

FALL

“Tower of Babel: Humans Wanted to be Equal with God”

Series Objective: Students will learn:

- Humans disobeyed God
- Jealousy is a sin
- Noah, his family, and animals were saved by God
- Humans wanted to be equal to God

Series Theme Verse: “Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked.” Psalm 1:1

Lesson Objective: Students will understand that God has no equal, because God is Creator.

Lesson Passage: Genesis 11:1-9

Materials Needed: Jenga game or building blocks or some other type of blocks children use to build a tower. 4 signs (construction paper or poster board sized). With a marker, print one word on each sign. The words are “joys”, “wicked”, “sinners”, and “mockers”.

Lesson Plan:

The Story:

Talking Points:

- Before telling the story, allow the students to build with the blocks.
- Challenge the students to build a tower as high as the ceiling.
- When their efforts inevitably fail, have the children sit near the fallen blocks and listen to a story about some people who wanted to build a high tower.
- Read the story from Genesis 11, then paraphrase it.
- In the story, how many languages were spoken by all the people on earth? (1)
- What did the people decide to build? (a city and a tower)
- What did the people use to build the tower? (bricks)
- How tall did they want to make the tower? (as tall as Heaven)
- Why did they want to build such a tall tower? (they wanted to show how great they were)
- Will people ever be as great as God? (no)
- Did God see the tower? (yes, God sees everything)
- Was God pleased with the tower? (no)
- What did God do to stop the people from building? (He confused their language)

- Did He let all the people stay where they were? (no, He scattered them all over the whole world)

The Story Retold:

- Ask the students to work together to build a small tower.
- Knock down the tower and have them rebuild the tower, only this time, no one can talk to each other.
- Can they work together to build without talking to each other?
- It would be hard to work together on such a big project if they couldn't talk to each other.
- Explain to the children that God wants us to ask Him for help instead of trying to prove how great we are.

The Story and Me:

- Say the Series Theme Verse as a group several times.
- Hand out the construction paper or poster board signs to 4 students.
- As the teacher says the verse, the students holding the signs will raise their sign high in the air at the appropriate time in the verse.
- If time allows, have the students give their sign to someone who hasn't held one.