

Old Testament

The tower of Babel Genesis 11:1-9

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Teachers: This new unit is designed to help your children understand some of the stories in the Old Testament. Each lesson will have both Old Testament and New Testament passages.

PLEASE remember to always include the New Testament verses—this helps each child see how God’s ultimate plan was fulfilled in Christ!

Welcome Time

Have you ever heard someone speak another language and you wondered what they were saying. Something funny happens in today’s story related to that. Let’s see.

Bible Story

*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

Last week we talked about Noah. When the boat landed, Noah and his family repopulated the world. All the people spoke the same language. Everyone used the same words.

One day, some of the people had an idea. They said to each other, “Let’s make bricks and bake them to make them hard.” Then they said to each other, “Let’s build for ourselves a city and tower. So they used bricks instead of stones, and tar instead of mortar to build the city. Let’s make the top of the tower reach high into the sky. We will be famous. If we do this, we will not be scattered all over the world. We can reach up to God and people will follow us and worship us.

The Lord saw the city and the tower. He saw that the people had started being proud of what they had done. They stopped listening to Him and started trying to be like God. They bragged about the tower and wanted people to worship them instead of God.

God decided to do something that would make the people rely on Him and not themselves.

Suddenly, He made many people speak different languages. Can you believe it? One day they all talked the same language, and instantly they spoke different languages. This caused the groups that spoke the same languages to come together and move to another

Lesson Goals

Explain what made God cause people to speak different languages
See if we have anything that we try to put ahead of God
Understand how we can get to God

area of the world. They forgot about building the tower.

So the place was called “Babel” because all the people were babbling in different languages.

This taught the people an important lesson. They thought that they could get to Heaven on their own and be like God. God showed them that He is the only true God and the only way to Heaven is by believing in Jesus.

Lots of times we may think that we can be good enough to get to Heaven—or good enough to please God. But there is no way. Somewhere, sometime, someplace, we will do something wrong. So what can we do? We must trust Jesus and ask Him to come into our lives. We only have to do this ONE time. The Bible says that Jesus will come in and stay with us forever. He will forgive all our wrongs and bring us to God.

One lesson we can learn from this story is that we really have to be careful about being proud and showing off. God wants us to live like Jesus did. We must love everyone and treat all people with respect and kindness. No one is better than anyone else. We are all children of God.

Learning Activities

Try activities that will help the kids apply the lesson to their lives.

Memory Verse Activities

The people in today’s lesson sinned against God by wanting people to worship them instead of God. When we hide God’s Word in our hearts, it helps us not to do wrong. Help the kids memorize the verse and apply it to their lives.

Prayer Time

Don’t take prayer for granted. Share how God has answered your prayers and tell them some of the things that you are praying for.

Snack Time/CleanUp

Bring trash bags so that all the leftovers and wrappers can be picked up inside and outside!

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Genesis 12:1-9

Preschool Lesson
For
The Tower of Babel

Teachers: Bring some blocks, Lego's, or boxes to illustrate the lesson today.

After Noah and his family landed the ark and got out, God helped Noah's sons and children. After many years, there were lots of people in the world again.

One day, some of the people decided that they wanted to build a big tower all the way up to Heaven. They made bricks that were very strong and started building the tower. (Put several blocks together).

They were very proud of themselves. They were bragging because people were praising them for all their work. They thought to themselves that if they continued, people would worship them.

God saw what these people were doing and He was sad. He wanted them to worship Him and not themselves. (Put more blocks on the tower)

God knew that there was only one way to change their hearts. He suddenly made some of the people speak different languages. Before this, everyone spoke the same language. Now, people spoke different languages. They wandered around the city trying to find others that spoke their language.

Because of what God did, the people stopped building the tower and started trusting God again. They saw the only God is God and we cannot get to Heaven by building a tower.

God tells us that the only way to Heaven is by believing in Jesus. He will help us get to Heaven one day.

Sing "O, How I love Jesus."

Hands-On Activities
For
The Tower of Babel

Try a simulation to let the kids see how it must have been when everyone started speaking other languages. Let them speak garble to each other so that only they know what they are saying. It will seem like chaos. Talk about what it must have been like for the people. Share how this is why we have so many languages now. Because of this, people scattered all over the world speaking their new languages.

(Messy but fun idea) Make Bricks out of concrete and water (put them in a plastic form or container). Let them write their name in the brick and place it somewhere to dry. Pop the “brick” out of the form when they are dry and let the kids take it home.

Create a marshmallow tower out of big marshmallows. Use frosting or peanut butter to “glue” the marshmallows together.

Design a sugar cube tower.

See how tall the kids can build a tower out of blocks before it falls over. Another idea is to time them to see how many they can put on top of each other in a minute.

Talk about why God stopped the building process. What were the motives of the people? Who had they forgotten? Could they have gotten to Heaven? What lessons can we learn?

Build a “tower of Babel” nacho snack. Mound a plate high with corn chips. Add melted cheese and enjoy your cheese tower together!
