

# S.A.F.E. Homes



*Pride goeth before destruction, and an  
haughty spirit before a fall.  
Proverbs 16:18*

## The Pride of Babel

There was a time when everyone on Earth spoke the same language. Then one day some of the people decided to build a city with a large tower that touched the heavens. They did this because of their pride and desire to make a name for themselves. God knew this would only lead them to a life of sorrow as they drew farther away from Him and His will for their lives.

In Genesis 9:1, God instructed His people to "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth." He wanted them to spread out, not stay in one place. Building the tower meant they were ignoring God's clear instructions. So God scattered them by confusing their language. This in turn caused the people to speak many different languages and because they had difficulty understanding each other they stopped building and scattered all over the world.

The story of the Tower of Babel found in the eleventh chapter of Genesis is a great reminder that God doesn't want us to build monuments to ourselves and call attention to our own abilities and achievements. Sometimes because of all the knowledge we have and the many talents we obtain, we are tempted to think we no longer need God. This simply isn't true

We learn through this story and many others the importance of obeying God's Word and doing God's will. We can't build a successful life on our own. Doing things God's way is, and always will be, the best way.

Stop and reflect on your life and ask the question, "Am I building any personal "stairways to heaven"? If so, talk to God about it.

**Family Prayer:** *Lord Jesus, I don't want to get so caught up in my own ways and desires that I overlook the most important thing-obeying You. Help me to walk in obedience and humility before You. In Jesus' name, amen.*



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Looking



Inward

To demonstrate how pride makes us “blind” to our own faults, make a soft obstacle course out of pillows, cushions, and blankets. Blindfold each participant one at a time and let them try to maneuver from one end of the room to the other without falling. Of course, if a child is scared to be blindfolded allow them to just squeeze their eyes shut and participate. Emphasize that pride can make us blind to sin and our need for repentance!

Let's talk

Read Matthew 20:26-27 together as a family. How does this apply to one's life within the structure of the church? How about within the family structure? Is it difficult to think of yourself as a servant?

Pray every day this week for God to show you areas in which you need to show more humility. Try to keep a record (for your eyes only!) of times that pride made you give a harsh answer, get defensive, or try to prove you were right. You may be surprised that it happens more often than you realized. Let's try a little harder to keep our words and attitudes humble toward our family and friends!

Looking



Outward

## Additional Challenges

Let's see what else the Bible has to say about pride and humility...

Proverbs 29: 23

- A man's pride shall \_\_\_\_\_ :  
but honour shall \_\_\_\_\_ the humble in spirit.

Proverbs 11: 2

- When pride cometh, then cometh \_\_\_\_\_ :  
but with the lowly is \_\_\_\_\_.

The Apostle Peter gives us some great advice on how to treat one another...

1 Peter 5: 5

- The younger should \_\_\_\_\_ to those who are older
- Everyone should be \_\_\_\_\_ to each other
- We should be clothed with \_\_\_\_\_
- God \_\_\_\_\_ the proud but gives \_\_\_\_\_ to the humble

Mathew 23:12

- What is the best way to be exalted? \_\_\_\_\_

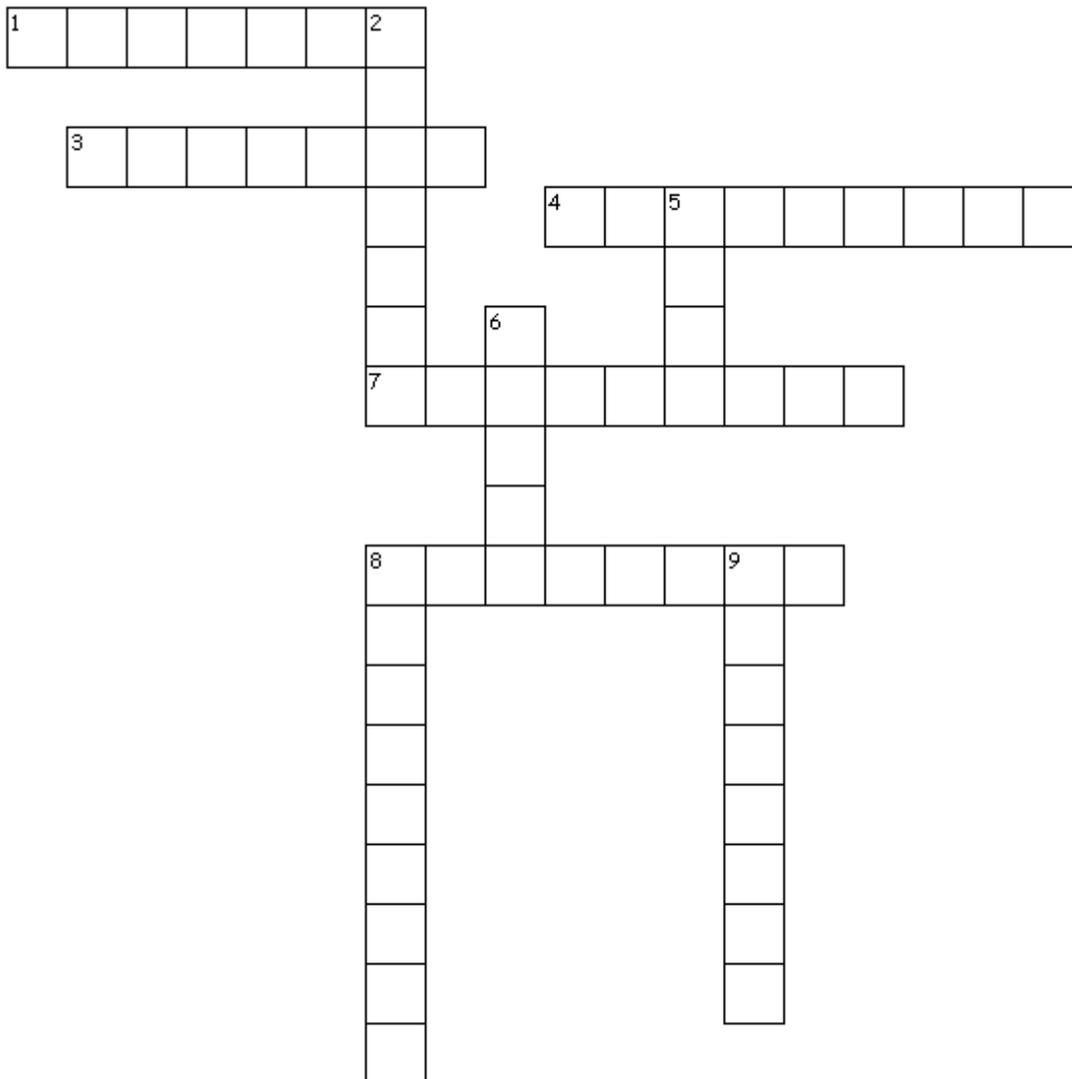
And now...the greatest example of humility of all!

Philippians 2: 5, 8

- Let this \_\_\_\_\_ be in \_\_\_\_\_, which was also in Christ Jesus: And being found in fashion as a \_\_\_\_\_, he \_\_\_\_\_ himself, and became \_\_\_\_\_ unto death, even the death of the cross.

***Humble yourself before God and let Him exalt you!***

# Puzzle Page



## Across

1. This story reminds us we should be \_\_\_ God's Word
3. They decided to build a tower to touch the \_\_\_
4. God scattered them by \_\_\_ their language
7. The people stopped building and \_\_\_ all over the world
8. In Genesis 9, God directed His people to be fruitful and \_\_\_

## Down

2. This story is found in the 11th chapter of \_\_\_
5. They wanted to make a \_\_\_ for themselves
6. Name of the tower that was built
8. God does not want us to build \_\_\_ to ourselves or our abilities
9. There was a time where everyone spoke the same \_\_\_

