

**Bible Passage:** Genesis 10-11

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**Big Picture Question:** *What does it mean to sin? We sin when we disobey God.*

## LEADER DEVOTIONAL

We love to measure the health, success, or sustainability of pretty much anything and everything. We measure our kids by their grades in school. We measure teams by their wins and losses. We measure people by their influence and following on social media. In a world obsessed with measuring “success,” we ought to be assessing in our own lives something we cannot see: our motivation.

We can define motivation simply as the reason we do something. Motivation is the driving force behind the decisions we make. There is a reason for everything that we do—both big and small—but what that motivation is might not be obvious to those around us.

In Genesis 11, Noah’s family had grown and began to rebuild the earth’s population. At some point along the way, they decided to ignore God’s command to spread out and subdue the earth for God’s glory. Instead, the people decided to build a tower to show *their* greatness. Their motivation was both obvious and arrogant.

Read Psalm 127:1-2. These verses provide a blatant reminder that God is the only true builder. His glory is our only proper motivation. Additionally, this psalm gives us a promise that those who love God will be able to rest from being driven by selfish motivation.

Doesn’t it sound pretty attractive to be able to rest from selfish motivation that plagues so much of our thinking and behavior? In God’s economy, He’s less worried with the outcome of our decisions and more concerned with the reason for our decisions. That’s not to say that it doesn’t matter what we do. Rather, if our motivation is right—if our hearts are right—our actions will follow. And not only will our motivation and behavior honor God, but much of the anxiety of life will fade away too.

When was the last time you measured your motivation? Is the driving force behind what you do making a name for yourself, your kids, or even your church? Or is the primary desire driving your life boasting in the name of Christ? Read Psalm 127:1 again. May we be driven by God’s glory and not our own.

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## WELCOME

Play music in the background as you greet preschoolers and welcome them to class. Help children transition in and feel welcome.

*\*\*\* Please remember to reference the class schedules posted in your room for the timing of your class's various activities.*

## BIBLE STORY

*\*\*\*Three-year-old classes will line up and march to 3B at 9:40/11:10.*

*\*\*\*Four-year-old classes will line up and march to 4B at 9:25/11:00.*

### PEOPLE REBEL AGAINST GOD

Say • God told Noah's family to spread out and fill the earth. But the people did not obey God. They found a valley and decided to stay there.

They said, "Let's build a city and a tower so tall that its top reaches to the sky. Then everyone will think we are great!"

While the people made bricks and started building, God came down to look at the tower. He was not happy about what the people were doing.

So God mixed up their words. When the people tried to talk, they did not understand one another. If one worker said, "Hand me another brick," nobody else knew what he wanted.

The people had to stop building the city. God made them spread out all over the earth. The city with the unfinished tower was called Babel.

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## ACTIVITY

### BUILD A TOWER

As preschoolers arrive, greet them and their families. Welcome the children into the classroom and invite them to play in the designated block area. Challenge them to work together to see how tall of a tower they can build. Guide them to see which kind of blocks make the tallest and strongest towers.

*Say: Welcome to our class this morning. I am excited to see you. In our Bible story today, we will hear about people who wanted to build a city with a tall tower that reached way into the sky. These people thought building a tall tower would make everyone think they were the greatest people. God was not happy with what they were doing. They disobeyed God. We sin when we disobey God.*

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## SONG

**Sing the song below to tune of “The Bear Went Over the Mountain.” Pass out Bibles.**

“I can open my Bible, I can open my Bible, yes, I can open my Bible,  
And read about God’s love. And read about God’s love.  
-And read about God’s love. Yes, I can open my Bible, I can open my Bible,  
Yes, I can open my Bible, and read about God’s love.”

## SNACK AND PRAYER

Take a restroom break and wash hands or use hand sanitizer. Choose volunteers to help set up for the snack. (Crackers and cups for water located in the cabinet above the sink.) Pray and thank God for the snack.

Serve the snack. As children eat, review and talk about the Bible story.

When children finish snack, lead them to complete the activity page. As they work, continue talking about the Bible story and emphasize the Christ connection.

Say • Since Adam and Eve, all people have been sinners. God sent Jesus to rescue us from sin.

## CLOSING ACTIVITES

Before doing closing activities please have the children help you clean up the toys and materials that have been used today. After the room is cleaned up, set out markers or crayons and let kids work on today’s **Bible Story Coloring Page** until their parents arrive. You can also choose a book to read to the children as they color or for those who don’t want to color. Please make the effort to have the children quietly engaged when parents arrive.

When parents arrive to pick up their children, tell them something that their child enjoyed doing or did well today.

## BEFORE YOU GO...

Please clean up by doing the following:

- 1) Put away any remaining toys.
- 2) Use sanitizing spray to wipe down tables.
- 3) Sweep up any cracker crumbs or dirt.
- 4) Please return your bin, binder, and sign-in clipboard to the resource room across from Toddler A.