



CHILDREN'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER



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Hi again,

Are you ready to go back to school this week and see all of your friends? It's been a really strange year for all of us but I am sure your grown-ups are as proud of you as I am of Beth and Josh and all of you. I hope you have been enjoying your very own Children's Newsletters as much as I have enjoyed putting them together for you and I hope you continue to enjoy them in the months to come (the Bible has a lot of books in it to work through).

So, this week is chapter 10 and the first 9 verses of chapter 11 of Genesis. Chapter 10 is all about the Noah's sons, grandsons and great-grandsons. They formed the first nations but unlike today were each country had their own language or even in places like China where they have different languages in different areas Noah's sons, grandsons and great-grandsons all had the same language. Then in chapter 11 we see that God isn't happy that so many people can all communicate and plan things so he decides to change things a bit.

Also, shhhh don't let the grown-up ladies in your family know but there are some Mother's Day crafts included for you ready for next Sunday. There are bookmarks and pictures. You can use the pictures as the front of a card or just as a pretty picture for them.

Nations Grow and Spread - Genesis Chapter 10

This is the family history of the sons of Noah: Shem, Ham and Japheth. After the flood these three men had sons.

Japheth's Sons

The sons of Japheth were Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech and Tiras.

The sons of Gomer were Ashkenaz, Riphath and Togarmah.

The sons of Javan were Elishah, Tarshish, Kittim and Rodanim. Those who lived in the lands around the Mediterranean Sea came from these sons of Japheth. All the families grew and became different nations. Each nation had its own land and its own language.

Ham's Sons

The sons of Ham were Cush, Mizraim, Put and Canaan.

The sons of Cush were Seba, Havilah, Sabtah, Raamah and Sabteca.

The sons of Raamah were Sheba and Dedan.

Cush also had a descendant named Nimrod. Nimrod became a very powerful man on earth. He was a great hunter before the Lord. That is why people say someone is "like Nimrod, a great hunter before the Lord." At first Nimrod's kingdom covered Babylon, Erech, Akkad and Calneh in the land of Babylonia. From there he went to Assyria. There he built the cities of Nineveh, Rehoboth Ir and Calah. He also built Resen, the great city between Nineveh and Calah.

Mizraim was the father of the Ludites, Anamites, Lehabites, Naphtuhites, Pathrusites, Casluhites and the people of Crete. (The Philistines came from the Casluhites.)

Canaan was the father of Sidon his first son and of Heth. Canaan was also the father of the Jebusites, Amorites, Girgashites, Hivites, Arkites, Sinites, Arvadites, Zemarites and Hamathites. The families of the Canaanites scattered. The land of the Canaanites reached from Sidon to Gerar as far as Gaza. And it reached to Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah and Zeboiim, as far as Lasha. All these people were the sons of Ham. All these families had their own languages, their own lands and their own nations.

Shem's Sons

Shem, Japheth's older brother, also had sons. One of his descendants was the father of all the sons of Eber. The sons of Shem were Elam, Asshur, Arphaxad, Lud and Aram.

The sons of Aram were Uz, Hul, Gether and Meshech.

Arphaxad was the father of Shelah. Shelah was the father of Eber. Eber was the father of two sons. One son was named Peleg because the earth was divided during his life. Eber's other son was named Joktan.

Joktan was the father of Almodad, Sheleph, Hazarmaveth, Jerah, Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah, Obal, Abimael, Sheba, Ophir, Havilah and Jobab. All these people were the sons of Joktan. These people lived in the area between Mesha and Sephar in the hill country in the East.

These are the people from the family of Shem. They are arranged by families, languages, countries and nations.

This is the list of the families from the sons of Noah. They are arranged according to their nations. From these families came all the nations who spread across the earth after the flood.

The Languages Confused - Chapter 11 verses 1 to 9

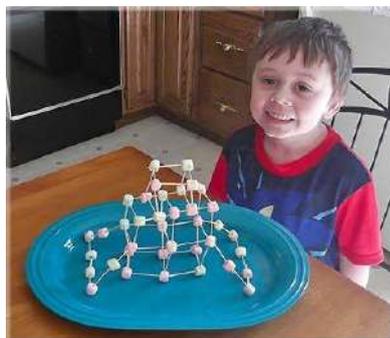
At this time the whole world spoke one language. Everyone used the same words. As people moved from the East, they found a plain in the land of Babylonia. They settled there to live.

They said to each other, "Let's make bricks and bake them to make them hard." So, they used bricks instead of stones, and tar instead of mortar. Then they said to each other, "Let's build for ourselves a city and a tower. And let's make the top of the tower reach high into the sky. We will become famous. If we do this, we will not be scattered over all the earth."

The Lord came down to see the city and the tower that the people had built. The Lord said, "Now, these people are united. They all speak the same language. This is only the beginning of what they will do. They will be able to do anything they want. Come, let us go down and confuse their language. Then they will not be able to understand each other."

So, the Lord scattered them from there over all the earth. And they stopped building the city. That is where the Lord confused the language of the whole world. So, the place is called Babel. So the Lord caused them to spread out from there over all the whole world.

Building the Tower of Babel - How many things can you find to use to build a tower? You can use Lego, toilet rolls, plastic cups or even sweets.





TOWER OF BABEL WORD SEARCH

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be left to right, up and down, or diagonally.

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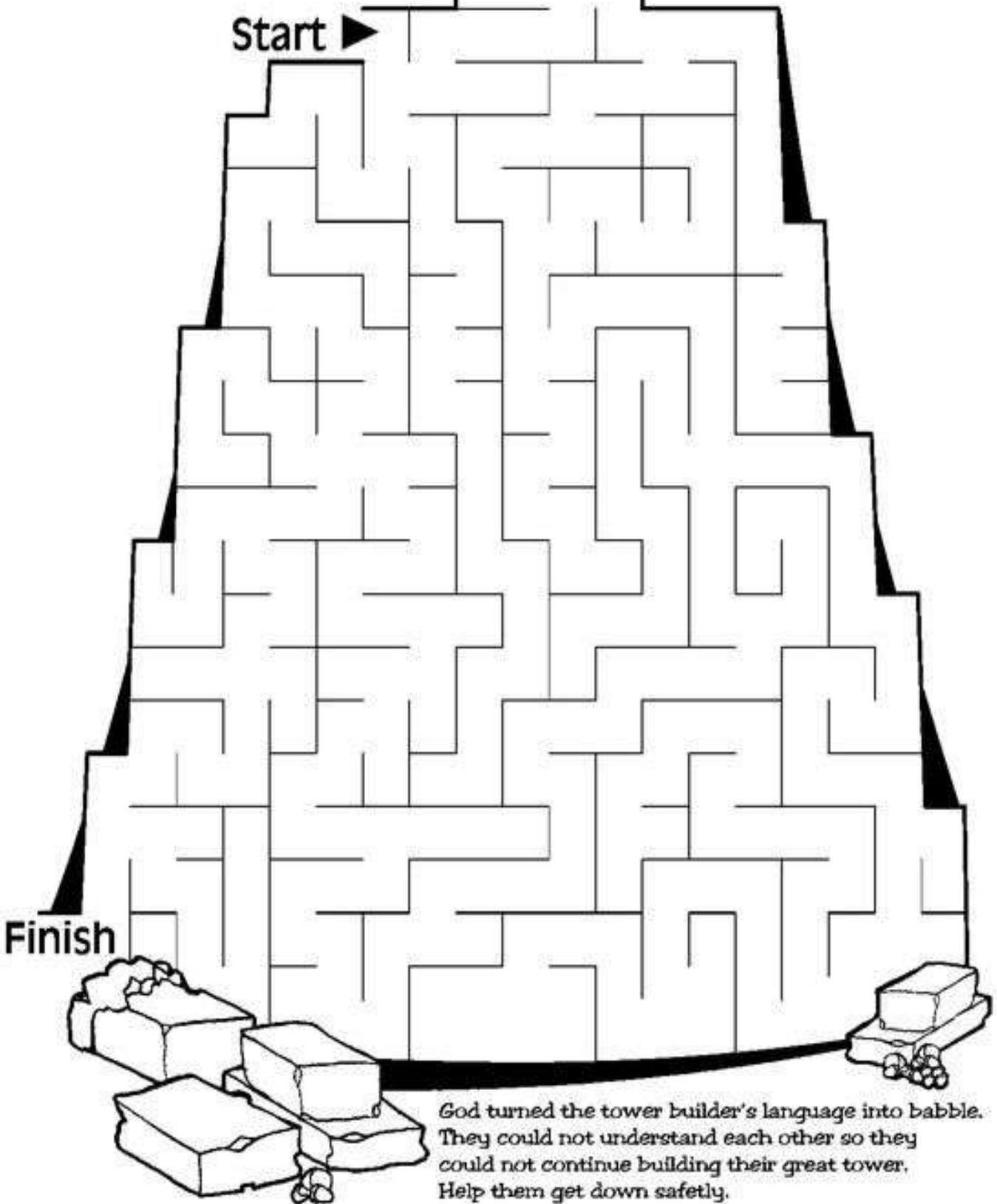
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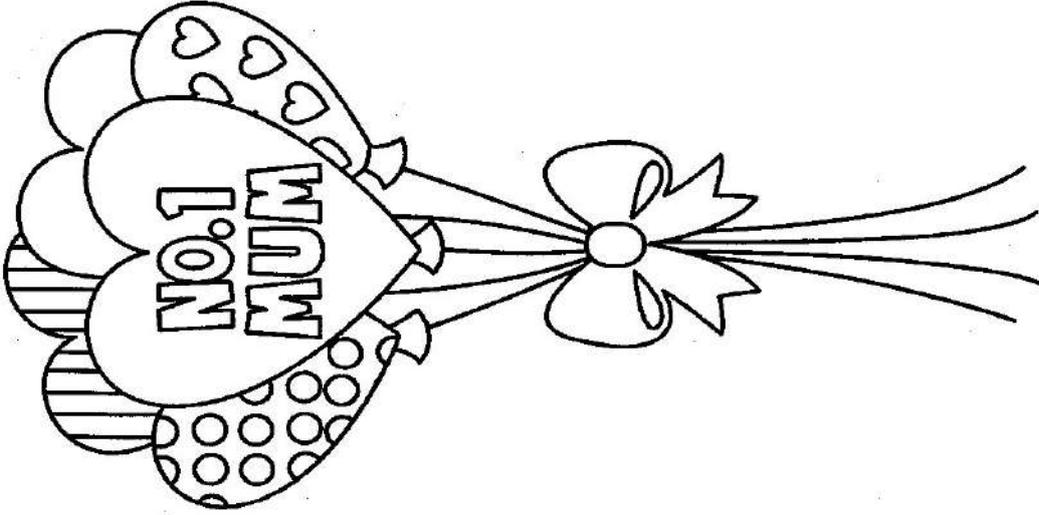
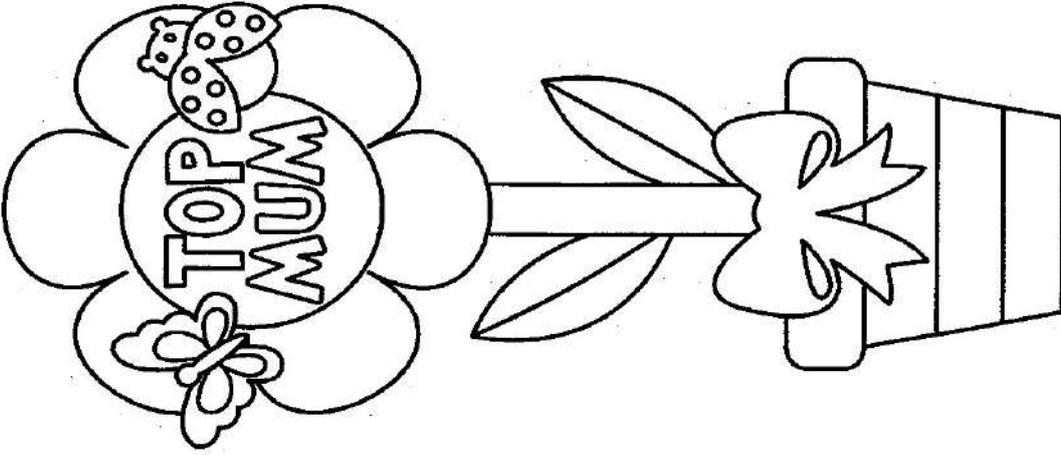
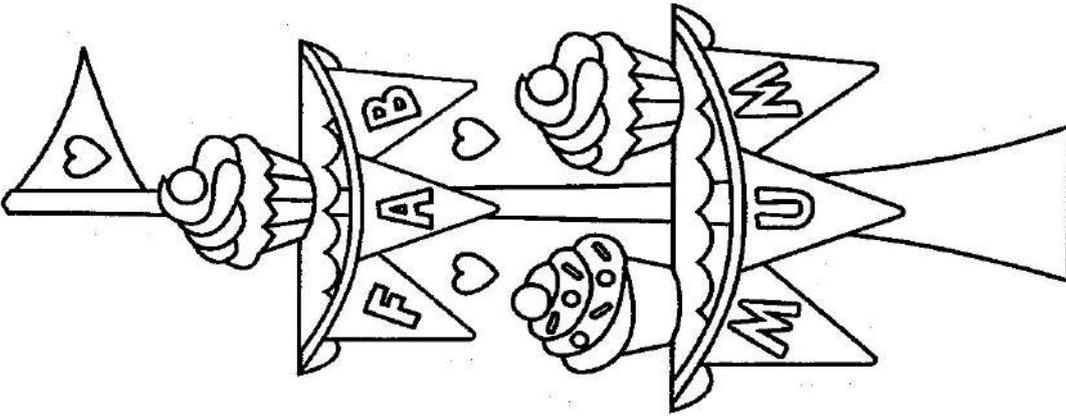
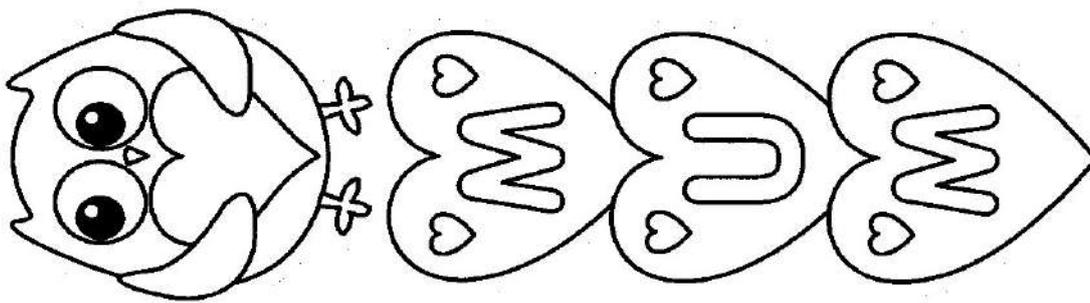
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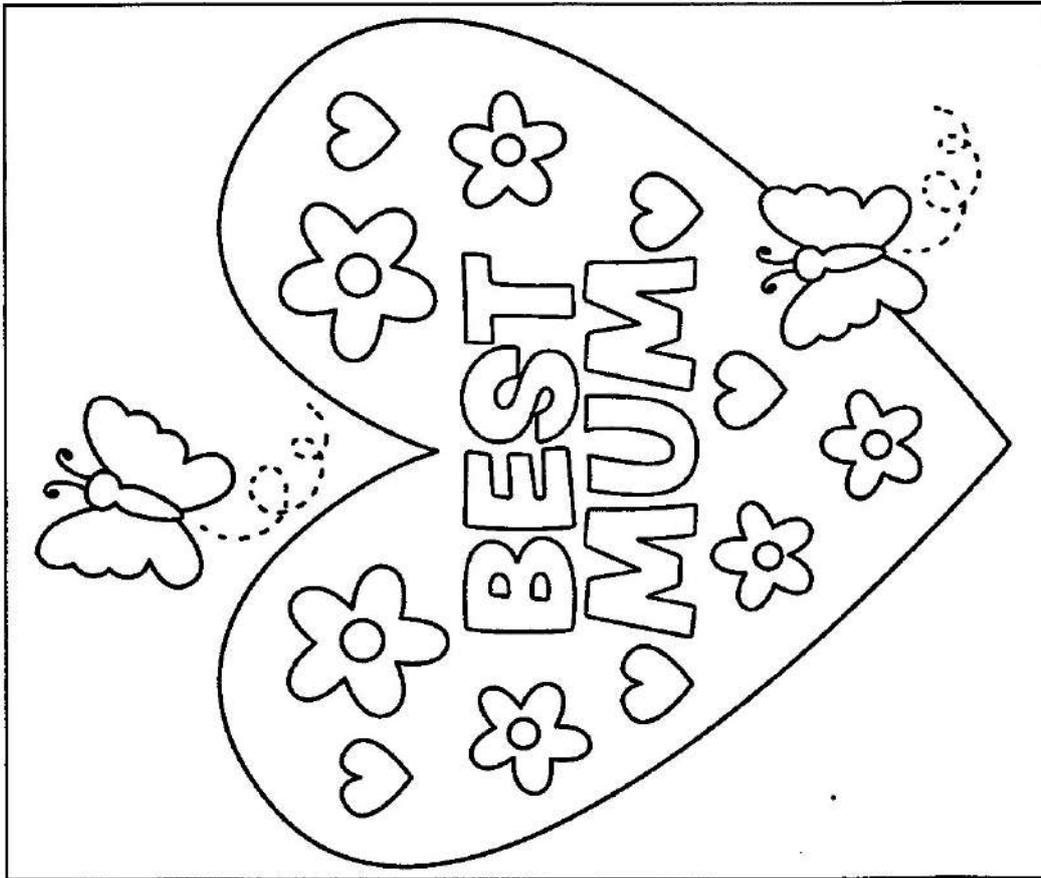
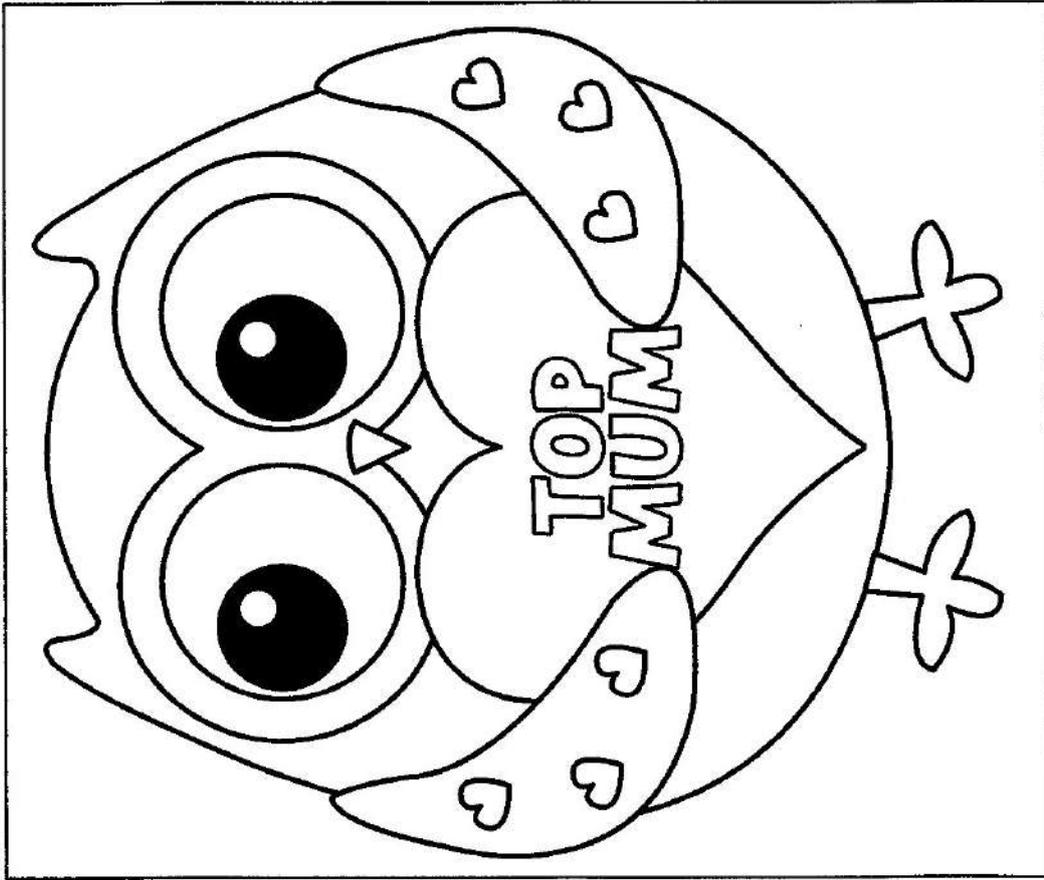
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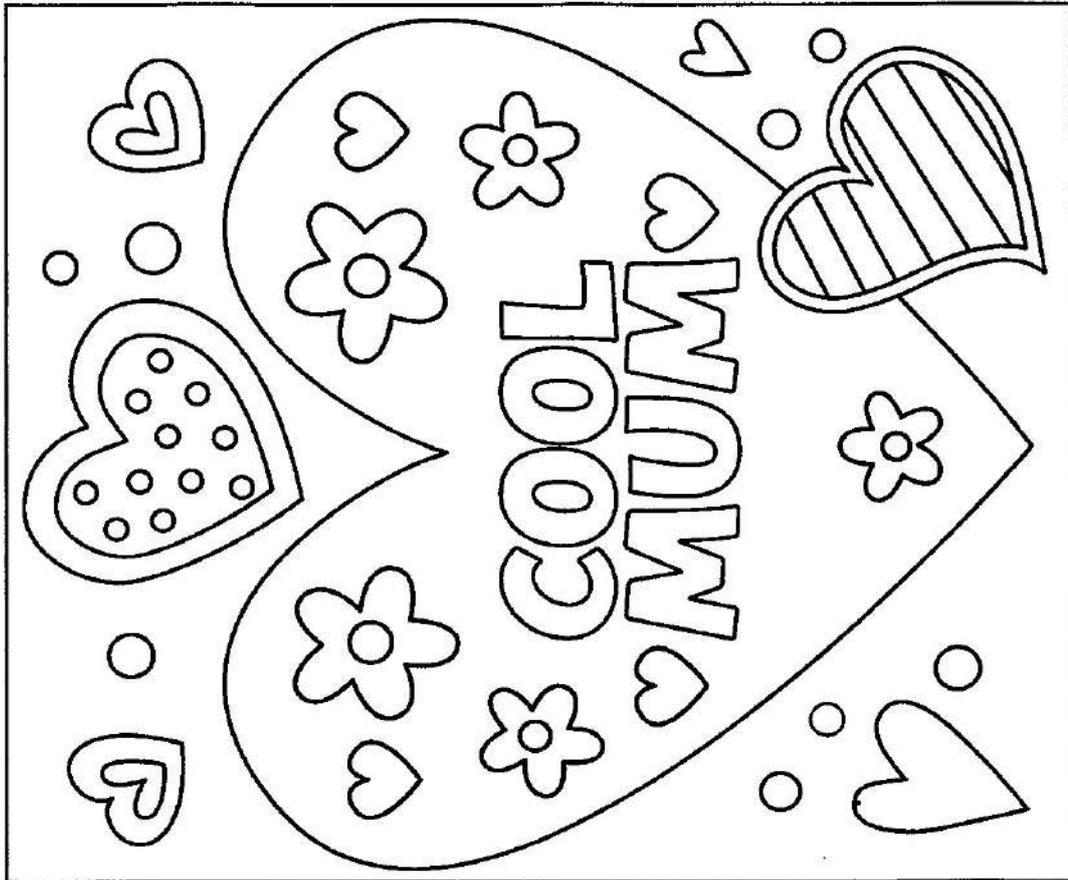
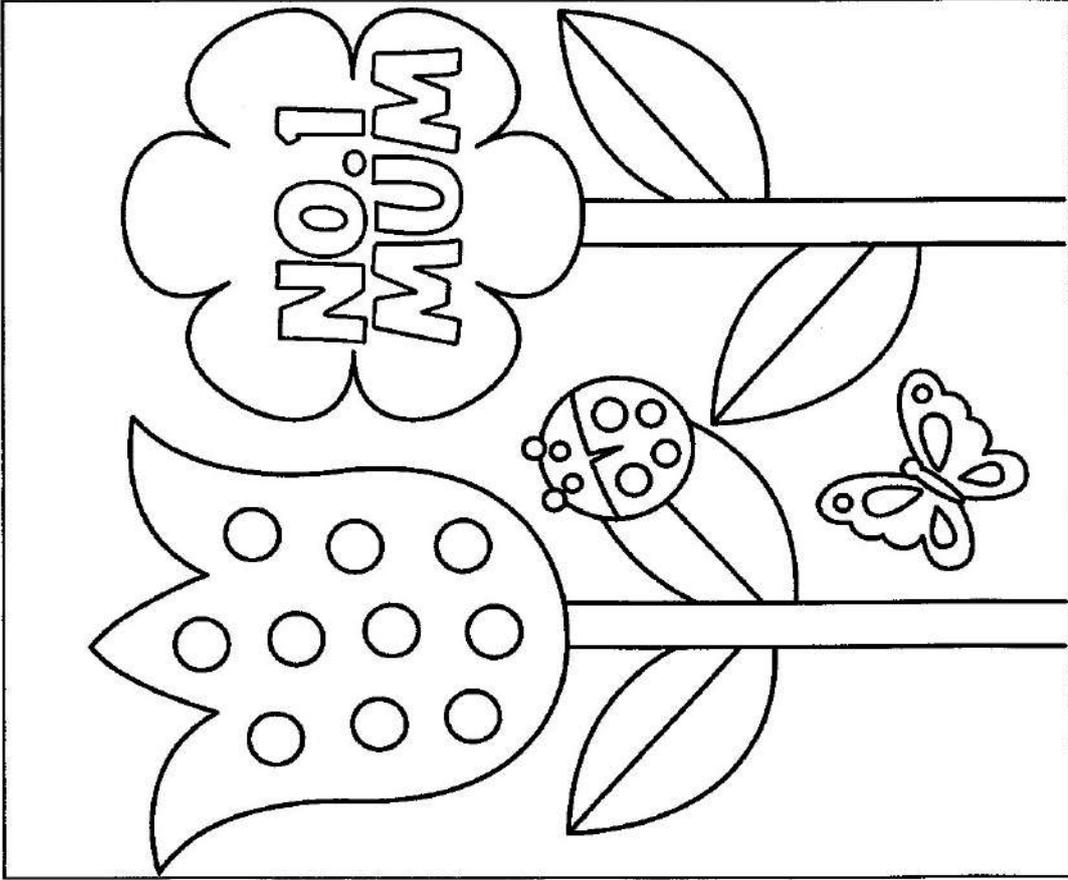


Finish

God turned the tower builder's language into babble. They could not understand each other so they could not continue building their great tower. Help them get down safely.







Memory Verse for you to colour

God loves a
cheerful giver.



2 Corinthians 9:7

Prayer

Dear God,
Help me when I read the Bible.
Sometimes it is hard to understand
the words; sometimes I understand
the words but I am still puzzled
about what they are trying to say.
Help me to learn what is the good and
right way to live.
Amen.

Family Time

How about planning how you can
spoil the special ladies in your family
next Sunday. If you have grown-up
gents that can help you could plan to
make mum, nan or aunty breakfast in
bed or buy them some flowers.
Whatever you come up with I am sure
they will love it because it is from you.

I hope you have a great time at school and enjoy
being back with your friends and teachers. Until
next week take care and stay safe.

God bless, Jackie

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