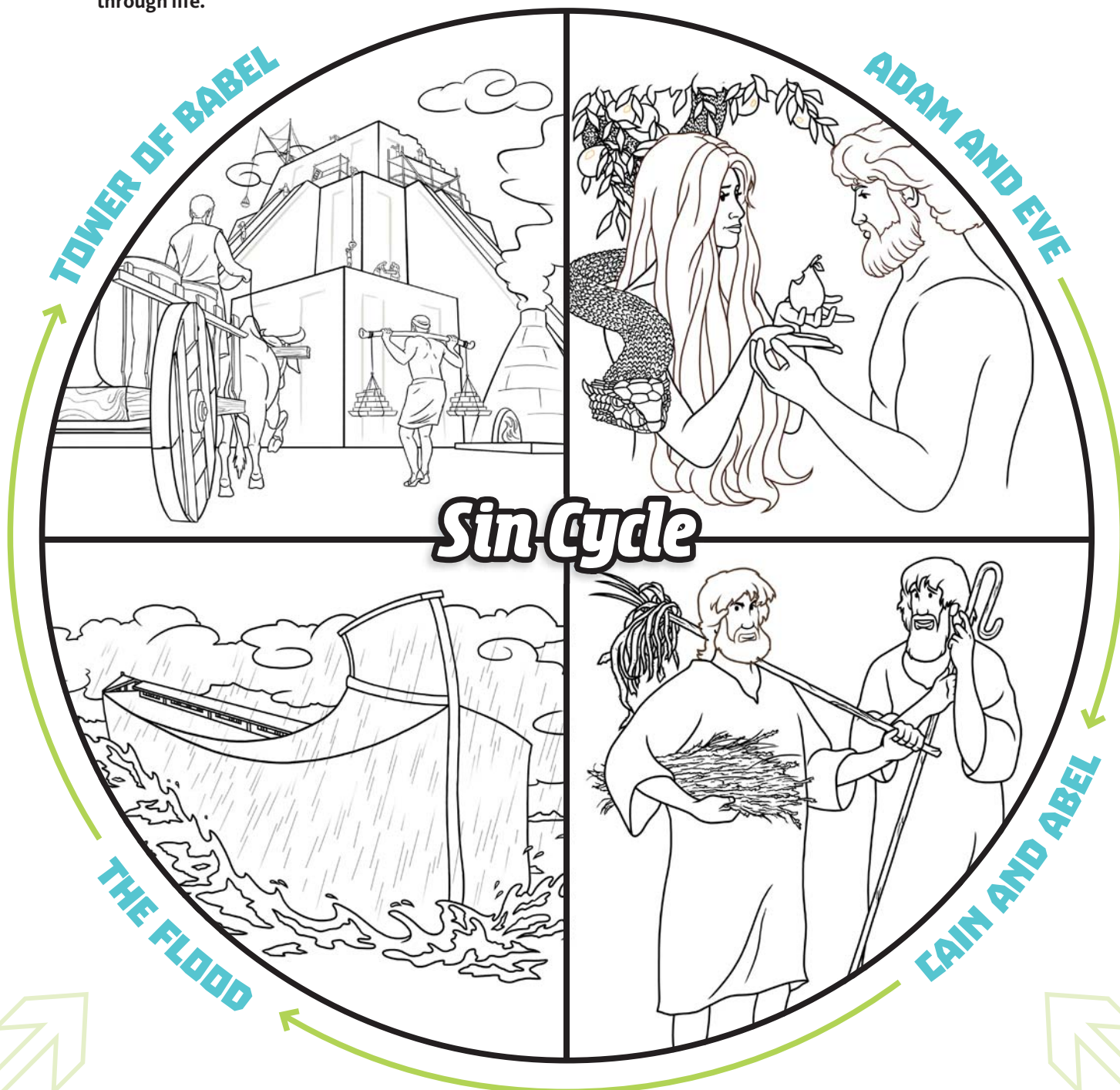




Ready, Set, Go: Before Babel

Hello, racers! We hope you had an amazing time during the first day of *The Incredible Race* as we traveled to South America! Our race started at the beginning when God created everything, and then we learned how sin came into the world. Sin is when we don't obey God. Adam and Eve, the first people, sinned when they ate the fruit God told them not to eat. Then came their sons, Cain and Abel. Cain got angry and killed his brother! Then came the time of Noah and the great flood. Everyone was sinning all the time, except for Noah, who found grace from the Lord and was saved on the ark, along with his family and some animals. Lastly, we learned about the tower of Babel. The people built a tall tower to the sky to help them stay together after God had told them to live all over the world. From the very first people all the way to us, everyone sins. We all need a Savior from sin, Jesus Christ.

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





Mile Marker Memory Verse Challenge

Today's Verse
All have sinned.
Romans 3:23

Rain Forest Limbo—Have someone hold a “vine” (a yardstick or broom handle). Try to limbo under it as you say the verse. See how low you can go, lowering the “vine” a little and saying the verse every time you try.



Tomorrow's Verse
Its name was called Babel.
Genesis 11:9

Ask yourself this question:
When I sin, do I ask God
to forgive me?

Go and Do

- » Think of one command from God that you find hard to obey. (When we don't obey God, it's called sin.) Maybe it's being kind to your sister or brother, coming when called, or going to bed without fussing. Ask God to help you obey today by his power.
- » Talk to God (that's prayer!) and thank him for sending Jesus, who is without sin, so that we can be forgiven of our sin.
- » Ask an adult if they can remember disobeying their parents or teachers when they were your age. What should you do when you sin?
- » With an adult, check answersvbs.com/irkids for more fun information!





Hitting a Roadblock: At Babel

Kon'nichiwa, racers! Today at *The Incredible Race*, we headed to Asia where we learned about a big tower that was built long ago. There are lots of great towers and buildings that have been built all over the world, but this was one tower that shouldn't have been built, the tower of Babel. God told the people to spread out and fill the earth. But they didn't listen to God. They started building a tower to reach to the heavens to help them stay together in a place called Shinar. So God confused their language and moved the people all over the earth. Because of what God did way, way back at the tower of Babel, people speak different languages and live in different places around the world today. But we are all part of the same family and all 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.

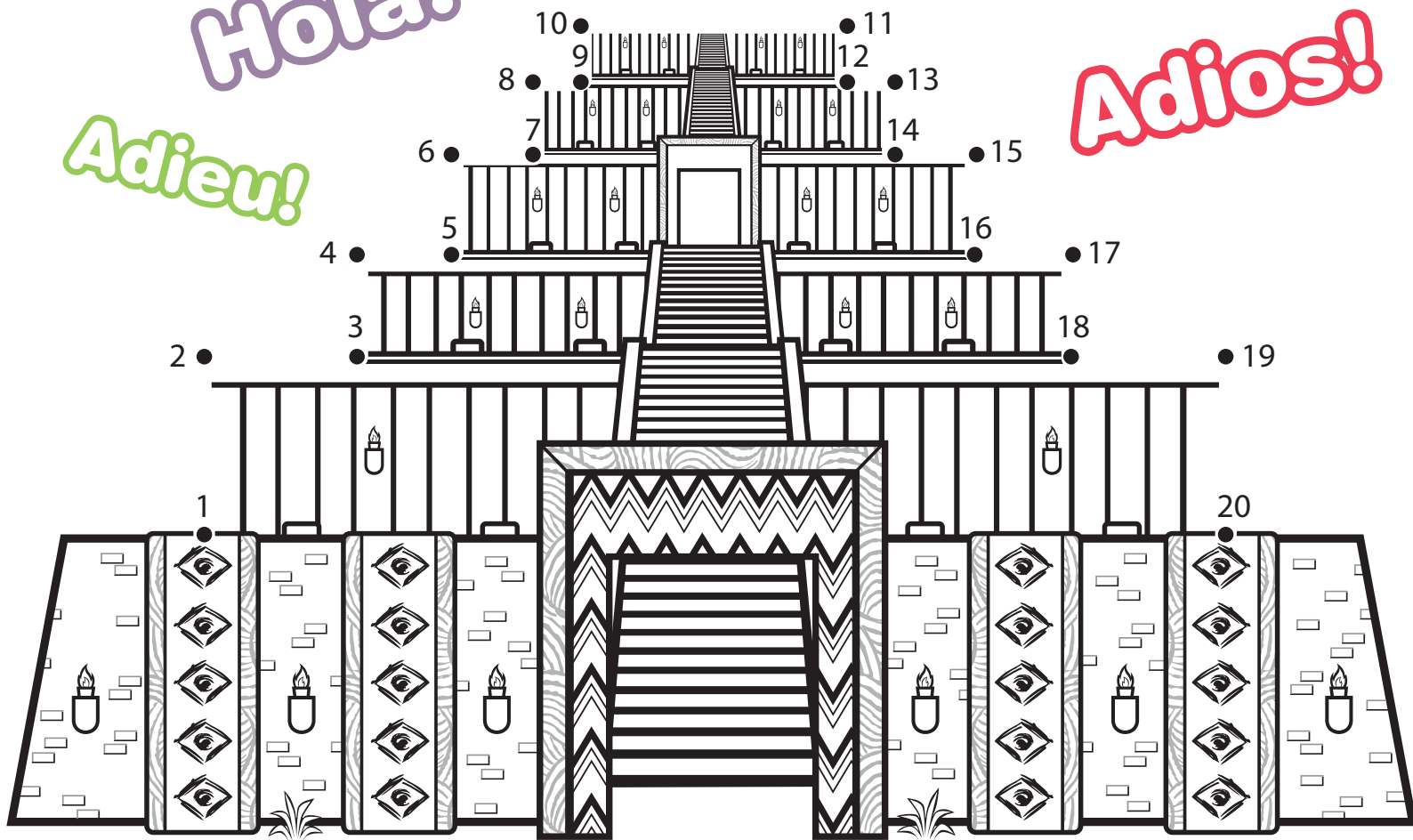
Connect the dots to complete the picture reminding us of today's lesson.

Shalom!

Hola!

Adieu!

Adios!



Its name was called Babel.

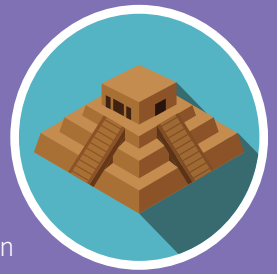
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Mile Marker Memory Verse Challenge

Today's Verse
Its name was
called Babel.
Genesis 11:9

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 he made from one man
every nation. Acts 17:26

Ask yourself this question:
Do I want to love and
obey God?



Go and Do

- » Ask an adult to read John 14:15 to you. We should want to obey God because we love him and want to show our love for him.
- » If you are a child of God, talk to him and ask him to help you love him and obey his commands more.
- » Do you know anyone who lives in another country? Do you know any missionaries who live in another country? Find out how they say “hello” in their language. Write a thank-you note to a missionary for serving God.
- » With an adult, check answersvbs.com/irkids for more fun information!



One Race, Many Nations: After Babel

Jambo, racers! As you traveled to Africa today, you read how the Bible tells us God “scattered,” or “moved” the people from the tower of Babel when they didn’t obey him. When God moved the people away from Babel, they ended up all over the world, and over time, the families developed their own traditions and cultures and clothing styles. Though we might look a little different, we know that all people are part of the same race, the human race. Some people have a darker shade of skin color, some have a lighter shade of skin color, and some are in between. In our skin, God put melanin, a coloring pigment, that helps to make skin different shades of brown. We don’t have different colors of skin, just different shades of the same basic color, brown!

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

Trace the letters and color the pictures to celebrate how God made everyone on earth.



One Race
One Family





Mile Marker Memory Verse Challenge

Today's Verse

And he made from
one man every nation.
Acts 17:26

Balancing Act—There are people in Africa who know how to balance things on their heads. 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 has
sent his Son.
1 John 4:14

Ask yourself this question:
Do I know that God loves me?

Go and Do

- » Ask an adult to read Psalm 139 to you. You are a special creation of God's, dearly loved by him!
- » Talk to God and thank him for the special way he made you. Nobody else is just like you!
- » Talk to an adult about traditions, foods, and customs from another country. Isn't it amazing to think we are all part of the same family from the tower of Babel?
- » With an adult, 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 you need a Savior from your sin! We are born as sinners and we each disobey God. The punishment for sin is death, and we will go to a terrible place called hell when we die. God sent his Son, Jesus, to earth to live a perfect life, die on the cross, and rise from the dead on the third day, taking the punishment for sin. God loved us so much he sent his Son, Jesus, so that anyone who admits they have sinned and believes in Jesus as their Savior can have eternal (forever) life and become a child of God!

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.

Complete the maze.



*The Father has
sent his Son.*
1 John 4:14





Mile Marker Memory Verse Challenge

Today's Verse
The Father has
sent his Son.
1 John 4:14

Statues—In Europe, there are lots of famous statues. In this challenge, say the verse, then immediately freeze in a position. Stay frozen like a statue! Try again, and get into another statue position. Try as many times as you'd like!



Tomorrow's Verse
Love one another.
1 John 4:11

Ask yourself this question:
Am I a child of God?

Go and Do

- » Ask someone to read John 3:16–17. What does it mean? Pray and thank God for sending his Son, Jesus, to be the Savior of the world.
- » Thank someone who has taught you about Jesus.
- » Ask an adult if they are a child of God, and if so, how they became one.
- » With an adult, check answersvbs.com/irkids for more fun information!





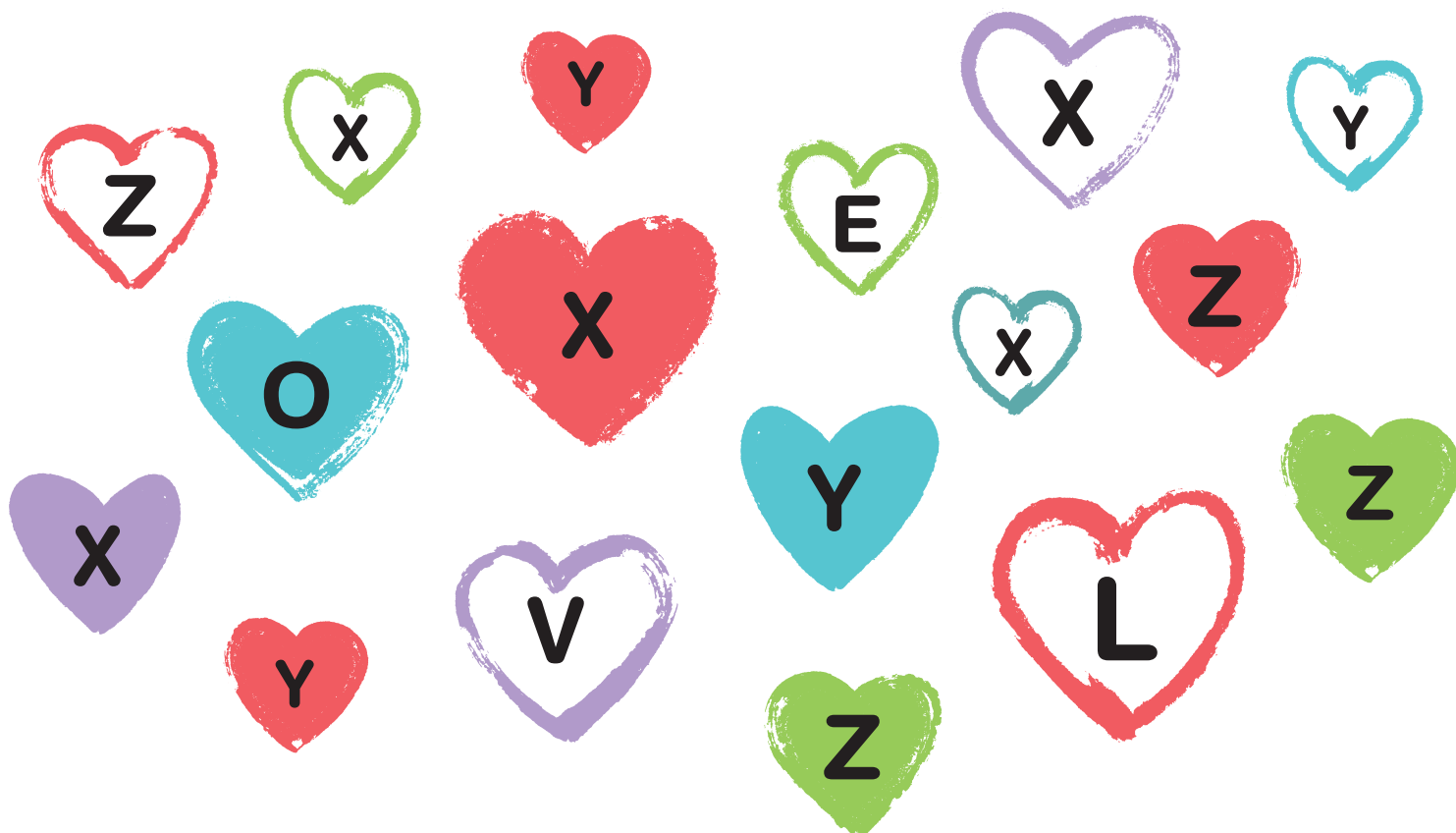
Green Light-Go: Why Babel Matters Today

Yow from Jamaica, racers! We're ending our race in North America today. God wants you to love all people, show them kindness, and tell them about Jesus. God loves us so much that he sent his Son, Jesus, to take the punishment for our sin. Because God loves us that much, don't you think he wants us to share his love with others? In the account of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10), we learned how God wants us to love others and help them, no matter what they look like, where they live, what language they speak, or who they hang out with. We need to tell the world about God's love through Jesus!

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.



Mark out all of the hearts with an X, Y, or Z. Write the remaining letters below to tell us how God wants us to treat others.



_____ one another!



Mile Marker Memory Verse Challenge

Today's Verse

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:
What did I learn about Jesus
this week?

Go and Do

- » Talk to God and ask him to help you love others and treat them with kindness.
- » Think of an act of kindness you can do for someone today, and do it in the name of Jesus!
- » Talk with your parent or guardian about ways you can show love and kindness to others who may look or act differently than you. How can you share about Jesus with them?
- » With an adult, check answersvbs.com/irkids for more fun information!

