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# THE TOWER OF BABEL

GENESIS 11

## CHRIST CONNECTION

People ignored God's plan and tried to make a name for themselves, so God confused their language and scattered them all over the earth.

## BIG PICTURE QUESTION

Who is God? God is our Creator and King.

## MEMORY VERSE

Psalms 104:24

# PREPARE



Take time to reflect  
on today's lesson

## LEADER BIBLE STUDY

Scripture's Tower of Babel account tells of man's disobedience and God's intervening mercy to keep people from their own destruction. Not long after God's covenant to never again destroy the earth by a flood, people chose to follow their own sinful plans rather than obey God's good commands. Despite God's mercy, people failed to trust Him and walk according to His ways.

In what ways is the Tower of Babel story marked by disobedience? How do we see God's kindness in scattering His people and scrambling their language?

After blessing Noah and his sons, God decreed that they were to "be fruitful and multiply; spread out over the earth and multiply on it" (Genesis 9:7). This command seems like it would be easy to obey, but sin's deception fueled an already present danger: mankind's pride-fueled ambition.

God commanded His people to spread out over the earth and fill it with His glory. However, they decided to stay put and build a name for themselves. They were supposed to make much of God, but they decided to make a name for themselves instead. In His love, God drew near to them and saved them from their plans for self-glorification.

God's decision to scatter His people and scramble their languages was part of a plan that emphasized His own glory above the people's self-glorification efforts. Jesus, the Son of God, became man so that He would one day gather His people unto Himself — those of every tribe, tongue, and nation — not to worship or build a name for themselves, but to worship the only worthy One, King Jesus. His grace unites us, saves us, and brings us back into relationship with Him.

Consider the ways God has redirected the plans you have made for yourself. Are you, in hindsight, able to see His redirection as a means of grace upon your life? Reflect on His goodness in intervening. Pray for the kids who will learn from you today, that they would place their trust in the God whose plans are for our good and for His ultimate glory.

## TODAY'S STORY POINT

God is the greatest.



## THE TOWER OF BABEL

After the great flood, God told Noah and his sons to grow their families and fill the earth. Noah's sons and their wives had children, and all their families grew. Over time, the people traveled through a valley and decided to live there.

At this time, everyone in the world spoke the same language. The people said, "We don't want to be scattered all over the earth. Let's build a city with a tower so big that it touches the sky. The tower will make us famous! Then we can stay here together instead of spreading out over the earth."

The people were not doing what God had told them to do. They wanted to be as important as God. They wanted to say, "Look how great we are," instead of "Look how great God is." They wanted glory for themselves instead of God. But God is greater than anyone. God created people to worship Him and give glory to Him alone.

The people made bricks out of clay and baked them in the fire to make stones. Then they used the stones to start building the tower.

God came down to look at the tower. God said, "If they are doing this as one people all having the same language, they will keep thinking up more bad things to do. We need to stop them."

So God mixed up the people's words. Instead of everyone speaking the same language, everyone spoke different languages. When people tried to make plans, they could not understand what other people were saying. If one workman said, "Hand me another brick," nobody else knew what he wanted.

The people had to stop building the city. God made it so the people did just what He had told them to do after the flood: They were scattered all over the world. The city with the unfinished tower was called Babel.

## CHRIST CONNECTION

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# WELCOME



Connect with kids as they arrive

## OPENING ACTIVITIES

Greet each kid as they arrive. Use this time to build relationships and help new kids connect to your group. Before heading to Large Group, kids can work on the provided coloring or activity pages. You can also do the Memory Verse Activity below as a class!

### MEMORY VERSE

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

- **Psalm 104:24, ESV**



### LIVE WORSHIP!

Today we're learning about how God deserves all the worship and praise. So, as a special treat, we're going to have extended Large Group with live worship!

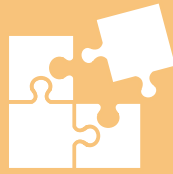
Before going to Large Group, explain to kids why we worship God and how we can worship in many ways, including through music. This will be a sweet day of worship and it will be many kids' first experience with live corporate worship!

## FOCAL POINT: STORIES

This semester, we're focusing on the power of stories — such as the true stories of the Bible, Jesus' parables, our testimonies, and more! Take some time this week to share at least one story of how God is working in your life or the lives of kids in your class.

Even "little" stories can have a big impact and encourage others to continue serving the Lord and loving the kids in our ministry. Use the QR code in your class or text Taylor to share your story!

# ACTIVITIES



Do crafts and games with kids after Large Group

## K12 ACTIVITY

Split kids into groups and provide each group with 10-20 blocks.

Challenge kids to stack the blocks into the tallest tower they can build in 30 seconds. Then, challenge them to do it again in 20 seconds, then 15 seconds, then 10 seconds.

## CONNECT THE DOTS



Do you think you could build a tower of blocks that reached all the way to heaven? No! No one can reach heaven by building a tower or through their own strength. We learned today how people built a tower because they wanted to reach the heavens so everyone would think they were great and praise them. But we know that God alone is great and deserves all praise!

## CONNECT THE DOTS



We learned today that people began to speak many languages and were spread out around the world by God. One day, God will gather all people, who speak all different languages, to Him so that we can all praise and worship God together.

## 345 ACTIVITY

Divide kids into four groups, each at a table, and provide each table with a set of the provided language cards.

Instruct kids to shuffle the cards and place them facedown on the table. Kids can then take turns flipping over two cards at a time. If the cards match, they get to keep them, but if not, they must flip them back over and it's the next person's turn.

Have groups play until all the cards are matched. The kids with the most matches at each table win!

# CLOSING ACTIVITIES



Continue to engage kids while they wait to be picked up

## BIBLE STORY REVIEW

**After Large Group, ask the following questions and lead your class to discuss.**

1. Why was it good that God confused the people's languages?
2. What are ways people try to make themselves great? Why is only God great?
3. How can we show others that only God is great and deserves worship?
4. What do you think it means to worship God?
5. How can we trust that God has good plans for our lives?

## HAVE EXTRA TIME?

Go to the Leader Folder on one of the TVs in your classroom. *(Hit the back button until you see it.)* There, you'll find games and activities to do with your class!



## BEFORE YOU GO...

**Please clean up by doing the following:**

1. Put all extra supplies and binders back in the curriculum bins
2. Clean all trash off the tables
3. Put all crayons, markers, etc. back in the appropriate containers and cubbies
4. Erase the whiteboards and put markers/erasers back in the holder
5. Turn off the TVs as you leave

**THANK YOU FOR SERVING WITH US!**