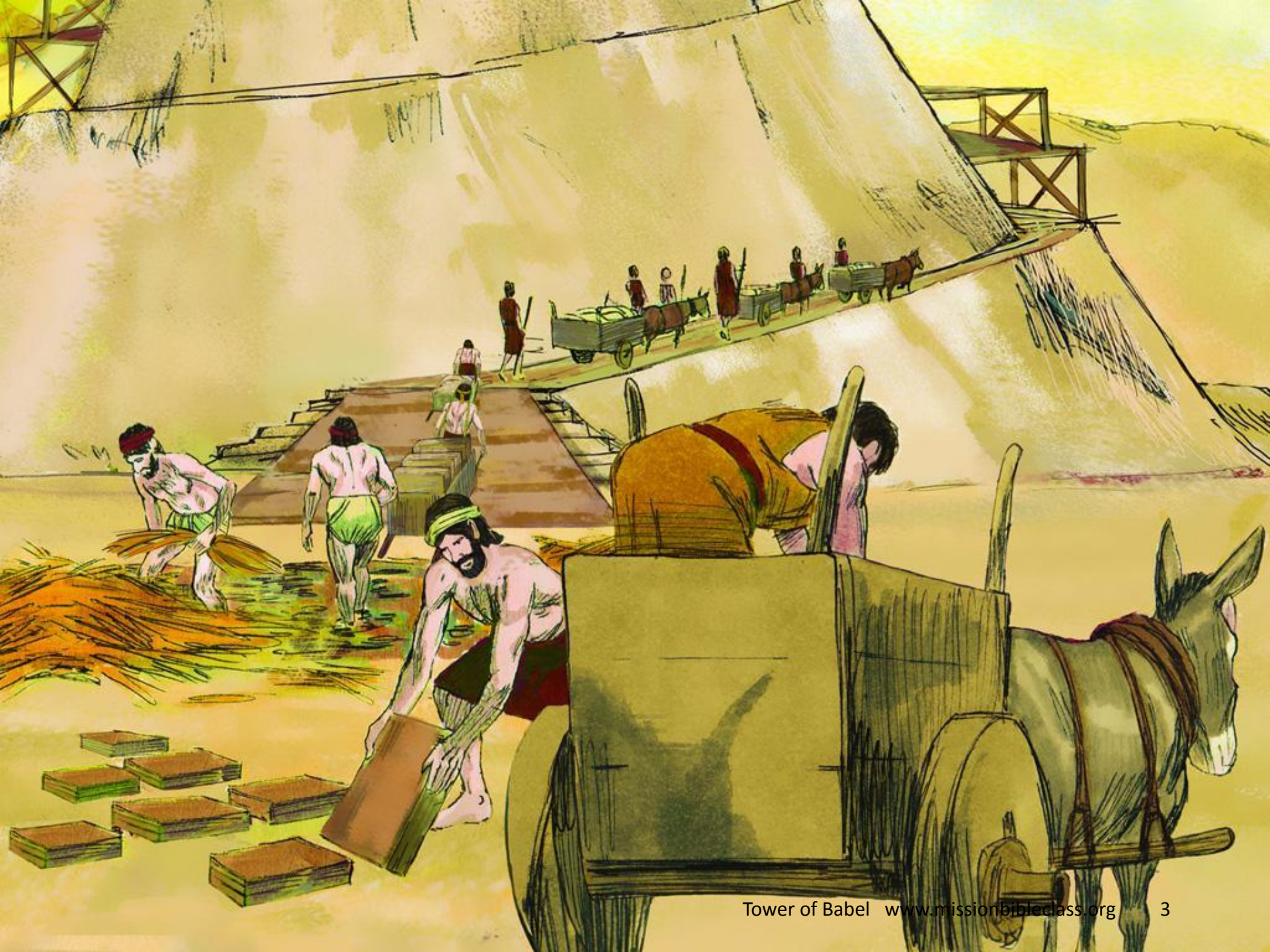


Tower of Babel

Genesis 11:1-9









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2. After the flood people had to begin all over again. Noah's sons had large families and there were soon many people. Sadly, the people began to forget about God. God wanted them to move to other places but they decided to stay together in one city instead.

3. As time went by they began to forget about God and only think about what good builders they were. They were so proud of themselves! The people wanted to build something to show how good they were. They wanted to be famous. They decided to build a very tall tower.

4. Do you know what the word "pride" means? Actually, pride can have a good meaning or a bad meaning.

Good Pride is when you feel good about yourself because you have done a good job or you are part of something good that makes you feel happy. You might feel proud of the way you have learned something new at school or you may be proud of your family. God likes it when we feel this kind of pride.

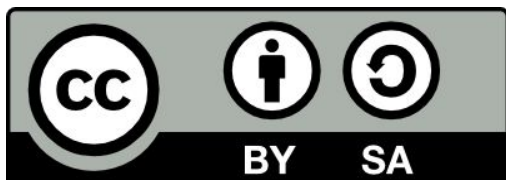
Bad Pride is when you think TOO well of yourself. You might think you are better than you really are if you have bad pride. You might look down on other people and think you are better than them. God does not want us to have this kind of pride.

5. The people who were building the tower had a bad kind of pride. They thought their plan was better than God's plan. They thought they didn't need God to make the best city and the tallest tower. They thought they could do it all on their own. In fact, they thought so much about themselves that they didn't even think about God very much at all.

6. Finally, God decided that he had to put a stop to this pride. He wanted the people to think about him and not about a tower. He wanted the people to start moving to new places and not all live in one big city.

So God caused something amazing to happen. God confused the people's languages so that they could no longer understand each other. When someone talked it just sounded like strange noises or "babbling."

7. It became impossible to work together on the tower. Everyone just got mixed up. The people stopped working together. The town became known as "Babel" because of all of the different languages. Everything in the city was so confusing that the people started moving away into smaller places where they could learn to talk together better. Now they stopped having so much bad pride. They learned an important lesson about pride. They learned that they were not the best after all. God is the best!



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