

## ***Day 1 Discovery Center: Rain Forest Rubbings***

### **DIRECTIONS**

The racers put the leaves under their papers. Show them how to rub their crayons sideways over the paper to get the leaf impression. Write their names on their papers when they're done.

### **TEACHING TIE-IN**

We're racing to South America today where the Amazon rain forest is—a beautiful place filled with lots and lots of trees and other plants. In the beginning of the Bible, we read that God made the world. It may have been like a beautiful rain forest. God made plants and animals and the first two people, and he said everything was very good. God is amazing!

## ***Day 1 Touch Table Water Option: Slithering Snakes***

### **DIRECTIONS**

The racers play with the snakes. Use the pipes/tubes for the snakes to slither through.

### **TEACHING TIE-IN**

In the very good world God created in the beginning, the first two people didn't obey God. The serpent tricked Eve into disobeying God. And Adam disobeyed, too. That's sad. You know what? We don't always obey God, either. When we don't obey God, it's called sin. I'm so thankful our loving God can forgive us of our sin through Jesus!

## ***Day 1 Dramatic Play: Airport/Travel***

### **DIRECTIONS**

Pretend to be racers heading to the continent of the day. Set up the station to have the reservation/check-in area and the security checkpoint on one side of the plane. You may also want to set up a souvenir shop with items from the continent of the day.

Today, the racers are pretending to be traveling to South America.

### **TEACHING TIE-IN**

We're traveling to South America today on our plane. The world used to have one big piece of land, and there weren't separate continents. But the big flood of Noah's time changed all that! There was so much water everywhere, it made the land break into different pieces. So what we see today is land that is kind of like puzzle pieces that go together and make one big picture. So now we have to get on airplanes or boats to cross oceans to get to certain places in the world.

## ***Day 1 Touch Table Sand Option: Dig It Up!***

### **DIRECTIONS**

The racers dig to find the hidden items. Once they have them all, the leader shares the Teaching Tie-In, and they attempt to put the items in the order they happened.

### **TEACHING TIE-IN**

The Bible tells us at the beginning how sin came into the world. Sin is when we don't obey God. All people sin. First, Adam and Eve ate the fruit when God told them not to. Then came Cain and Abel, who were brothers. Cain got angry and killed his brother!

Then came the time of Noah and the great flood. Everyone was sinning (not obeying) all the time, except for Noah, who found grace from the Lord. And then came the tower of Babel, when the people took bricks and built a tall tower to the sky, even though God told them not to stay together but to live all over the world.

Let's see if we can take the objects we found and put them in order to remind us of how people at the beginning of time didn't obey God. Go through what each item represents and help them figure out the order.

## ***Day 2 Discovery Center: Build It!***

### **DIRECTIONS**

The racers look at each example and try to duplicate them.

### **TEACHING TIE-IN**

People have been really smart and built things since the very beginning. By the time the tower of Babel happened, the Bible tells us they knew how to build a tower and a city, too! It's not true that people were not smart in the past. God made man super smart right from the start!

## ***Day 2 Touch Table Water Option: Packing Peanuts***

### **DIRECTIONS**

The racers dip one Magic Nuudle or packing peanut at a time in the water. Instruct them to dip them ever so slightly in the water. (They dissolve if submerged.) Then they can stick them to blank paper to build towers or buildings. Super fun!

### **TEACHING TIE-IN**

It's fun to build towers, isn't it? There are lots of great towers and buildings

all over the world, but there was one tower that shouldn't have been built, because God told the people to move from there. They didn't listen to God and started building. They were not obeying God!

Boys and girls, how do we know how to obey God? Take responses. God doesn't talk to us out loud, but he does tell us how to obey him in the Bible. It's very important for us to listen to what God tells us to do in his special book and to obey what he says!

## ***Day 2 Dramatic Play: Airport/Travel***

### **DIRECTIONS**

Dress up and pretend to be traveling to Asia today.

### **TEACHING TIE-IN**

Today we're heading to Asia where a big tower was built long ago called the tower of Babel. It was there that the people didn't obey God and ended up having to move all over the earth. It's always important to obey the Bible, which is God's words to us.

## ***Day 2 Touch Table Sand Option: Construction Zone***

### **DIRECTIONS**

The racers play with the construction items in the sand.

### **TEACHING TIE-IN**

Sometimes we think people who lived a long time ago weren't very smart and wouldn't have known how to build things. But they were just as smart, if not smarter, than us! They even designed a city and a big tower we call the tower of Babel.

## ***Day 3 Discovery Center: Shade Time***

### **DIRECTIONS**

Color the people using different skin-colored crayons/colored pencils.

### **TEACHING TIE-IN**

Some people have darker skin, some people have lighter skin, and some are in between. God put something in our bodies called melanin that helps to make our skin different shades of brown. We don't have different colors of skin, just different shades of brown!

## ***Day 3 Touch Table Water Option: Toy Boat***

### **DIRECTIONS**

The racers play with the boats (and people) in the water.

### **TEACHING TIE-IN**

Because the people didn't obey God and built the tower of Babel, God made the people move away from there. Have you ever moved? Take responses. How do you think they got all the way across the world? Take responses. They might have walked or ridden on animals. They may have even built boats and floated across the ocean. There were boats at that time. People could have learned about building boats from Noah.

## ***Day 3 Dramatic Play: Airport/Travel***

### **DIRECTIONS**

Dress up and pretend to be traveling to Africa today on *The Incredible Race*.

### **TEACHING TIE-IN**

After God confused everyone's language at the tower of Babel and made them move, people started heading out. Some moved a shorter distance away, like to the continent of Africa, and some moved really far away. But everyone moved somewhere.

## ***Day 3 Touch Table Sand Option: On the Move***

### **DIRECTIONS**

Using the sand bucket, the racers can make one big "tower" at one end of the sand table, and smaller "homes" with the small plastic cups, located at the other end of the sand table. If using pictures of homes, put them in the sand as well, and comment on the different kinds of homes people live in. Have the little people "travel" from the big tower to their new homes.

### **TEACHING TIE-IN**

The Bible tells us God "scattered," or "moved" the people at the tower of Babel when they didn't obey him. They moved all over the world to new homes. Show the "Cave Men" Poster. Some people even lived in caves for awhile. We find drawings and tools and other things sometimes in caves that show that these smart people thought up ways to live well as they were traveling across the world.

## ***Day 4 Discovery Center: Hearts***

### **DIRECTIONS**

As a group, have racers look at the board and try to remember all the colors of hearts. Have them close their eyes. Turn the board around and take off one heart. Turn the board back around and have them open their eyes. See if they can figure out which one is missing. Continue taking off a different heart each time.

### **TEACHING TIE-IN**

**Do you know what a heart shape stands for?** Pause. **Yes, love! God loves us so much he sent his Son, Jesus, that whoever believes in him can have eternal (forever) life.**

## ***Day 4 Touch Table Water Option: Color Mixing***

### **DIRECTIONS**

The racers color the coffee filters with two or three colors, then squirt the water on them and see how the colors mix and change.

### **TEACHING TIE-IN**

**What colors are you coloring your paper?** Take responses. **Let's try a little squirt of water right on top of your coffee filter and see what happens.** Do so. Continue with other combinations, and share how God put a little of this and a little of that in each of us to make us our own special combination. Just like each filter looks a little different, each person looks a little different, too.

## ***Day 4 Dramatic Play: Airport/Travel***

### **DIRECTIONS**

Dress up and pretend to be traveling to Europe today.

### **TEACHING TIE-IN**

**In Europe, people speak different languages. Let's try to say "hello" in some of those languages.** Say some of the following, and remind them that everyone spoke the same language before the tower of Babel.

French—Bonjour; Spanish—Hola; German—Guten Tag; Swedish—Hej; Croatian—Bok.

## ***Day 4 Touch Table Sand Option: Crosses***

### **DIRECTIONS**

The racers use the craft sticks in a couple ways to make crosses in the sand. One way is to use the craft sticks like a writing utensil and draw a cross in the sand. Another way is to lay a craft stick flat on top of the sand, then press down, then lift it up to make an indentation to represent the vertical part of the cross. Do the same with the crossbar.

### **TEACHING TIE-IN**

**What shape are we making?** Take responses. **Yes, a cross! Do you know why the cross is so important to us?** Take responses, and explain that Jesus died on the cross because he loves each one of us so much.



## ***Day 5 Discovery Center: Step It Up! Concentration Game***

### **DIRECTIONS**

Tell the racers to shuffle the cards and place them face down. (Or you can do this ahead of time.) Have them take turns flipping over two cards and seeing if they match.

### **TEACHING TIE-IN**

After the people moved away from the tower of Babel and settled in different places, they took their knowledge of how they had built the tower of Babel and built towers in their areas. These pictures are step pyramids found around the world. Finding step pyramids all over the place shows the truth of the Bible. People from the tower of Babel would have passed on this design to their children and grandchildren, who could then build them!

## ***Day 5 Touch Table Water Option: All Heart***

### **DIRECTIONS**

The racers try to scoop up as many hearts as possible. Have them see how many they can get in one scoop.

### **TEACHING TIE-IN**

The Bible tells us God loves us and wants us to share that love with others. A way to show love is to do something kind for someone. Can you think of something you can do to show kindness to someone?

## ***Day 5 Dramatic Play: Airport/Travel***

### **DIRECTIONS**

Dress up and pretend to be traveling to North America today on *The Incredible Race*.

### **TEACHING TIE-IN**

We're ending our race in North America today, but as you go home, God wants you to remember to love all people, show them kindness, and tell them about Jesus.

## ***Day 5 Touch Table Sand Option: Go!***

### **DIRECTIONS**

Racers should make tracks in the sand with the various transportation objects.

### **TEACHING TIE-IN**

The Bible tells us to go and share Jesus with everyone! Whether we walk or ride or run, God wants us to tell people about Jesus and his love. Is there someone you can tell about Jesus today?