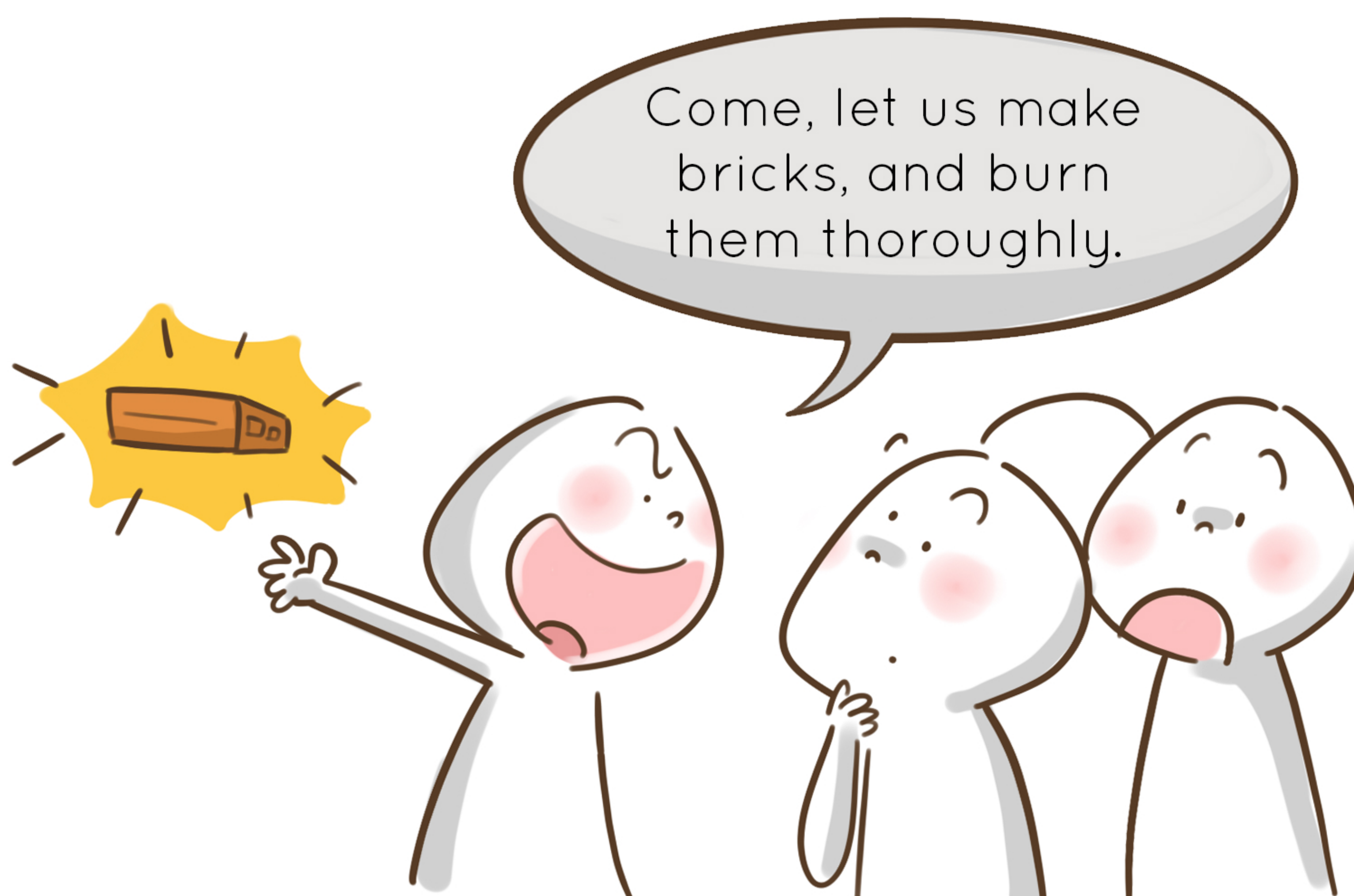


## The Beginning of the World

### 4. THE TOWER OF BABEL

After the flood, people did not spread over the earth as God commanded. God split their language into many languages, so they had to go separate ways. Disobeying God always brings division, confusion, and punishment.

- 1 Now the whole earth had one language and the same words.
- 2 And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there.
- 3 And they said to one another,



And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar.

- 4 Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth."

5 And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built.

6 And the Lord said,

Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them.

7 Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech.

8 So the Lord dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city.

9 Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth. And from there the Lord dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

✓ END OF READING



## DID YOU KNOW



After the flood, God commanded Noah and his sons to have many children and spread over the whole earth (Genesis 9:1). Settling in one place to build Babel was a rebellion against this command. The human heart is very stubborn.



The people wanted to be united, powerful, and praised by future generations (Genesis 11:4). They were proud (Proverbs 29:23). God always scatters the proud and humbles them (Luke 1:51).



There are over 7,000 languages spoken on earth today, but they can all be grouped into about 140 language families. The language family “ancestors” would be the original languages God created at Babel when He scattered everyone.



Noah was alive when Babel was built (Genesis 9:28-29; 10:25; 11:10-18). He would have told them God’s command (9:1), but people didn’t listen very well. God always provides a witness of His judgment and mercy, but do we listen to the testimony?

Read Proverbs 16:18 in your Bible and write it below.  
Let’s humbly obey God!



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# LET'S HAVE FUN

Help our friend visit the ruins of Babel.  
Circle the right path.

