

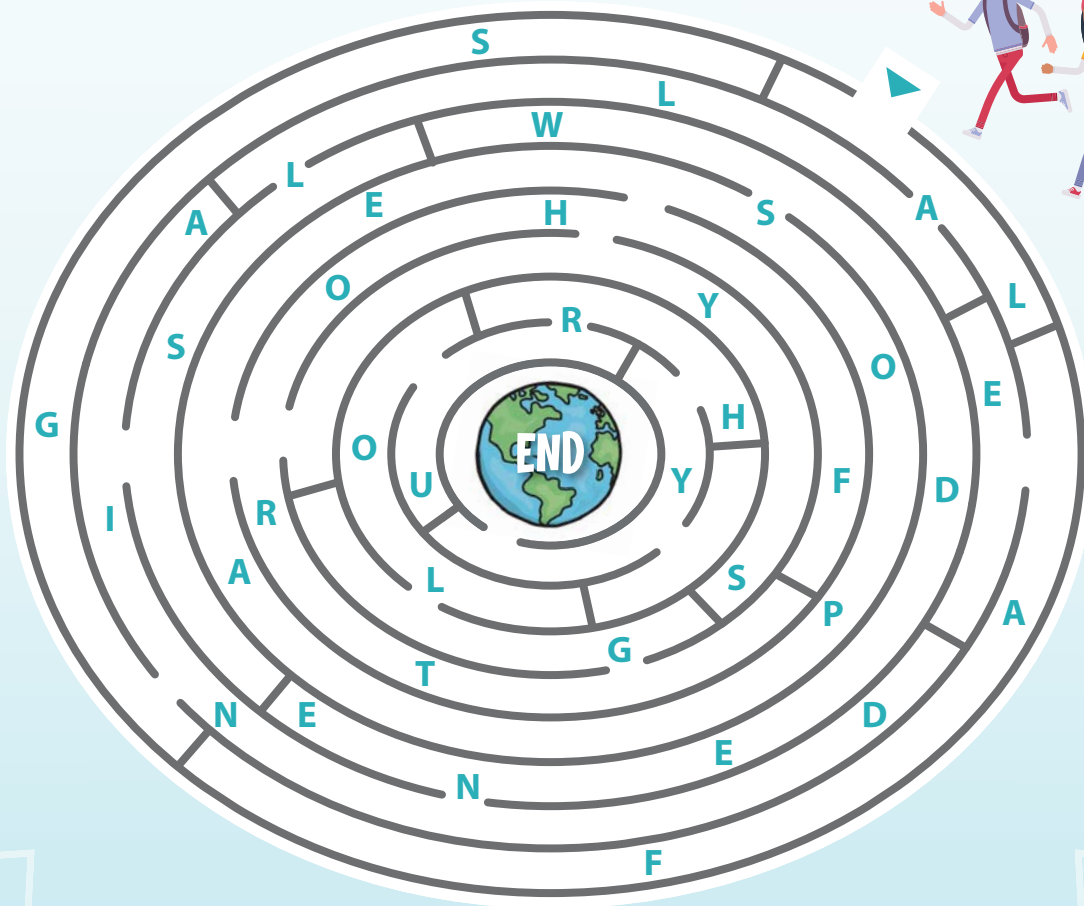
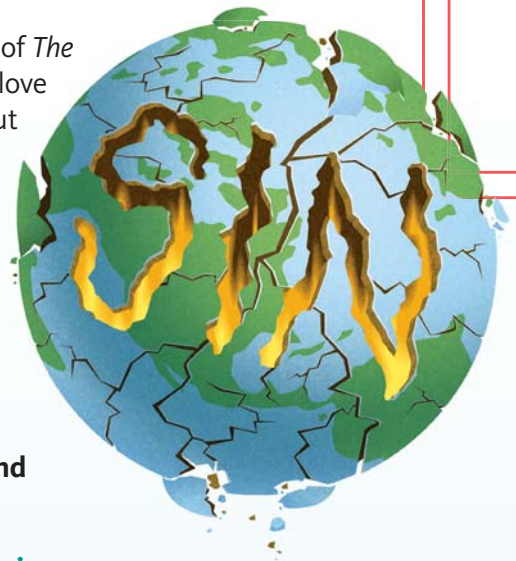


Ready, Set, Go: Before Babel

Hello, racers! We hope you had an amazing time during the first day of *The Incredible Race*! As you race around the world, you will be exploring God's love for the nations. Today you raced through the book of Genesis, checking out what was going on at the beginning of time, around 6,000 years ago. Everything God made during the first week was very good. But Adam and Eve sinned (disobeyed God's commands). As a result, God put a curse on his beloved creation. When Adam and Eve had children, the cycle of sin continued. As you raced through the first eleven chapters of Genesis, you learned how every person from Adam on has sinned: Cain and Abel (the first brothers), the people of Noah's day, the people building the tower of Babel, and even us. We are all in need of a Savior from sin.

As the race starts, we explore the beginning of the human race and why nobody has run a perfect race through life.

Race through the maze, collecting letters as you go. Place the letters in order in the blanks below to complete today's memory verse.



For _____ have _____, and come
of the _____ of God. Romans 3:23



Mile Marker Memory Verse Challenge

Today's Verse

For all have sinned, and
come short of the glory of
God. Romans 3:23

Vine on a Line

—Write each word of the
verse on a separate construction paper leaf
and put the leaves in order. Each time you say
the verse, take away one more leaf until you
say it with no leaves left.

Tomorrow's Verse

Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because
the LORD did there confound the language of all
the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter
them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

Genesis 11:9

Ask yourself this question:
How do I feel about my sin?

Go and Do

- » Look up John 14:15. If you love God, should you have a desire to obey him?
- » We can never obey God perfectly, so talk to God (that's prayer) and thank him for sending his Son, Jesus Christ, who is perfect and who forgives our sin when we repent.
- » Think of a command in the Bible you find hard to obey. God is kind, but maybe it's hard for you to be kind to your sibling. God says to obey your parents, but maybe you don't come right away when called, or go to bed without fussing. If you are a child of God, you can ask him to give you the strength to obey cheerfully and right away.
- » What should you do when you sin (disobey God)?
- » Check answersvbs.com/irkids for more fun information!



Hitting a Roadblock: At Babel

Kon'nichiwa, racers! We hope you had an awesome time at *The Incredible Race* today. As we raced to Asia, we learned about when the whole earth spoke the same language. After the flood, God told Noah and his family to spread out and fill the earth. But the people at the plain of Shinar worked together to build a city and a tower reaching to the heavens to keep themselves together. This act of disobedience to God was part of the sin cycle that we learned about yesterday. However, God, in his love, had a plan to help them spread out over the world like he had commanded them. The Bible says that God came down and confused their language, scattering the family groups around the earth. The people walked to their new homes, rode on boats, or traveled on animals, perhaps like our animal pal Jamal the Camel. The events at the tower of Babel (Genesis 10–11) explain how people ended up living all around the world, why we may have some different physical characteristics, and why we speak different languages. But we are all part of the same family and need the same Savior, Jesus Christ!

On this leg of the race, we stop at the tower of Babel and check out the important and loving roadblock God provided there.



Match the phrases with the countries they come from.

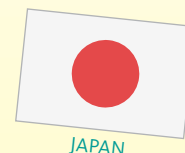
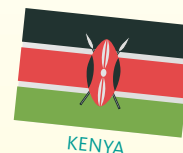
1. Hur mår du? (How are you?) _____

2. Zàijìàn (Goodbye) _____

3. Mungu anakupenda (God loves you) _____

4. Bom Dia (Good morning) _____

5. Wakarimasen (I don't understand) _____



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Genesis 11:9



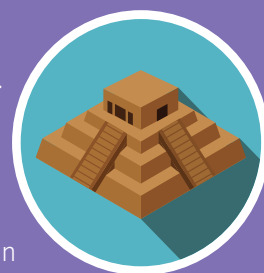
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Tall Tower

—Grab some blocks. As you put the first block down, say the first word of the verse. Put the second block down and say the second word. Continue on and see how high you can build and how far in the verse you get before the tower comes tumbling down. Can you get through the whole verse?



Tomorrow's Verse

And hath made of one blood all nations of men. Acts 17:26

Ask yourself this question:
Do I know anyone who needs to know about God's love? (Commit to pray for them this week.)

Go and Do

- » Find Genesis 11:1–9 in a Bible. How many times is the word *Babel* used? Then read John 14:15 again. Talk to God and ask him to help you love him and want to obey him more each day.
- » Do you know anyone who lives or has lived in another country? Tell them in person or by letter about the tower of Babel and the start of different languages. Compare how to say phrases like “Hi!” and “Goodbye!” and “How are you?” in your language and theirs. If they are missionaries in another country, thank them for serving God there.
- » If you are a child of God, talk to God and ask him to give you a desire to tell people who live in other countries (and even around you) about Jesus.
- » Ask your parents or guardians if they’ve ever been in a situation when it was hard to communicate with people due to a language barrier. What did they do? How can we communicate God’s love to people in different cultures?
- » Check answersvbbs.com/irkids for more fun information!



One Race, Many Nations: After Babel

Jambo, racers! As you traveled to Africa today, you learned how people have the same skin-coloring pigments. Our skin produces **melanin**, which makes our skin a lighter or darker shade of brown, depending on how much melanin we produce. As the people left the tower of Babel with their language confused, they spread out over the earth. People in certain areas of the world, who spoke the same language and had similar shades of skin, developed their own interesting traditions and food preferences and ways of living. Even though we may look slightly different, speak different languages, or have different customs, we are not part of different “races.” We are all part of the same race, the human race, beginning from Adam and Eve, the very first people.

On leg three, we see how the human race develops into people groups with different languages, cultures, and physical features, but how we are still one race.



Unscramble the letters in each color and write them in the memory verse to find out where we came from.

And hath made of _____

_____ **of men.**

Acts 17:26



Mile Marker Memory Verse Challenge

Today's Verse

And hath made of one
blood all nations of
men. Acts 17:26

Balancing Act—Some people who live in Africa can balance things on their heads as a way to carry them. Get a basket or a folded-up blanket and put it on your head. Walk around balancing it as you say today's verse. Try to get the verse done before the item on your head falls off!



Tomorrow's Verse

The Father sent the Son to be the
Saviour of the world. 1 John 4:14

Ask yourself these questions:

Do I see myself as a precious and
dearly loved creation of God? Do I
see all people groups as precious and
dearly loved by God, as well?

Go and Do

- » Check out Genesis 10, which is called the table of nations. Those are your relatives listed there! It shows where Noah's descendants went after the tower of Babel.
- » Talk to God and thank him for the special way he made you. You are one of a kind and are a precious creation of God, dearly loved by him. Thank him for creating each person all over this globe!
- » Find out about some traditions, food preferences, and customs from another country. Isn't it amazing to think we all can trace our ancestry back to the tower of Babel?
- » Ask your parent or guardian if they have ever been to another country or been friends with someone from another country. How should we treat each other?
- » Check answersvbs.com/irkids for more fun information!



JESUS



One Way—Jesus: Babel and the Gospel

Bonjour, racers! As you traveled to Europe, the next continent on *The Incredible Race*, you learned that there is only one human race, but there are two spiritual races—those who are part of God’s family and those who aren’t. Because we are born sinful and not part of God’s family, we won’t go to heaven when we die. Instead, we will go to a terrible place called hell. The good news is that God sent his Son to earth. Fully God, but also fully man, Jesus lived a perfect life, dying on the cross to take the punishment for our sins. He rose from the dead on the third day, showing that God accepted his sacrifice. He did all of this because of his great love for us. Repenting of our sins and believing in Jesus is the only way we are able to go to heaven. Jesus paid the price for our sins, providing the way for us to be in God’s family and have eternal life with him. Every person needs to decide whether to live their lives for themselves or to yield their lives to God, becoming part of God’s family.



On our fourth leg, we discover the need to yield our lives to God as he reaches out to all nations, tribes, and peoples with his love.

Read the following verses and fill in the blanks to answer the questions.

1 John 4:14 Why did God send Jesus into the world? _____

John 14:6 How can a person go to heaven? _____

Revelation 7:9-10

What kind of people will be in heaven? _____

**YIELD
TO
GOD**



Mile Marker Memory Verse Challenge

Today's Verse

The Father sent the Son
to be the Saviour of the
world. 1 John 4:14

Leaning Tower of Pennies—

Gather 14 pennies (one for each word of the verse, plus 1 for the reference) and begin stacking them as you say a word of the verse with each penny. The catch is the pennies can't be in a totally straight tower, but must lean a little like the Leaning Tower of Pisa, which is found in Italy (in Europe). Try to get through the whole verse before the Leaning Tower of Pennies topples over.



Tomorrow's Verse

If God so loved us, we ought also to
love one another. 1 John 4:11

Ask yourself this question:
Have I ever admitted to God
that I'm a sinner, believed in
Jesus Christ, and received
him as my Savior?

Go and Do

- » Read John 3:16–17 and Psalm 96:3. What do these verses say?
- » Pray and thank God for sending his Son, Jesus. Thank him for loving you and for loving people groups all over the globe! With an adult, take a prayer walk around your neighborhood and pray for those who may not know Jesus.
- » Write a note to someone who has taught you about Jesus, and thank them for doing so.
- » Ask an adult if he is a child of God, and if so, how he became one.
- » Check answersvbs.com/irkids for more fun information!





Green Light-Go: Why Babel Matters Today

Yow from Jamaica, racers! Because God is love and shows his love to us in so many ways, including sending his Son to save us from our sins, wouldn't it make sense for us to pass on God's love to others no matter where they are from or what language they speak? As you explored the account of the Good Samaritan today (Luke 10), you saw how God wants us to love others, not just in words but in deeds. God loves us and wants us to show love and kindness and respect to all people, regardless of what shade of skin they have, how rich or poor they are, how young or old they are, or what country they live in.

On this final leg, we learn that because God loves all people groups, we ought to treat others with love and respect, not prejudice and judgment.



Write down some ways you can "race" around and help people while you share about God and his love through his Son, Jesus!

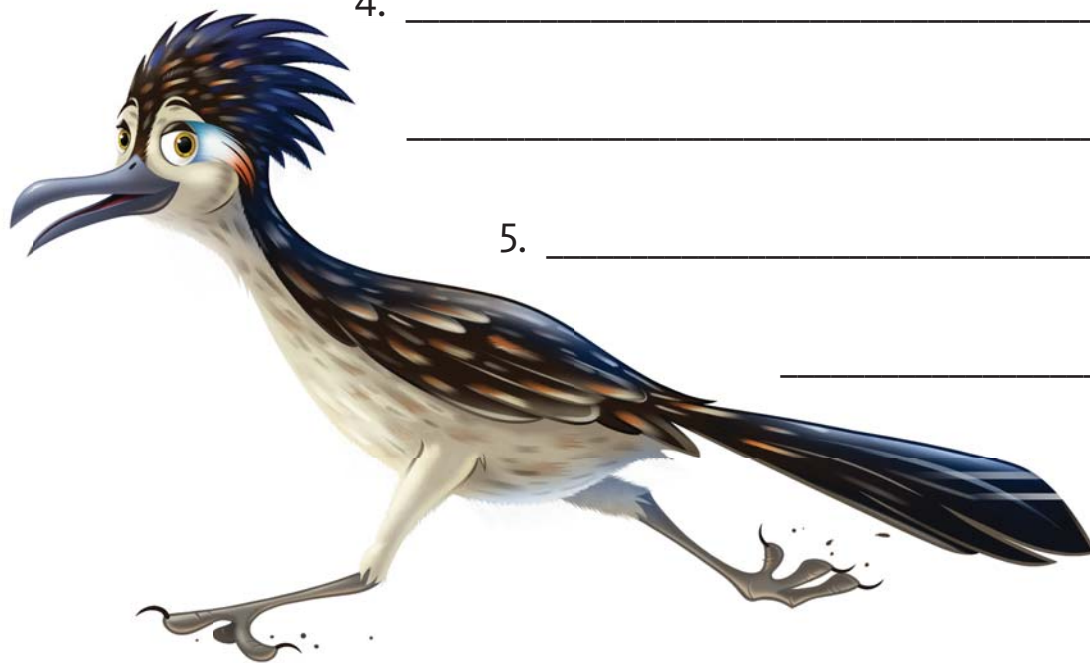
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2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____





Mile Marker Memory Verse Challenge

Today's Verse

If God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. 1 John 4:11

Draw It!—Draw the verse in a way that will help you remember it.



Ask yourself this question:
Am I going to show respect
and kindness to all people?

Go and Do

- » How many verses in the Bible can you find that have the phrase “love one another”? With an adult, do a search online for “Bible verses that say ‘love one another.’” How important is it to God that we love one another?
- » If you are a child of God, talk to God and ask him to help you love and respect others and to treat all people with kindness.
- » Think of an act of kindness you can do for someone today, and do it in the name of Jesus! If you made Kindness Cards during craft time, use those for ideas.
- » Brainstorm with your parent or guardian ways you can show love, respect, and kindness to others who may be of a different people group than you as you share about Jesus.
- » Check answersvbs.com/irkids for more fun information!

