



At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12
God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua
Unit 6, Lesson 30

The Tower of Babel

Lesson Aim: To challenge children to trust God enough to follow His plan and acknowledge Him.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What is the tallest thing you have ever built?

GAME: Mighty Towers

THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO PROVIDES

Read Worship Scripture: Ephesians 3:20.

Sing songs and worship God.

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Bible Barn script or read storybook.

THE WORD GOD SCATTERED THE BUILDERS

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: God provided a way to save Noah and the animals.

Today, we will read about some people who tried to build a city and tower to make themselves seem important. Point to Tower of Babel.

This ancient city was built on a plain in Shinar, which was in Mesopotamia. Point out Mesopotamia. Reveal Bible Story Scripture

Reference: Genesis 11:1-9. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: Genesis 11:4.

Pray. **God showed the builders of the city and tower of Babel that He is the greatest in all of heaven and earth.** Read.

THE WAY TRUSTING GOD'S PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE

At the beginning of the story, how many languages were on earth?

(One.) **What did the people decide to do?** (Build a city and tower tall enough to reach the heavens.) **What were the two reasons?** (To make a name for themselves, so they were not scattered.)

What did God do to stop the building of the tower? (He confused their language so they could not work together.) **Why was the city called**

Babel? (Babel sounds like a Hebrew word that means "confusion." It was named after what God did to the language of the people building it.)

The builders did not acknowledge God in all their ways. What does it mean to "acknowledge God in all your ways?" To acknowledge is

to give someone credit for who they are and what they have done. Have you ever taken credit for something God did through you?

We often want credit for our accomplishments. Who makes them possible? (God.) How might this story have been different if the builders had asked God about His plan? Have you ever hoped to become famous? God is the only one who can make us famous in a way that is good and pleasing to Him. Can you trust God to decide how others will know your name? What do you think God wants from us as we build great buildings or do other amazing things?

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Most of us want to know our life counts in an important way. Some may want to build great buildings or to be famous for doing great things. Encourage children to share their current and future goals. **God has given us the talents and gifts we need to do what He has planned. God wants us to give Him the glory and credit for the great things He does through us. Thousands of years after God showed His greatness during the building of the tower of Babel, Paul prayed for us to bring glory to God, pointing others to Him through our good works.** Reveal 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

At times, it may be tempting to make choices as the builders of the tower of Babel did. Why is it more important to follow God's directions for your life than your own plan? We don't know God's exact plan, but He has told us how to live a life that pleases Him. Where do we find details about that kind of life? (The Bible.) This week pray about this challenge: will you trust God enough to follow His plan for your life and give Him the credit for your successes?

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Toy building block
- W³ BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #30
- OFFERING OF ART: The Tower of Babel
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Alphabet Mix-up Cookies

GAME: Four Corners of the Earth

CRAFT: Built for God

DISCUSSION: Be Careful How You Build

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: The Wave, Yahweh—Trust in the Lord

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