

A stands for Adam and Eve.

We are all related because we all came from Adam and Eve. No matter what shade your skin is or where you live, you are really my relative!

B stands for Babel.

If we were to travel back to Babel and mix up the people into completely different family groups, we might find a fair-skinned group of people with tight, curly dark hair and blue, almond-shaped eyes. Or a group with very dark skin, blue eyes, and straight brown hair.

C stands for Cave Men (and Women).

CAVE POSTER. Some people believe men were once primitive, unintelligent cave men, but that does not line up with Scripture. It is true that people probably lived in caves as they traveled from the tower of Babel, but they were very smart. They just happened to choose caves for homes because caves worked well for that. In fact, there are still people today who live in caves.

D stands for DNA.

Much of the way we look is determined by something inside of us called DNA. Each person's DNA is like an amazing, one-of-a-kind recipe!

E stands for Eye Shape.

EYE SHAPE POSTER. The shape of our eyes is determined by our DNA. Everyone has tissue under the skin around our eyes. Our DNA determines how much tissue we have, making our eyes more round or more almond-shaped.

F stands for Flood Legends.

FLOOD LEGENDS POSTER. Many cultures have a story of a great flood that sounds very similar to the true account of Noah and the worldwide flood. But where did these stories come from? As the families moved apart from Shinar, they carried with them the worldwide flood account. They passed this down to their children and grandchildren, although the story changed over the years. These are the flood legends that we have today.

G stands for Genesis 10 and 11.

The account of the tower of Babel is found in the book of Genesis in chapters 10 and 11.

H stands for Hair Color.

Hair color is partly determined by how much melanin our bodies make. Those with lots of melanin have darker hair. Those with less melanin have lighter hair.

I stands for Iris.

We all have a chemical in our bodies called melanin. Melanin helps to determine our eye color. If the iris of the eye has a large amount of melanin, it will be brown. If the iris has a little melanin, the eye will be blue.

J stands for Judgment.

The people building the tower of Babel disobeyed God. They rebelled by staying together after God told them to fill the earth. So God judged the rebellion at Babel by giving different family groups different languages, causing them to scatter.

K stands for Knowledge.

As the people groups split up and spread across the earth after Babel, each group took with it its individual knowledge. Some families would have known a lot about farming. Others were good at building structures. This affected how various cultures developed.

L stands for Language Families.

LANGUAGE FAMILIES POSTER. Those who speak the same language find it easy to talk with each other. This can be good or this can be bad, depending on what you are saying to each other. At Babel, the people all spoke the same language. They were talking to each other about things that were against God. So God gave each family group a different language so they would not be able to talk with each other. This would help slow them down from getting in trouble!

M stands for Melanin.

Our skin color comes mainly from a chemical inside of us called melanin. We all have melanin in some amount. People with lots of melanin have darker skin; people with a little melanin have lighter skin.

N stands for Noah.

The individuals in Noah's family likely had different shades of skin—from light brown to dark brown. From this variety of skin shades, it is scientifically possible to get all the shades of skin we see today, from light to dark.

O stands for One Man (or Blood).

The Bible describes all humans as coming from "one man" (Acts 17:26; KJV: "one blood"). We all are related to Adam and Eve.

P stands for Pride.

The people at Babel were full of pride. They didn't want to do as God said but wanted to build a tower to make a name for themselves, so they could worship the heavens instead of God.

Q stands for Quit Building.

QUIT BUILDING POSTER. God stopped the people on the plain of Shinar from building their tower. These people were making big plans, but they were not God's plans. They were rebellious plans. So God caused them to quit their building plans by confusing their languages.

R stands for Race.

RACE POSTER. We hear a lot about different "races" of people. However, there is really only one race—the human race. We're all related!

S stands for Sin.

God loves us so very much. But he is a perfect God, and he cannot allow sin (disobeying God's commands) to go on without disciplining us. The people at Babel were sinning against God, so he disciplined them by confusing their languages and scattering them.

T stands for Tower of Babel.

TOWER OF BABEL POSTER. Is the tower that the people were building actually called the tower of Babel in the Bible? No. The Bible tells us that a tower was being built and after the people scattered, the place was called Babel. So we put those together and call it the tower of Babel.

U is for Understand Each Other.

Those who don't believe the Bible often picture people grunting at each other in the past. But the Bible shows that from the very beginning Adam and Eve could understand each other. From the beginning until the tower of Babel, there was only one language, and everyone could understand each other. At this C, God confused the language and created many different languages!

V stands for Variety of Skin Shades.

VARIETY OF SKIN SHADES POSTER. There are many different shades of skin color—from very light to very dark. Much of our skin shade is determined by the chemical called melanin. We are not really different colors but different shades of the same color.

W stands for When.

When did this event at Babel take place? The people began to move apart about 100 years after the flood, around 4,200 years ago.

X stands for the Roman Numeral Ten.

In Genesis 10, we read about a man named Nimrod whose kingdom began at Babel. His name means "mighty or skillful hunter."

Z stands for Ziggurats.

ZIGGURATS POSTER. Ziggurats were towers built long ago. We don't know for sure what the tower of Babel looked like, but perhaps it looked like a ziggurat. Such skillful buildings show that people from the ancient civilizations were very smart! They built structures such as pyramids and ziggurats that boggle our minds even today.

Y stands for Yakety Yak Don't Talk Back!

God told the people to scatter. They basically talked back to God and said, "No! We're staying together." It is never a good idea to talk back to God!