

Toppling Tower

Materials

- ☐ Building blocks, large marshmallows, or any other objects that are unstable when stacked high
- ☐ One 6-sided die
- ☐ Optional: treats for class to share

Instructions

Place one block (standing on end) or one giant marshmallow on a flat surface. Have students take turns rolling the die and following the directions below. (You may want to write the die rolls on the board.) Each time a block is added to the tower, it represents a sin. Give the class 20 points on the board to start with. When too many “sins” are stacked up and the tower topples, subtract 5 points from the class score.

Play for a set time or until the score reaches zero. You may want to offer treats if the class can finish with a score of 15 or more.

Die rolls:

1–4 = Sinned—add same number of blocks to the tower—subtract 5 points when the tower topples

5 = Obedient—take one block off the top—add 1 point to score

6 = Confessed sins and asked forgiveness—start over—add 5 points to score

Suggested Discussion

Whenever the blocks were stacked too high, the tower toppled, and everyone was affected because you all lost points. We learned in our lesson today how Solomon’s sins stacked up, too. He collected horses and riches and took many wives. But these sins didn’t just change Solomon’s life, they affected his son’s life and the whole nation of Israel! Soon it was like the tower toppled over, and Israel was divided into two separate kingdoms.

- ?** Do you think God was pleased to have his chosen people divided like that? *Allow discussion.*

God was still in control of everything that happened, but Solomon’s sinful choices led to consequences that affected many people.

- ?** What can we learn from this? What are some ways our sins could affect others? *They could affect our relationship with God and others; they could lead to problems for ourselves and for other people.*

God has given us his Word, the Bible, to guide us so we know what sin is and can keep away from it. When we are obedient, our actions will affect others for good.