

# THE TOWER OF BABEL

Genesis 11:1–9



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Message	We should put God above ourselves instead of seeking fame.
Learning Objectives	The children will learn: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ How God mixed up the language of humankind.</li><li>■ God did not accept the arrogance of humankind.</li></ul>
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## Tower of Babel



The children of Noah multiplied, and formed big families. They all spoke the same language. The people journeyed from the east to the land Shinar where they decided to live.

The people said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks out of this clay and burn them. We will then build a great city and live there.”

The people wanted to build a great city, but they felt it should not be an ordinary city.

They decided, “We want to build a tower so high that its top will reach up to heaven. In this way, we shall be famous throughout the world. We will make a name for ourselves ”

God saw what the people were doing. God said, “These people have become proud. They are one nation and speak the same language. They have decided to build this tower. They will not stop. I will confuse their speech and give each one a different language so that they will no longer understand one another.”

God confused their speech. The people suddenly found it very difficult to work together because they could no longer understand each other.

Unable to complete their city and the very big tower, the people scattered to live in different countries.

### Suggestions for the Teacher

#### Lead-In

Show the picture to the children. Discuss with them what they see. Ask what she/he may feel....  
Let some of the children play the story in a role-play. (Without speaking) Instruct them before.  
Provide disguise / fancy dress, use chairs to construct a tower....

#### Lesson Instructions

Begin telling the story...

Discuss with the children...

- What do the people want? (To become great, to build a tower that would reach heaven.)
- Why? (To make a name for themselves, out of arrogance.)
- How do they feel when they can-not talk to each other while building the tower?

Have the children repeat...

- God mixed up the language of humankind.
- God did not accept the arrogance of humankind.

Real-Life Application (explain the following)

- Ask the children what they would like to do when they grow up (Profession, plan of starting family, having children...)
- When we plan our future, it is important we put God first in our lives.
- How do we do this? (Priority for activities in our faith, )

Repeat the Message

We should put God above ourselves instead of seeking  
fame.