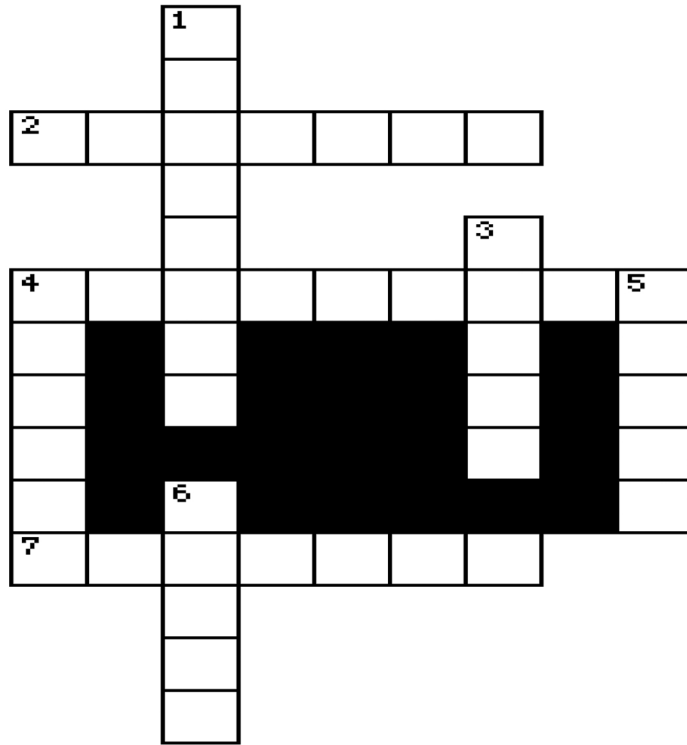
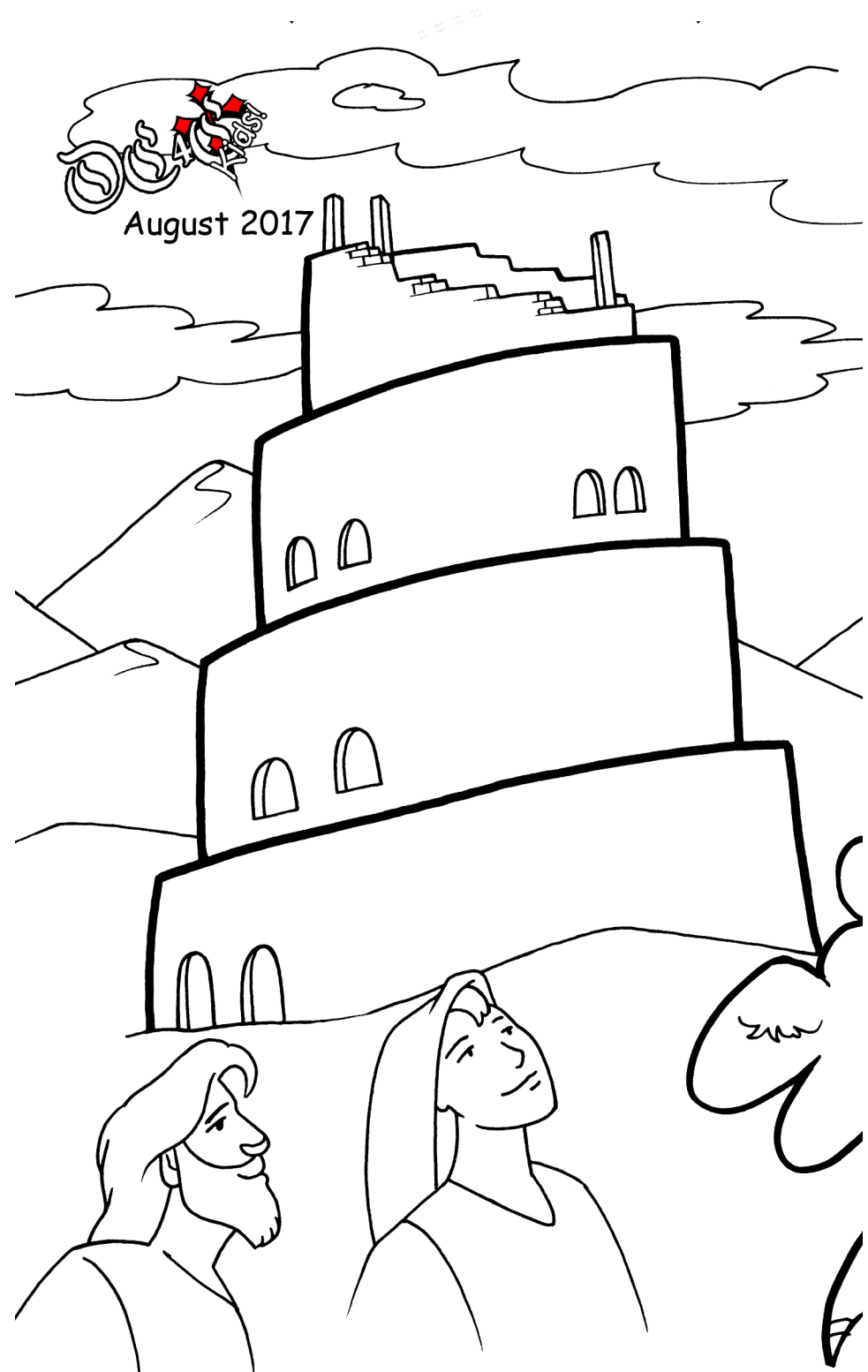


The Tower of Babel



- 3 DOWN "And He will bring down their _____ together with the trickery of their hands." ISAIAH 25:11
- 4 DOWN "Now the whole earth had one language and one _____." GENESIS 11:1
- 5 DOWN "And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they _____ there." GENESIS 11:2
- 7 ACROSS "And they said, 'Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the _____ let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.'" GENESIS 11:4
- 1 DOWN "And the LORD said, 'Indeed the people are one and they all have one _____, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them.'" GENESIS 11:6
- 2 ACROSS The LORD said, "Come, let Us go down and there _____ their language, that they may not understand one another's speech." GENESIS 11:7
- 4 ACROSS "So the LORD _____ them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased from building the city." GENESIS 11:8
- 6 DOWN "Therefore its name is called _____, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth." GENESIS 11:9



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ren't we wonderful!"

"Yes! Aren't we great!"

"Splendid!"

"We are absolutely splendid! Why, we are SO wonderful, let's build a magnificent city to show just how wonderful we are!"

Oh, oh. The people who came after Noah were at it again. How quickly they forgot that everything they had come from God. And God is far, far more wonderful than they were.

But still, they said one to another, "Let's build a glorious city to ourselves. And in that city, let's build a tower that reaches into heaven!"

"Splendid idea!"

"Top rate!"

"Excellent!"

And so they all agreed.

And, the thing was, they COULD all agree, because in the time after the flood, everyone spoke the same language.

They all could work together. And when you work together, you can do almost anything. (But that can be dangerous too, when you don't do the right thing.)

So one day God came to visit the magnificent city the people were building, and to see the great tower.

"This isn't good," God said. "Because they all speak the same language, there won't be anything they can't do!"

"Every great thing they do, they will think that they are even greater - and there will be no end to the trouble that will bring. We will have to put a stop to this." (God said, "We" because remember, there is God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. There is one God, but three persons together as one God.)

And so right then, God began to confuse the language of the people on earth. People started calling things by different names.

"Hand me that hammer," one worker said to the other one day under the hot sun, while they were working together way up on the tower.

And the other worker handed him a brick instead.

He didn't know what the other worker was talking about anymore.

"No! No! You dummy! Not a brick, a HAMMER!"

(Have you ever noticed how we always think there is something wrong with the OTHER person when they can't understand us - and that if we just speak LOUDER they will!).

Well, they couldn't get much work done like that!

And soon the people weren't getting along so well anymore. They quit building the great city and the tower. All the people that spoke one new language decided to get together and move to a new place, while the people who spoke another language went to find a nice place somewhere else. And because of that, people began to move all over the earth.

So the magnificent tower never got finished.

It became known as the tower of Babel ("Babel" is like the Hebrew word for confusion), because that's where God made all the people's language sound like babbling to each other.