



The Tower of Babel

Lesson Aim: To know we are to act in ways which show God's greatness.

THE WORSHIP

Who God Is: The God Who Provides

THE WORD

Bible Story: Genesis 11:1-9

What He Has Done: God stopped the builders when they tried to be more powerful than Him.

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE

"I will always obey Your law." Psalm 119:44a

Unit 6: The God Who Provides			
	Bible Story	What He Has Done	Lesson Aim
27	Adam and Eve Disobey, Genesis 3:1-13	God gave fair punishment to Adam, Eve and the serpent.	To know God wants us to obey Him.
28	Cain and Abel, Genesis 4:2b-7a	God showed mercy and justice to Cain.	To know God wants us to be loving toward others.
29	Noah Builds an Ark, Genesis 6:5, 7-9, 14, 19, 22; 7:16-18, 23-24; 8:1, 7-12; 9:13-15	God provided a way to save Noah and the animals.	To know God will provide.
30	The Tower of Babel, Genesis 11:1-9	God stopped the builders when they tried to be more powerful than Him.	To know we are to act in ways which show God's greatness.
31	Abram Goes to a New Land, Genesis 12:1-8	God called Abram and promised to bless him.	To know we can trust and obey God's direction.

TEACHER'S ENCOURAGEMENT

This week, read 1 Corinthians 3:9-23. Please join us in praying, "Thank You, Lord, Your ways are higher than ours. Use us to build Your kingdom instead of our own. Help the children understand the difference. Amen."

TEACHER'S TIP

The best way to make for a smooth class time is to have a plan. Know what activities you plan to do and what order you will do them in. Also make sure you have all the supplies you need. The second best way to make for a smooth class time, is to know you may have to adjust your plan! Be willing to take time for "teachable moments" and always have an extra activity in mind as a backup.

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THE WORSHIP THE WORD & THE WAY

Segment	Minutes	Activity	Supplies
THE WELCOME		Welcome	Treasure chest, stamp or sticker of a hammer, a tall building, or a building block
		Coloring Center: The Tower of Babel	Coloring pages of The Tower of Babel, crayons
		Play-Dough Center: All for Him	Play-dough, cookie cutters, play-dough tools
		Block Center: A Tall Tower	Blocks
		Activity Center: Memory Verse Hop	Six laminated paper bricks
		Preparing for Worship	None
THE WORSHIP	Up to 20	Worship Sheet music and recordings for Bible Memory Verse Songs available at ResourceWell.org.	Praise music, optional: musical instruments Unit 6 Bible Memory Verse Song: "I Will Always Obey Your Law" Other Bible Memory Verse Song Suggestions: "Blessed Are Those" "I Lift Up My Eyes" (BMVS Ages 6-12) "I Will Listen" "Let Everything That Has Breath" "Praise Time: Love the Lord Your God" Additional Song Suggestions: "Mr. Noah Had an Ark" by Little Praise Party "What a Mighty God We Serve" "Who Built the Ark?"
		Offering	Baskets
		Worship Illustration	<i>The Adventures of Delbert and Lello</i> puppet script or storybook: God of Wonders Unit 6, Lesson 30
THE WORD	Up to 10	Watch the Word: Genesis 11:1-9	Teacher's Bible with bookmark at Genesis 11:4 Visual: Picture of the Bible story, toy hammer
THE WAY	Up to 25	Craft: The Tower of Babel	Standard-size sheet of sturdy red paper, label or white paper, building materials*, glue (Template available at ResourceWell.org.)
		Game: Build It Higher	Building blocks or any combination of stackable items
		Game: Up to the Heavens	Balloon, Unit 6 Bible Memory Verse Song "I Will Always Obey Your Law"
		Snack: Building for God	Any stackable snack (cheese crackers, vanilla wafers, mini marshmallows, etc.)
	Final 5	Final Five	Ponder, Pray & Play: Unit 6, Lesson 30
GOT TIME?	Up to 10	Say & Do: Genesis 11:1-9	None
	Up to 10	Game: Freedom Walk	Unit 6 Bible Memory Verse Song "I Will Always Obey Your Law"
	Up to 10	Game: Say It!	None
	Up to 10	Story Time	Any story about building God's kingdom or putting God first

RESOURCES: Supplemental materials are available at ResourceWell.org.



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THE WELCOME

WELCOME

Welcome each child as they arrive. **Hello _____.** I'm glad you are here! **Come open the Treasure Chest to find today's treasure.** Child unlocks the Treasure Chest to receive a stamp or sticker of a hammer, tall building, or building block. **Let this stamp (or sticker) remind you we can build things for God.**

Teacher's Note: These activity centers are designed to reinforce the lesson through hands-on learning experiences either individually or in small groups with the guidance of the teacher. Choose the Bible Activity Centers that best suit the children in your class. Set up the activity centers around the room before children arrive. Allow children to move freely among them.

COLORING CENTER: THE TOWER OF BABEL

SUPPLIES

Coloring pages of The Tower of Babel, crayons

DO

Children color their pictures while talking about the story.

TALK ABOUT

Long after Noah, there were many people in the world again. One day, some of the people decided to build a tall, tall tower. But, God didn't like that because they were building the tower to make themselves great. God wants us to praise Him with everything we do. What could you build for God? (Children respond.)

PLAY-DOUGH CENTER: ALL FOR HIM

SUPPLIES

Play-dough, cookie cutters, play-dough tools

DO

Children work with the play-dough while discussing today's lesson aim.

TALK ABOUT

God loves when we do things and make things for Him. What are some things you could do for God? (Children respond.) **What are some things you could make for God?** (Children respond.)

THE WELCOME *continued...*

BLOCK CENTER: A TALL TOWER

SUPPLIES

Blocks

DO

Challenge the children to see how tall of a tower they can build with the blocks.

TALK ABOUT

Today, we will hear how the people of Babel wanted to make a tall tower. They would have worked many, many long days making bricks and stacking them one after the other. Let's work together to make bricks for a tall tower. How tall of a tower do you think we can build?

(Children respond.)

ACTIVITY CENTER: MEMORY VERSE HOP

SUPPLIES

Six laminated paper bricks

DO

Children hop from brick to brick while reciting the Bible Memory Verse.

TALK ABOUT

When we obey God's rules, we're showing God we love Him. The people of Babel built a tower out of bricks but they built it to make themselves look great. They were not obeying God's rules. Our Bible Memory Verse reminds us to obey. As we hop from brick to brick, let's say our verse together. Lay the six bricks on the floor in a line. Have children hop from brick to brick as everyone says the Unit 6 Bible Memory Verse together: **"I will always obey your law."**

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Once the service has begun, clean up and begin the planned activities.

Let's sing the "Clean Up Song" as we put toys away. Praise any child who helps.

Clean up! Clean up! Everybody, everywhere!

Clean up! Clean up! Everybody do your share!

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SIGN LANGUAGE

(For visual demonstrations, see www.signingsavvy.com)

**"I will
always
obey
Your law."**

(I) Point to self.

Hold your index finger in the air, palm up, and draw a couple of large circles.

Place fists at forehead. Open fists as you move outward, staying level with forehead.

(law) Touch the palm of the right "L" hand to the left flat-hand palm. Pull it off, move it down an inch or two and touch the left palm again.

Psalms 119:44a

Hold hands open, as if holding a Bible.



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THE WORSHIP

Supplies: Praise music, optional: musical instruments, long pole (stick, broom handle, rope, ribbon, or scarf)

Teacher Tip: To help children identify time set aside for worship, designate a special corner or area for singing, collecting offering, and watching the worship illustration. Play "Praise Time: Love the Lord Your God" as children move to that designated area.



It's Praise Time—our time to sing praise to God who gives us all we need. Let's pray to Him right now. Have the children bow their heads and close their eyes. **Dear God, I know my help comes from You. You are the maker of heaven and earth. You are a mighty God. Amen.**



Sing: "I Lift Up My Eyes." Have the children walk in a circle while you and/or your helper holds the pole for them to walk under. Move the height of the pole higher and lower during the song.

God gave the people in Babel all they needed, but they wanted to build a tower to become as high as the heavens and as great as Him. He stopped them because He wants us to build things that show others how great He is not how great we are. As we give our offering today, we can ask God to use it to build things that show others how great He is. Sing: "I Will Listen" while the offering is collected.



Let's see if our friends Delbert and Lello know about the people who built the tower of Babel. Perform *The Adventures of Delbert and Lello* puppet script or read storybook: God of Wonders Unit 6, Lesson 30.



Let's make a promise to always obey God and build things that show others how great He is. Let's say our Bible memory verse together. Practice with the motions.

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always
obey**

(I) Point to self.

Hold your index finger in the air, palm up, and draw a couple of large circles. Place fists at forehead. Open fists as you move outward, staying level with forehead.

Your law."

(law) Touch the palm of the right "L" hand to the left flat-hand palm. Pull it off, move it down an inch or two and touch the left palm again.

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Sing: "I Will Always Obey Your Law."



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THE WORD

Supplies: Teacher's Bible with bookmark at Genesis 11:4, picture of the Bible story, toy hammer

Before we begin our Bible Time, let's say our Classroom Promise with the motions.

With my eyes on my teacher;	Point to eyes.
My mouth quiet as can be,	Place index finger over mouth as quiet sign.
I will listen to hear,	Cup hand around ear.
How God loves you and me.	Hug self, point to others, and then self.

Let's reach deep in our pockets and pull out our listening ears. Reach in your pocket and cup your hands behind your ears as if listening.

Hold up the toy hammer. **What do we use a hammer for?** (Pounding nails, building, etc.) **Last time, we learned Noah obeyed God and built a big boat called an ark. Today, we will hear about some people who didn't obey when they were building. They wanted to build a tower so they could try to be as great as God. Do you think God was happy with them? (No.) Let's find out what happened.** Handle Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to Genesis 11:4.



WATCH THE WORD: GENESIS 11:1-9

Read the story below or retell the passage in your own words. To illustrate the story, show a picture of the Bible story from a children's Bible, the coloring page, or other source.

- **There were many people across the land**
- **And their language was all the same.**
- **Some of the people moved to Babel**
- **And built a tower one day.**

- **They said, "Let us build a tower to the heavens**
- **To be as high and great as the Lord."**
- **So, He then confused their words;**
- **They understood each other no more.**

- **They could not finish their tower**
- **For they could not work together well.**
- **The Lord wants you to build things for Him,**
- **Not just for yourself.**

Why did the people want to build the Tower of Babel? (So they could be as great as God.) **Noah and his family built the ark to obey God. The people built the Tower of Babel to make themselves great. Which builders pleased God?** (Noah and his family.) **Each time we build anything, let us build it for God.**



God wants us to build His kingdom

THE WAY

Teacher Tip: Craft and games can be presented at the same time in different areas or one at a time depending on class size and teaching style.

CRAFT: THE TOWER OF BABEL

Purpose: To build something that points others to God.

Craft template with instructions and sample is available at ResourceWell.org or use the following instructions to design your own:

Supplies: Standard-size sheet of sturdy red paper, label or white paper, building materials*, glue (*For building materials, you may choose to use cereal, pasta, squares of paper, or other materials that look like bricks or stones.)

Prepare: For the Tower of Babel, cut the two long sides of the sturdy red paper at a slant so the paper is wider at the bottom than it is at the top. On a label or piece of paper, print:

The Tower of Babel

Genesis 11:1-9

Adaptation for Ages 2-3: This craft has been adapted from the curriculum for ages 4-5.

The people were building the Tower of Babel so they could be as high as the heavens and as great as God. When God confused everyone's words, He showed He only wants us to build things that show how great He is! Today, we will make a tower to help us remember what God showed everyone at the Tower of Babel.

Directions:

1. Attach printed label to the top of the tower.
2. Glue pasta or other building materials to the tower.

Craft Discussion:

- **The people wanted to build a tower to reach the heavens so they could be higher than God. Why did this make God unhappy?** (They were trying to be greater than God instead of being caring and respectful. They were not loving Him.)
- **God wants us to build things that will point others to Him. Building a tall tower for someone else to enjoy, points others to God's kindness. God is happy with anything you build as long as your heart is hoping to point others to Him.**
- **You can use the tower you have built to tell others the story of the Tower of Babel. That will point them to God.**

THE WAY *continued...*

GAME: BUILD IT HIGHER

Purpose: Children enjoy communicating in one language as they build a tower together.

Supplies: Building blocks or any combination of stackable items

The people built the Tower of Babel to make themselves higher than God. God did not like that. God wants us to build things that help others and point others to God. Together, let's make a building that would point others to Him.

Directions:

1. Guide children in making a choice together about what they want to build: house, church, school, bank, store, hospital, library, fire station, etc.
2. When you begin, have the children try building without speaking.
3. After a minute or two, allow them to talk to each other. Encourage children to work together and talk about what they are building. Discuss how hard it would have been for the people to work together if they did not understand each other.

GAME: UP TO THE HEAVENS

Purpose: To remember today's story.

Supplies: Balloon, Unit 6 Bible Memory Verse Song "I Will Always Obey Your Law"

The tower the people of Babel were building reached high into the sky. They wanted their tower to reach into the heavens. They thought that would make them as great as God. Let's have some fun batting this balloon high into the air as we remember the foolish people of Babel.

Directions:

1. Inflate the balloon and tie it closed.
2. Children stand in a circle.
3. Children take turns batting the balloon into the air.
4. Play the Unit 6 Bible Memory Verse Song and other praise music while the children play.

THE WAY *continued...*

SNACK: BUILDING FOR GOD

Purpose: To remind us to build things that help others and point others to God.

Snack Suggestion: Any stackable snack (cheese crackers, vanilla wafers, mini marshmallows, etc.)

The people of Babel built a tall tower out of bricks. Before you eat your snack, see how high of a tower you can make with it.

Directions:

1. Serve snack and drink.
2. **Let's sing the "Blessing Song."** Sing to the tune of "Frere Jacques" or another familiar tune.
**God our Father, God our Father. Once again, once again,
Thank You for our blessings. Thank You for our blessings. Amen. Amen.**
3. Lead discussion below while children enjoy their snack.
 - **Was God pleased with what the builders were doing?** (No.)
 - **How did God stop them from finishing the tower?** (He confused their language so they could not finish building.)
 - **What does God want from us as we build great buildings or do other great things?** (God wants us to show others how great He is and to love Him in everything we do.)
 - **What kind of buildings does God want us to build?** (Those that help others and point others to God.) **What would you like to build?** (Children respond.)



When only 5 minutes remain, begin this segment.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE

Gather children in a circle sitting or standing and practice the words and motions.

"I will	(I) Point to self.
always	Hold your index finger in the air, palm up, and draw a couple of large circles.
obey	Place fists at forehead. Open fists as you move outward, staying level with forehead.
Your law."	(law) Touch the palm of the right "L" hand to the left flat-hand palm. Pull it off, move it down an inch or two and touch the left palm again.
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PRAY

Let's pray together. Say a closing prayer with the children.

PLAY

Allow children to play with selected toys or centers or choose a book to read to them.

DISMISSAL

Have children take home their coloring page, craft, and a copy of the Ponder, Pray & Play for 2-3's.



If time remains, choose from the connected activities below.

GOT TIME?

SAY & DO: GENESIS 11:1-9

Purpose: This pantomime version of the Bible Story helps the children remember the story details.

Supplies: None

Directions: With each phrase, the teacher says the phrase and leads the children in doing the hand motions.

- **There were many people across the land** (Spread arms wide.)
- **And their language was all the same.** (Point to mouth.)
- **Some of the people moved to Babel** (Walk in place.)
- **And built a tower one day.** (Pretend to stack blocks.)

- **They said, "Let us build a tower to the heavens** (Pound fist on top of fist.)
- **To be as high and great as the Lord."** (Reach as high as you can.)
- **So, He then confused their words.** (Point to mouth.)
- **They understood each other no more.** (Point to ears and shake head no.)

- **They could not finish their tower** (Pound fist on top of fist.)
- **For they could not work together well.** (Shake head no.)
- **The Lord wants you to build things for Him,** (Point to heaven.)
- **Not just for yourself.** (Point to others.)



BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES

"I will always obey Your law." Psalm 119:44a

GAME: FREEDOM WALK

Purpose: To help children memorize and review the Unit 6 Bible Memory Verse.

Supplies: Unit 6 Bible Memory Verse Song "I Will Always Obey Your Law"

Directions:

1. Stand in a circle with the children.
2. **Let's pretend we are standing in the Garden of Eden, as we say our Bible Memory Verse, then we will walk about in freedom.**
3. **Can you say our Bible Memory Verse with me?**
"I will always obey Your law." Psalm 119:44a
4. Play the Unit 6 Bible Memory Verse Song while children roam freely about the room.
5. Make up motions. Be sure to walk and dance freely when you "walk about in freedom!"
6. Periodically, stop the music. Children stop where they are. Lead the children in saying the Bible Memory Verse together.

GOT TIME? *continued...*

GAME: SAY IT!

Purpose: To help children memorize and review the Unit 6 Bible Memory Verse.

Supplies: None

God loves when we remember His words. Where do we find the words God has given us? (In the Bible.) **Let's practice our Bible Memory Verse. Before we begin, let's say it together. "I will always obey Your law," Psalm 119:44a.**

Directions:

1. Have the children stand in a circle with you.
2. Say to a child, **"Can you say the Bible Memory Verse in a whisper?"** Say the verse with the child, as needed. Encourage the child by saying, "Great job!" or give them a "high five."
3. Have each child say the Bible Memory Verse in a different way. Some suggestions might be:
 - **Say the Bible Memory Verse _____.**
 - loudly.** **quietly and slowly.** **as quickly as you can.**
 - slowly.** **while turning in a circle.** **while jumping up and down.**
 - Or, choose groups to say the verse together, such as: **"All the girls, say the Bible Memory Verse as loudly as you can."**
4. End by saying the Bible Memory Verse together in any way you choose.



STORY TIME

Gather the children and read a favorite story. This can be a Bible Story, a chapter from *The Adventures of Delbert & Lello*, or a story about building God's kingdom or putting God first.

PONDER, PRAY & PLAY

Unit 6, Lesson 30: The Tower of Babel

PONDER! The people of Babel decided to build a tall, tall tower. God was sad because they were building the tower to make themselves great (Genesis 11:1-9). God wants us to praise Him with everything we do. What could you build for God?

PRAY! Pray this prayer each day this week: "Thank You, Lord, for giving us all we need to build for You. Use the things we build to help others and point them to You. Amen."

PLAY! Gather building blocks or other stackable items and build a tall tower together. As you add each block, share something wonderful God has done by completing this sentence: "God is great. He ____" (e.g., gave me friends, made me a fast runner). It will be a tower built with praises!

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE

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obey Place fists at forehead. Open fists as you move outward, staying level with forehead.
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