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King Benjamin Family Home Evening Packet

Large Graphics



Contents:

Story, Picture Sheets,
Game, Scripture,
Treat Recipe

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King Benjamin's Chocolate Cherry Trifle Tower

Brownie Ingredients:

- 2 cubes butter or margarine
- 3/4 cup cocoa
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup flour
- 2 tsp. vanilla
- 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 4 eggs
- 1/4 tsp. salt

Brownie Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9x13 pan. Melt butter in a large bowl. Add sugar and vanilla. Stir in eggs one at a time, stirring each one until completely mixed. Add cocoa; beat until well blended. Add flour, baking powder and salt; beat well. Pour into baking pan. Bake 30 to 35 minutes. Cool completely.

Trifle Ingredients:

- brownies cut into 1 inch squares
- 1 (8 oz.) frozen whipped topping (thawed)
- 1 (12 oz.) frozen whipped topping (thawed)
- 2 cans cherry pie filling
- 1 chocolate bar
- 1/2 cup water

Trifle Directions:

In a large bowl, mix water, pudding mix and sweetened condensed milk until smooth. Add 8 ounce whipped topping and mix until there are no streaks. In a large glass bowl, layer ingredients as follows: brownies, pudding mixture, cherry pie filling, whipped topping. Repeat layers. Shave chocolate bar on top layer. Refrigerate 6 hours before serving. ENJOY!!!

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Home Evening Outline

- Opening Prayer
- Opening Song
- Scripture

Story

Game

- Closing Song

- Closing Prayer
- Refreshments

- Suggested Songs:** "Keep The Commandments", pg. 146 (Childrens)
"Follow The Prophet", pg. 110 (Childrens)
"Do What Is Right", pg. 237 (Hymn)

- Scriptures:** Mosiah 2:22, Mosiah 2:41, Mosiah 3:19

- Story:** Color graphics with markers, colored pencils, chalks, etc. Use flannel, or laminate and cut out and place magnets on back of graphics, etc.

"Build A Tower" Game: Preparation - Color each of the beams and the tower tops brown. Color King Benjamin as desired. Laminate and cut out the Tower Template cards, each set of beams and tower tops, being sure to keep each tower set in tact. Store each set of tower beams, the tower top and the tower template card in separate, small, sealable baggies. Laminate and cut out King Benjamin. Cut out and assemble die according to directions on "Die" sheet.

Object - To be the first person to completely build his tower and place King Benjamin on the top.

Play - The youngest player goes first and proceeds to the oldest player. The first person begins by rolling the die, attempting to roll a "1". If the player is successful in rolling a "1", he places the bottom beam on his Tower Template card, and rolls the die again, attempting to roll a "2" and so on. If the player does not roll the number he is attempting to get, play rotates to the next oldest player. Beams must be placed in numerical order, meaning 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and finally 6. Once a player has placed all beams and the tower top, he must try and roll a "6" to place King Benjamin at the top of his tower. Once a player has placed King Benjamin, he wins the game. **ALTERNATE GAME FOR OLDER PLAYERS** - Roll the die and place beams as mentioned above but in order to place a beam a player must give one of the eighteen principles that King Benjamin taught.

King Benjamin

Between the years of 124 and 130 B.C. in the Book of Mormon we learn the story of King Benjamin. He was a very righteous and good man and the people of Zarahemla loved him very much. There was peace in the land and the people were good to each other.

King Benjamin had three sons named Mosiah, Helorum and Helaman. They were taught the same languages as their ancestors so that they could study and learn the history of their people, the Nephites. He told his sons about the plates of brass and how important they were. It was such a wonderful thing that Lehi had kept records right from the very beginning of his journey so that we in the latter days could know of his testimony and learn about the mysteries of the kingdom.

As Benjamin began to get old, he was worried about leaving a good king on the throne to replace him. He loved his son Mosiah and knew that he would rule the people with kindness so he conferred the kingdom upon him. Mosiah was then given the records that were engraved on the plates of brass, the plates of Nephi, the sword of Laban, and the liahona.

Before he died, King Benjamin wanted to speak to the people and bear his testimony to them. He asked Mosiah to send out a proclamation, asking them to gather at the temple to hear his sermon. Mosiah did as his father asked him.

The people came from far and wide and there were so many of them that they couldn't count them. They came, bringing the first born of their flocks so they could offer them as a sacrifice to God for His blessings to them and their forefathers.

Each family pitched a tent, with its door facing the temple so they could hear King Benjamin. When the king realized how many people had come, he was worried that they wouldn't be able to hear him. He had a huge tower built so that he could climb high to speak to the people.

When he began speaking, there were still many who could not hear him so he asked that his words be written and sent to all those who were too far away to hear.

King Benjamin's speech is one of the most well known in all of the Book of Mormon. He had been such a good king. He had not mistreated any of the people, or tried to build up riches for himself. He had always thought of the people first, teaching them continually the commandments of God.

He had not taxed the people and he had worked right alongside them.

King Benjamin taught the people then and all of us many great and important things. We want to be like King Benjamin and we can do that if we study what he taught. Here are some of the wonderful lessons he spoke of.

PARENTS NOTE: This is a rather lengthy list for little children. You may want to choose those that are most important to you and break this lesson into more than one.

•When ye are in the service of your fellow beings, ye are only in the service of your God.

It makes Heavenly Father very happy when we do things for other people. What things can we do for members of our family that would be serving them?

•Praise, thank and serve God all of your lives.

We can show our love for our Heavenly Father by always saying good things about Him, and thanking Him every day as we say our prayers. There are many ways we can serve Heavenly Father, such as obeying His commandments, fulfilling our callings and being kind to others. What are some of the ways we can do these things?

•Keep His commandments for which He doth immediately bless you.

This is an amazing statement from King Benjamin. When we keep God's commandments, He immediately gives us blessings. Can you name any of the commandments the Lord has given us?

•Don't fight among yourselves for contention is of Satan.

This is very important to our Heavenly Father. He doesn't want us fighting with our brothers and sisters or our friends or our parents and grandparents. Satan loves it when we fight with one another. How can we keep from fighting?

•Don't lose the spirit of the Lord that ye may be blessed, prospered and preserved.

When we do bad things we lose the spirit of the Lord to be with us. When we do good things, we have that spirit with us. Heavenly Father will bless us and help us to do well in our financial endeavors and help to keep us safe if we keep His spirit with us at all times.

•The time will come when Jesus will be born and will come and perform miracles and teach the people.

King Benjamin bore his testimony that he knew that Jesus would be born on the earth. He told the people this many years before the Savior was born. This is another testimony of Jesus Christ.

•The Savior will suffer in every way and His mother's name will be Mary.

The king also told the people about the crucifixion of the Savior and that His mother's name would be Mary. This is truly amazing considering he spoke of all this so long before Christ appeared on the earth.

•The Lord will be killed but will be resurrected on the third day.

This is an extremely important doctrine that King Benjamin taught. He is telling us that we will live again, and that Jesus Christ will die and live again. What a wonderful thing this must have been for the people at that time.

•Repentance came because of the atonement of Jesus Christ and man can only live with Him again if he is repentant and made perfect.

Because the Savior suffered for each one of us, when we do something bad, we can ask for His forgiveness and we can repent. It is only because of this that we can all make it back into Jesus' presence. It is a marvelous gift.

•Little children are sinless.

We believe that a child is sinless until he reaches the age of eight, or the age of accountability. This is why we don't baptize children until they are eight. This is very important. The Savior felt very strongly about this that little children are pure and holy and must be treated as such.

•The time will come when the knowledge of the Savior will spread through every nation.

We are seeing King Benjamin's prophecy being fulfilled right now. Missionaries and servicemen are spreading the gospel to almost every nation.

At this point, all of the people began crying to the Lord for forgiveness of their sins. They were soon filled with joy knowing that they had been forgiven.

Then, King Benjamin began speaking beautiful words again. He said, "Believe in God; believe that he is, and that he created all things, both in heaven and in earth; believe that he has all wisdom, and all power, both in heaven and in earth; believe that man doth not comprehend all the things which the Lord can comprehend." (Mosiah 4:9)

•Pray daily.

Why is it important to pray to our Heavenly Father every day? We can be more spiritually in tune if we are in constant contact with God.

•Don't let your children go hungry, or naked; neither will ye suffer that they transgress the laws of God, and fight and quarrel one with another, and serve the devil, who is the master of sin, or who is the evil spirit

which hath been spoken of by our fathers, he being an enemy to all righteousness.

Hmmmmmm, now you know why your parents try so hard to keep you from fighting amongst each other. It brings us closer to Satan when we quarrel with each other. It is a commandment for parents to teach their children not to fight. How can we help our parents and not fight with our family members?

•Teach your children to walk in the ways of truth and soberness; ye will teach them to love one another and serve one another.

How can we show our love for our brothers and sisters and our parents more? How can we know the truth so we can follow it? (By listening to the voice of the Holy Ghost)

•Succor those that stand in need, give to him that standeth in need, don't put off the beggar, don't judge him saying he did this to himself.

To succor someone is to help them with the things they need. We are to help the poor and hungry and those who are needy. What are some of the ways we can do this?

•Aren't we all beggars of God? For God answers our petitions therefore we must impart of our substance one to another.

King Benjamin is telling us here that we all ask God for blessings and He gives them to us, so we must help others by sharing what we have. Can you think of some ways we can do that?

•Visit the sick and give them relief, both spiritually and temporally, according to their needs.

Sometimes people who have physical sicknesses also feel bad spiritually and need a lift from us. We can do great things for other people just by letting them know we care.

•Do all these things in order, not running faster than you are able.

This is a great teaching of King Benjamin. What do you think it means to run faster than you are able? Sometimes we try to do too much too fast and we get discouraged, or tired or frustrated. The Lord does not expect us to do more or do it faster than we can so we need to relax, take our time and do things well instead of fast.

•If you borrow, take it back.

Great advice! Isn't it interesting that King Benjamin, way back so far, was concerned about his people not keeping things they borrowed from others? It is a great lesson for us. It is considered stealing to keep something we borrowed from someone else.

King Benjamin went among the people to see if they believed what he had said and they had. He told them to be steadfast and immovable, always abounding in good works so that the Lord will seal you His and you may have eternal life.

The king wanted to make a list of all of the people who chose to covenant to do all the things that they had been taught so that they could take upon themselves the name of Christ. All of the people over the age of accountability did. It must have been an amazing speech.

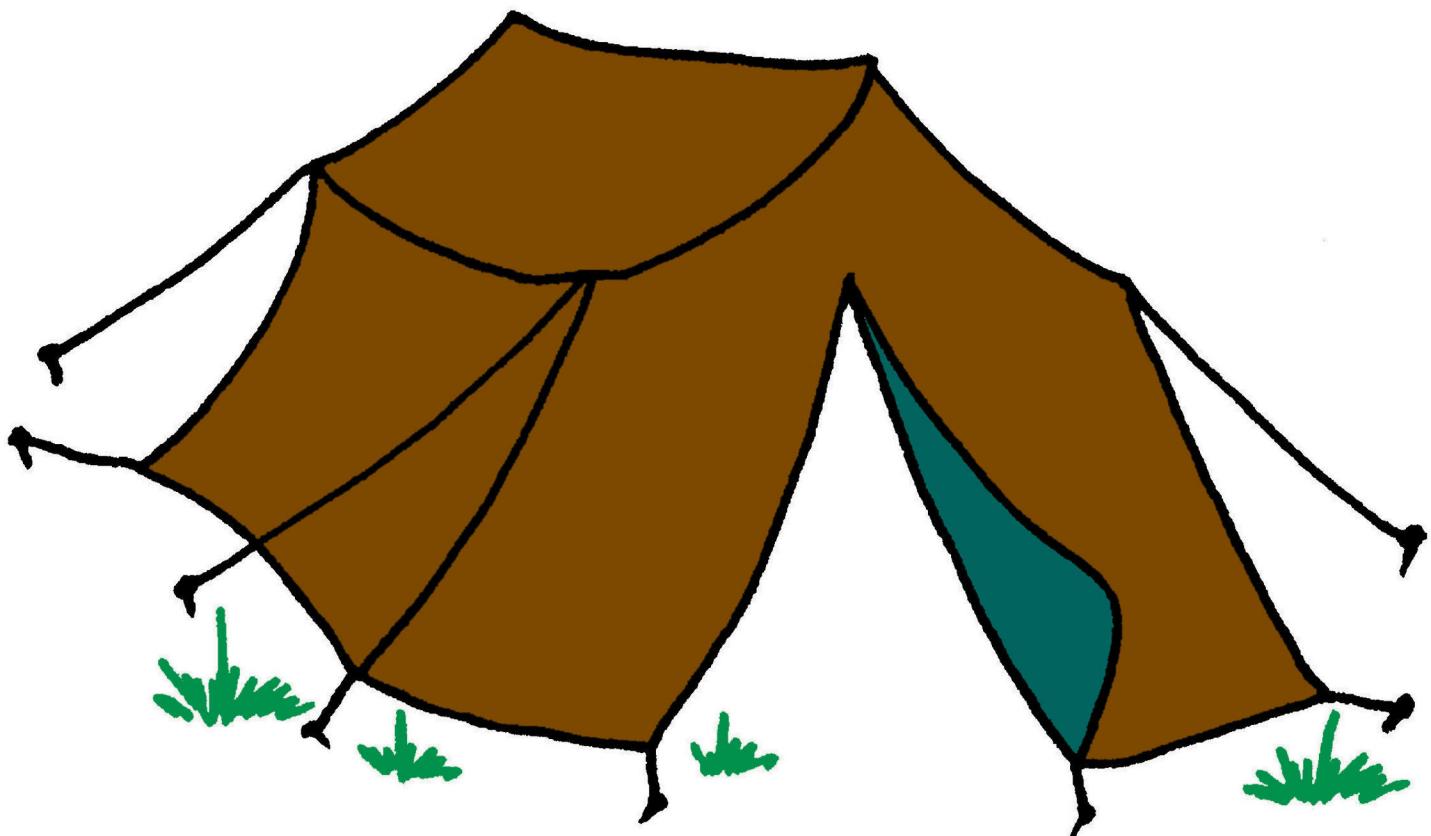
King Benjamin had been taught these things by an angel of the Lord. He was so fiercely determined to tell all of the people what he knew. After his talk from the tower, he lived for three more years and died. Because of him, we have some very important and beautiful scripture of the Book of Mormon.

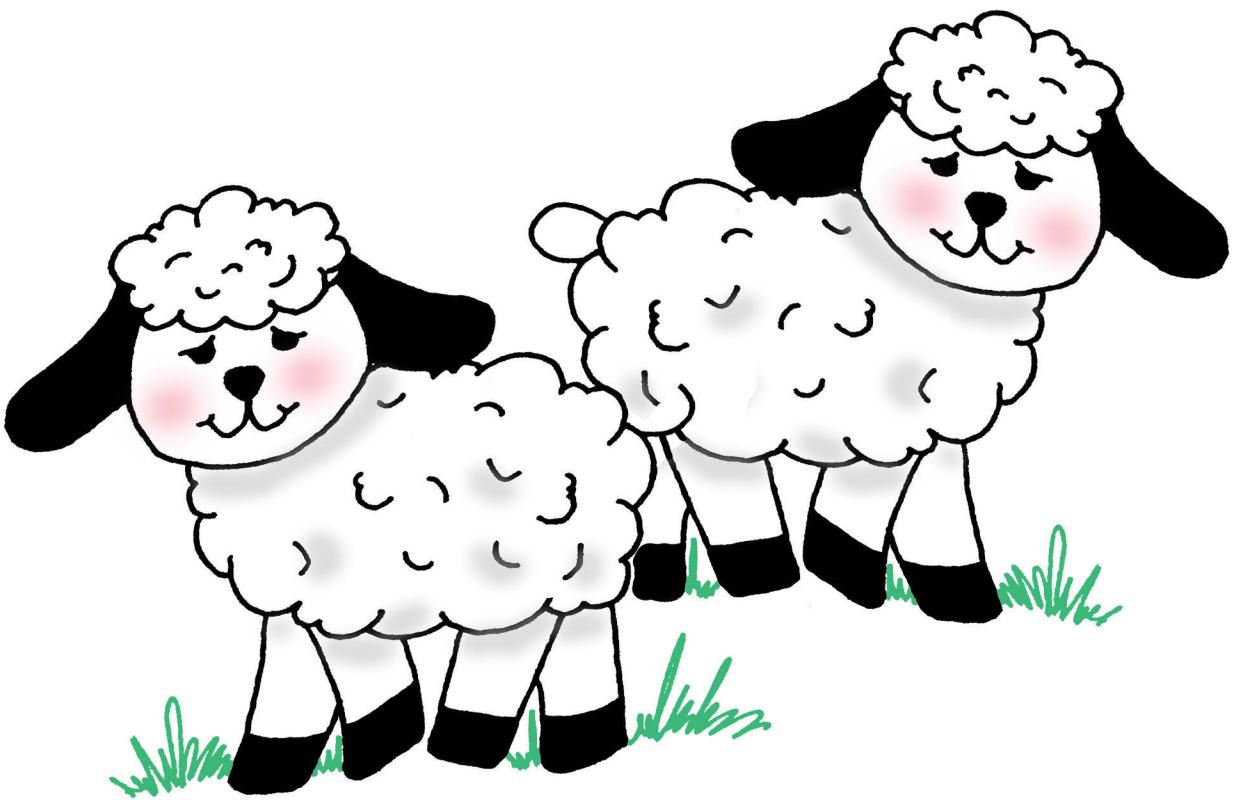
DISCUSSION

- Why did King Benjamin have to speak from a tower?
- What is one of the most important things to you that he taught?
- King Benjamin asked his people to covenant to do all the things that he taught. What do you think covenant means? (It means promise)
- How can doing the things King Benjamin taught make us better Latter-day Saints?

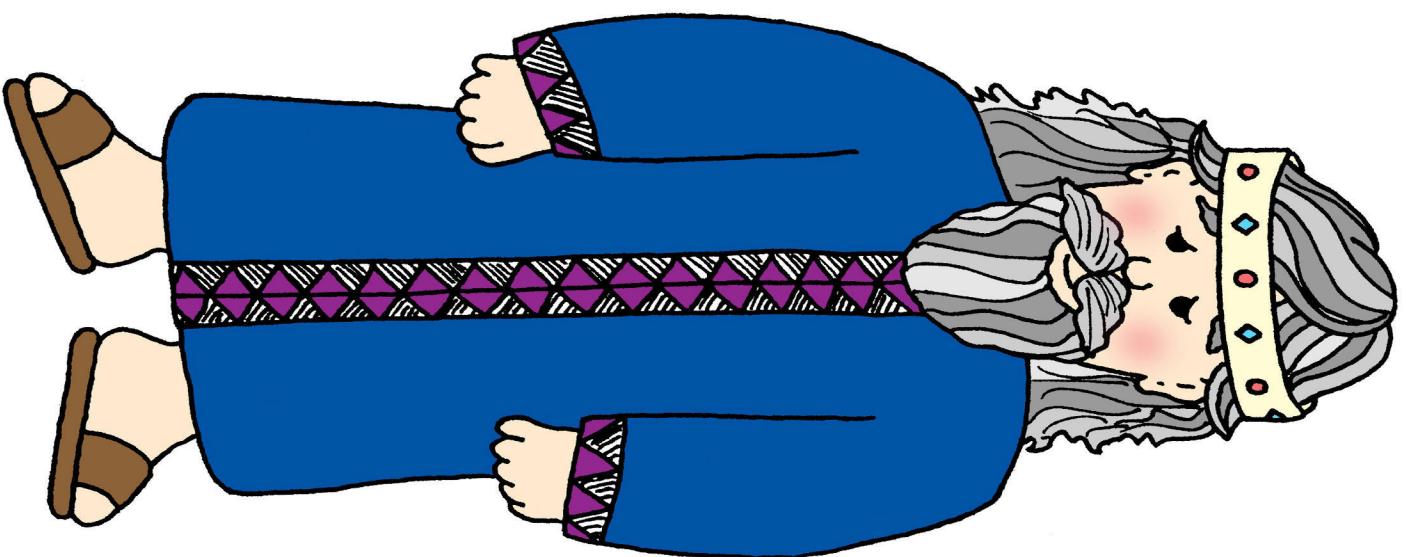


King Benjamin
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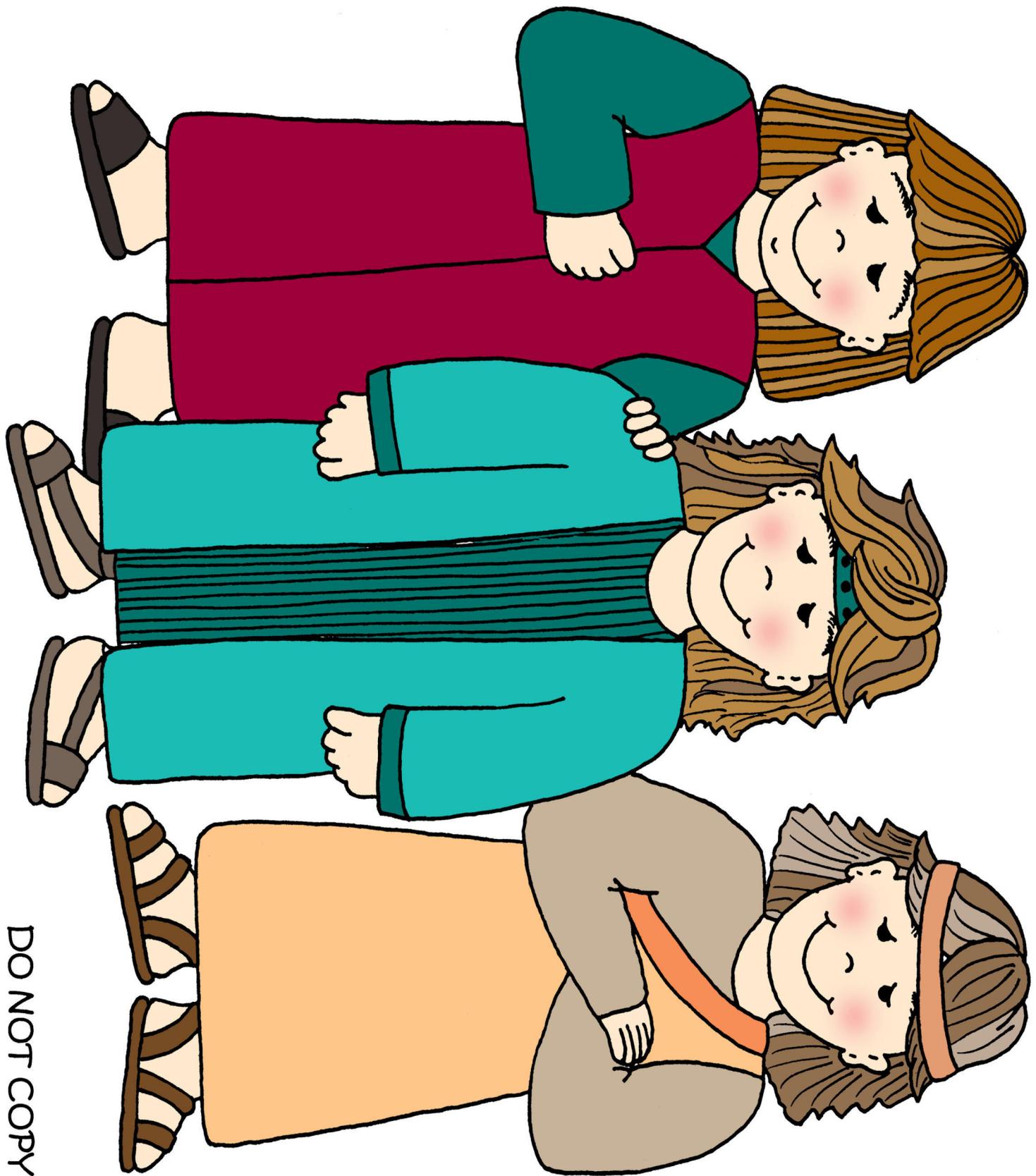




King Benjamin



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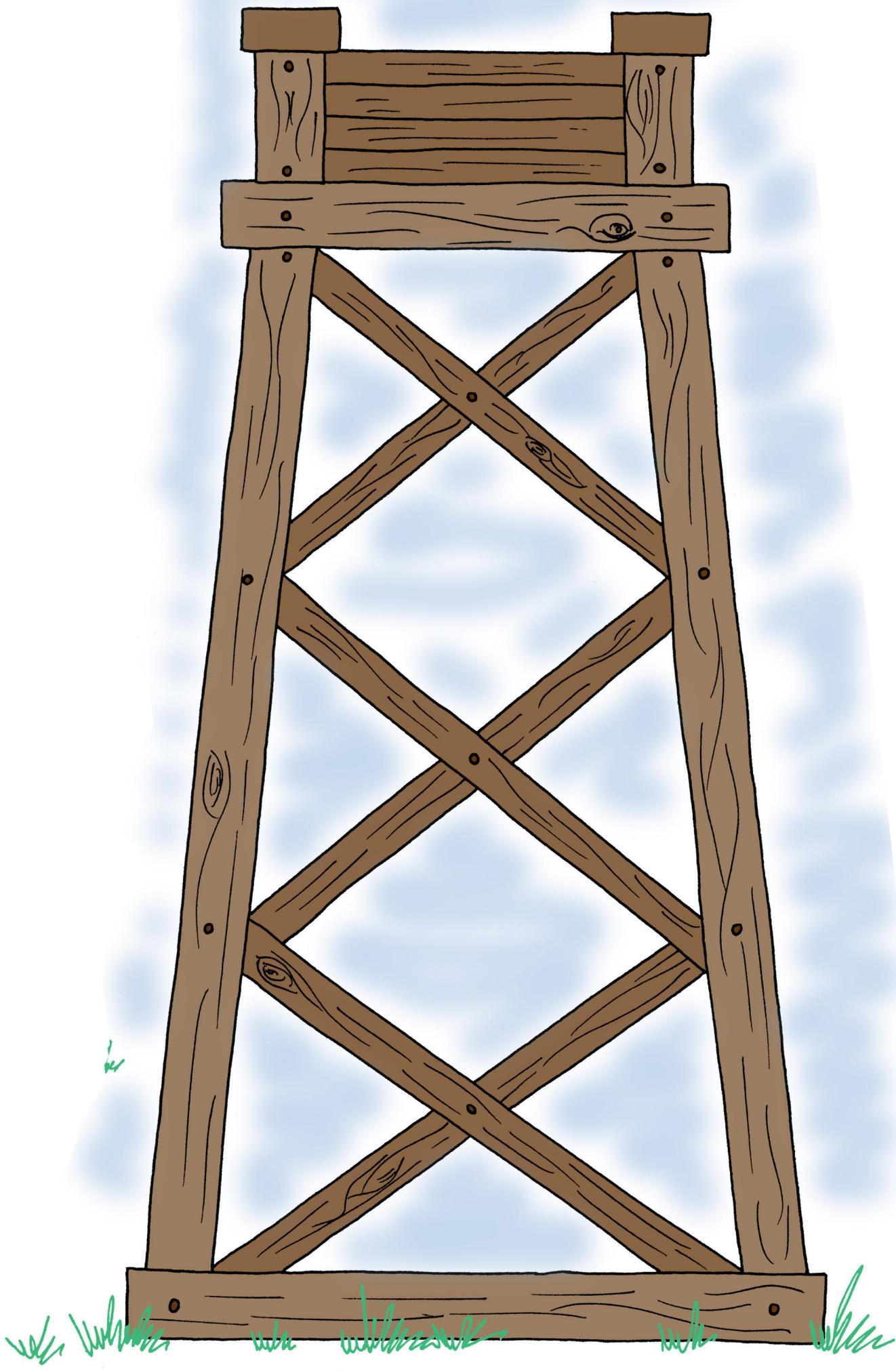
Large Group Game

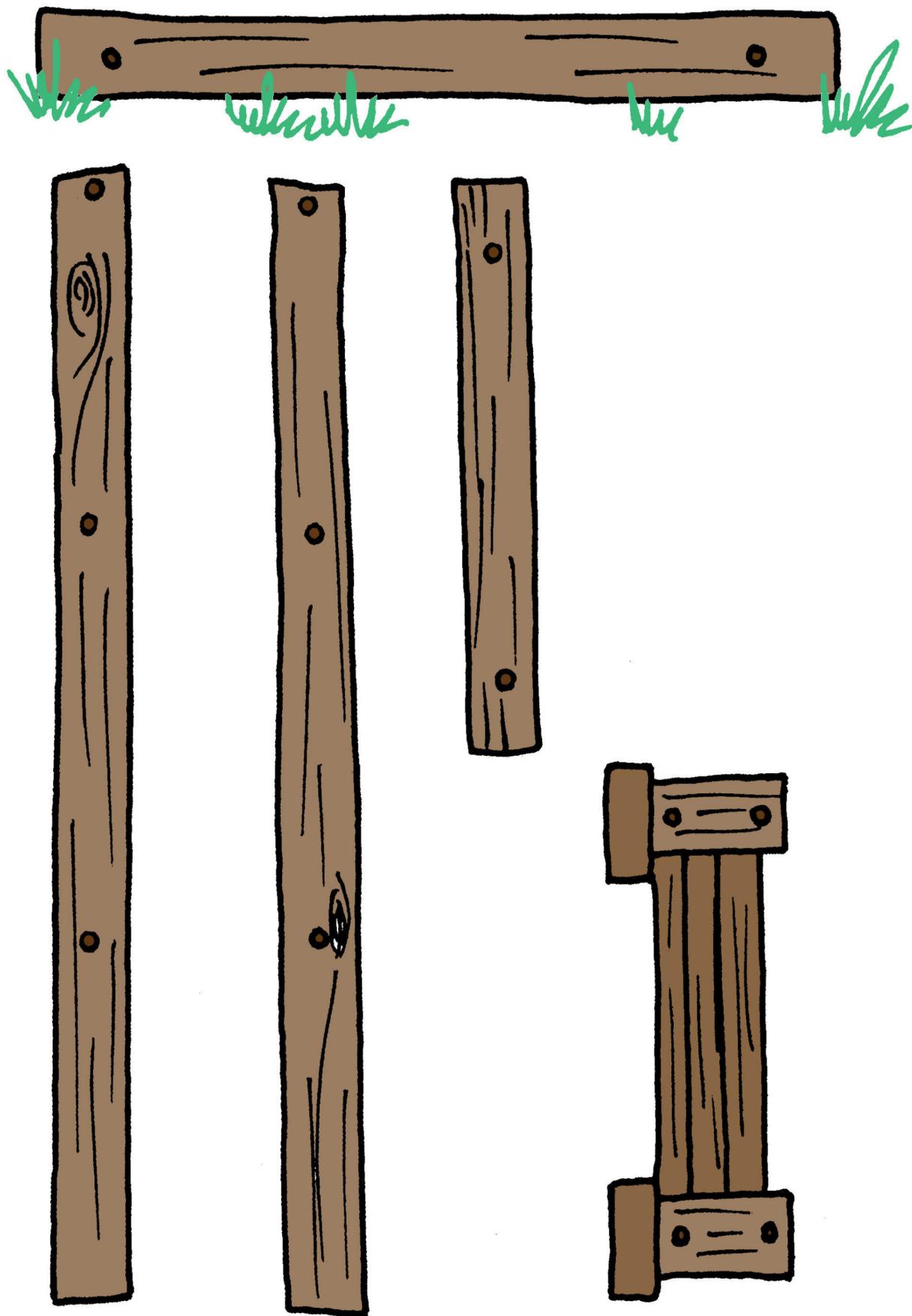
Option 1: Follow the instructions in the packet outline. Print the outline tower page as well as the wooden pieces sheet for each team. Play as directed.

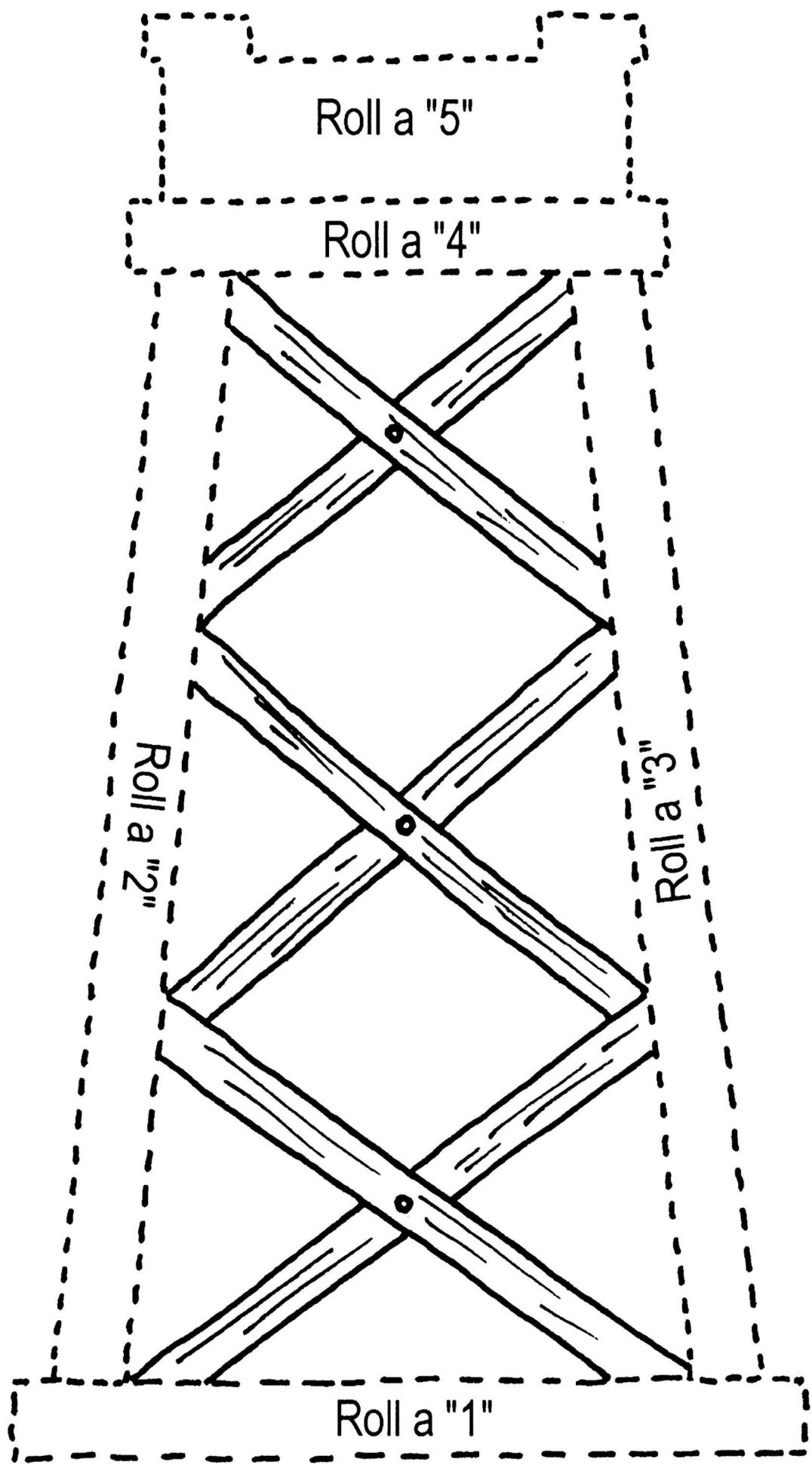
Option 2: Print each team a tower outline as well as the wooden pieces. Take turns asking the group questions about what they learned during this lesson. If they answer correctly, they get to add a piece to their tower. If they miss their question, they lose their turn and it goes back to the other team.

Options 3: Print a tower and wooden pieces for each team. Have each team come up with a series of questions they can ask the other team. Make sure the question is something discussed during this lesson. Continue on with option 2.

King Benjamin's Tower

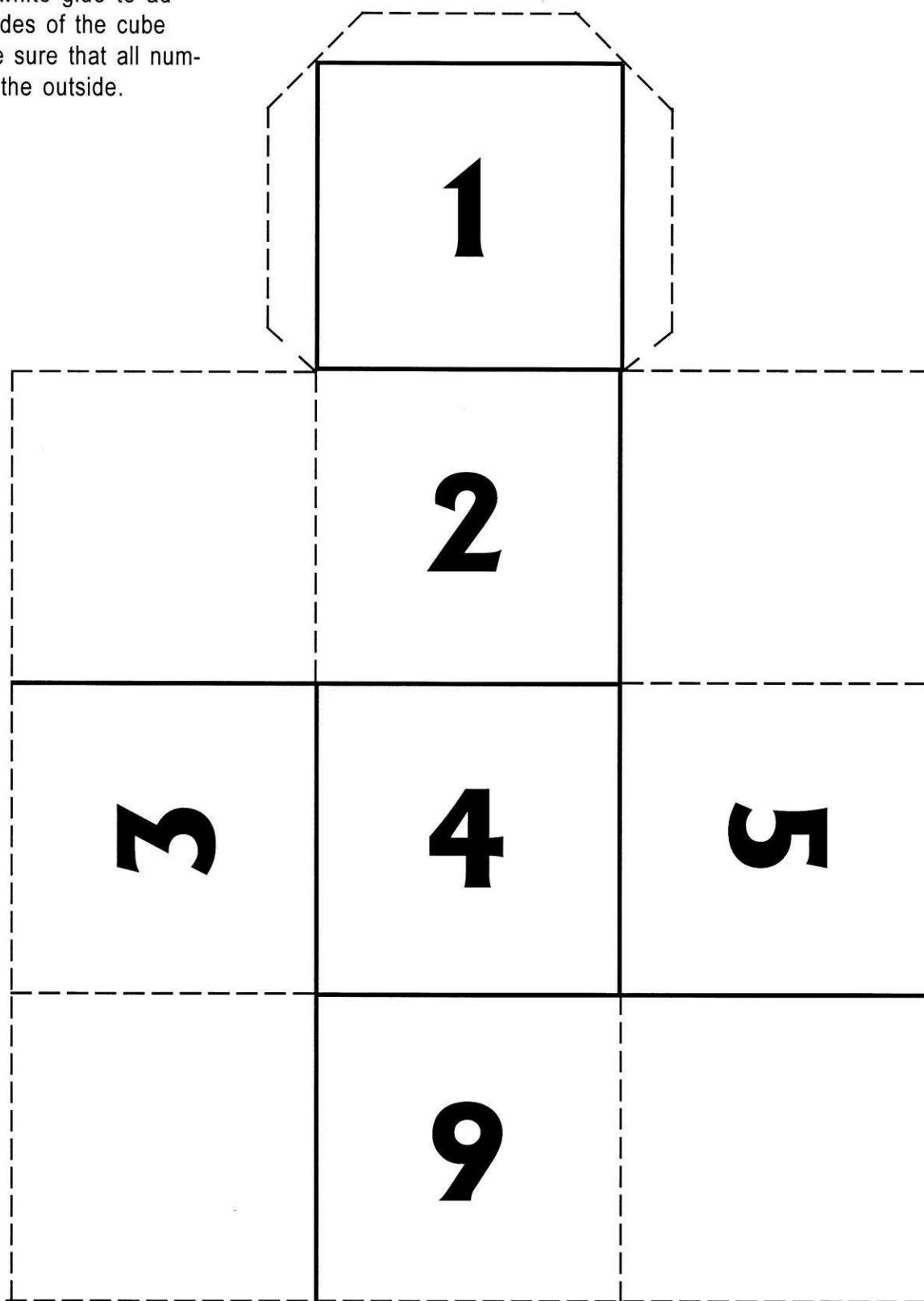






Assembly Directions

- Cut on all dashed lines.
- Fold a crease on all solid lines.
- Fold each side in, forming a cube. Use a glue stick or small amounts of white glue to adhere the insides of the cube together. Be sure that all numbers are on the outside.



Mosiah 3:19

"For the natural man is an enemy to God, and has been from the fall of Adam, and will be, forever and ever, unless he yields to the enticings of the Holy Spirit, and putteth off the natural man and becometh a saint through the atonement of Christ the Lord, and becometh as a child, submissive, meek, humble, patient, full of love, willing to submit to all things which the Lord seeth fit to inflict upon him, even as a child doth submit to his father."

