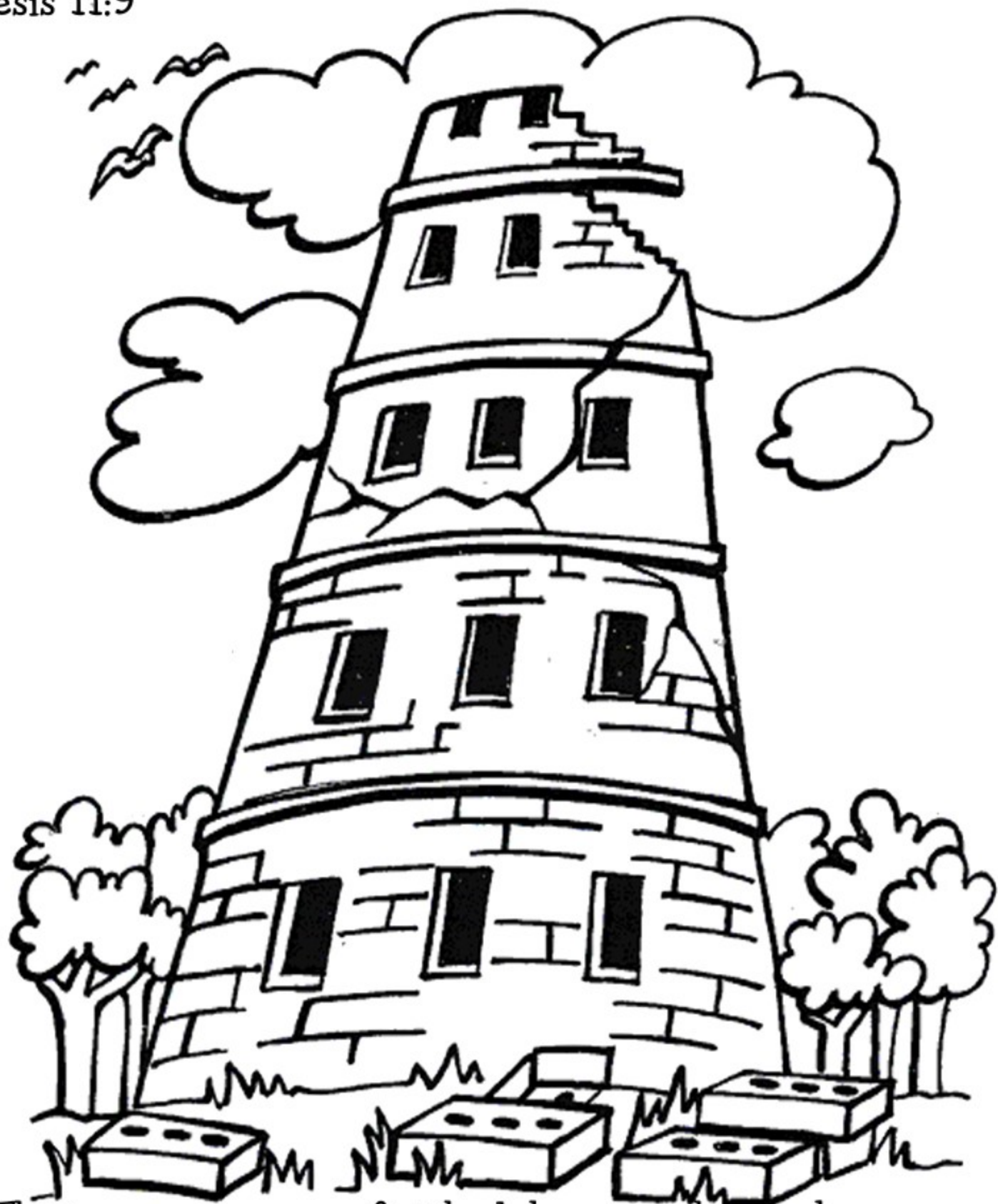


They all worked together.
They wanted to build the tower so
high that it would reach to the heavens.



God wanted to remind them that He was greater than
their tower.

So he made each person speak a different language.



The tower was never finished, because the workers
couldn't understand each other.
They called the tower Babel, after their
mixed up language.

Why Was the Tower of Babel Bad?

The people wanted to build a tower that would reach the sky. The problem with their wanting to do this was that they were building it as a tribute to themselves, not to God. They thought the tower would serve as a way to keep their people together.

Man people make the same mistake today. They want everyone to notice the "tower" they are building to honor themselves. Their tower may be a big house, a big bank account, a big name in town, or anything that takes first place in their lives, other than God. We are free to us God's gifts, but they should not lead us to think we are greater than God.

