

MARCH 9
9:00am & 11:00am
Three and Four Year Olds
THE TOWER OF BABEL
(GENESIS 11)

CHRIST CONNECTION: Instead of obeying God, people tried to make themselves famous, so God mixed up their language and made them spread out all over the earth. One day, Jesus will come back and people from all nations, speaking many languages, will worship Him together. (Revelation 7:9-10)

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: Who is God? God is our Creator and King.

KEY PASSAGE PHRASE: *The earth is full of God's creatures. Psalm 104:24*

STORY POINT: God is the greatest.

LEARN

(GATHER ON THE RUG FOR THE LESSON)

1. INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

SAY *We live in an area where lots of construction work happens.*

Ask the children to tell you about any construction vehicles they have seen. Ask the children if they have seen any tall buildings being built.

SAY *In our Bible story today, we will learn about a tower people tried to build. They were building the tower for the wrong reason, though, and God did not allow them to finish it.*

2. PLAY THE BIBLE STORY VIDEO ON THE TV.

9AM Volunteers with 3s in room 125: You will need to combine with room 124 for bible story time.

How? Turn on the TV and Apple TV, Open the Plex App, and play the video with today's date (If needed, the Plex Pin is 1234)

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3. REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

Ask the following review questions:

1. What did you like about the Bible story? (Answers will vary.)
2. What were some things in the Bible story that made God happy or sad? (Answers will vary.)
3. What did the people try to build? (a tall tower)
4. Why was God angry when the people built the tower? (The people were trying to make themselves great instead of God.)
5. What are some things that we can do to make sure we are obeying God? (Answers will vary.)
6. Who is God? God is our Creator and King.
7. *SAY The people wanted to stay together in one big city, even though God told them to scatter around the earth. They started to build a big tower in the middle of the city. They wanted it to be as tall as possible, so that everyone could see how great they were. God is the greatest and when He saw what the people were doing, He gave everyone a different language so that they could not talk with one another. They scattered across the earth, just like God had told them to*

do. Now, people speak all kinds of different languages. But one day, people from every language will worship God together.

8. LEARN THE BIG PICTURE QUESTION AND ANSWER

SAY *Let's review our big picture question, Who is God? God is our Creator and King. In today's story, the people tried to be their own king, by doing what they wanted instead of obeying God. They thought they were stronger than Him, but God is the greatest. He gave everyone different languages so that they could not understand each other. They had to stop working on the tower because they could no longer work together. Then, they scattered across the earth, just like God had told them to. Even though the people disobeyed God, He was stronger than them because He made them and He is the King. God created everything and is greater than anything. So, Who is God? God is our Creator and King.*

5. PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE PHRASE

Before the session, write the key passage on a piece of paper and cut it into individual words. Tape each word onto a different block. Place the Key Passage Marker at Psalm 104:24. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Say the verse out loud as a class, and stack the blocks into a tower as you say each word together.

SAY *The people in today's story thought that they were greater than God, but God is the greatest! We can see how great God is through all of the amazing things He does and the incredible things He made. The greatest thing God did was send His Son, Jesus, to die and come back to life to rescue us from our sin.*

6. PRAY

SAY *God, You are the greatest and the One we worship. Help us obey You always. Thank You that one day, people from every place and every language will worship You together. Amen.*

ACTIVITIES

(CHOOSE ONE OR ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES BELOW)

PLAY FOUR CORNERS

Designate each corner of the classroom with a number. Write the numbers 1, 2, 3, and 4 on individual pieces of paper, and tape each paper to the wall in separate corners of the room. Instruct the preschoolers to choose a corner while you count to ten with your eyes closed. Once you have reached ten, with your eyes still closed, choose a corner. Anyone who is in that corner is out of the game and will sit down in the middle.

SAY *In our game, we scattered all across the room. In today's story, God told the people to scatter around the world. The people disobeyed God and tried to stay together instead. They thought they were greater than God, but God is the greatest! He mixed up their languages and scattered them around the world, just like He had commanded them.*

PRACTICE SAYING "hello"

Teach preschoolers how to say "hello" in other languages such as Spanish (hola); French (bonjour); or Italian (ciao). Place preschoolers in pairs and instruct them to shake their friend's hand and say hello in a different language. When you say "Mix it up," tell preschoolers to find a new partner and say "hello" in a different language. Remind children how to say the different words throughout the game.

SAY Words sound very different in other languages. In today's story, when the people disobeyed God, He gave everyone different languages so that they could not understand one another. How would you feel if you could not understand what your friends said? [Allow responses.] The people had to stop building the tower, and they were scattered all over the world. One day, people from every place and every language, will all worship God together. We will worship God as our Creator and King. Who is God? God is our Creator and King.

COLOR THE ACTIVITY PAGE (please send this home with parents)

As children color, review the Bible story.

SAY *God made the world and everything in it from nothing. Man cannot create anything without using something that God made. But the people thought they were greater than God. God proved He is the greatest when He confused their languages. Then the people had to move away from one another like God had told them to do in the first place. God is the greatest. There is no one like Him.*

OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE

Storytelling Props are not included in the blue bin, but you may choose to bring them from home.

STORYTELLING TIPS

- Build and tell: Build a tower with blocks as you tell the Bible story. Add a new block for each new part of the story, or call on preschoolers to come add blocks throughout the story.
- Cheerfully obey: Instruct the children to say, "Oh no!" when they hear the people did not do what God told them to do. When they hear, "God is the greatest!" they should cheer together.
- Play rain sounds: As you tell the story, use a sound machine or smart device to play rain sounds.

Open your Bible to Genesis 11. Show the video or tell the Bible story using the provided storytelling tips.

THE TOWER OF BABEL

After the flood, Noah's sons and their wives had children, and all their families grew. At this time, everyone in the world spoke the same language. The people said, "We don't want to be scattered all over the earth. Let's build a city with a tower so tall that it touches the sky. The tower will make us famous! Then we can stay here together."

The people were not doing what God had told them to do. They wanted to say, "Look how great we are," instead of "Look how great God is." But God is the greatest. God created people to worship Him alone. The people made bricks out of clay and baked them in the fire to make stones. Then they used the stones to start building the tower.

God came down to look at the tower. God said, "If they are doing this together, they will think of more wrong things to do. We need to stop them."

So God mixed up the people's words. Instead of everyone speaking the same language, everyone spoke different languages. Everyone was confused and they could not understand each other.

The people had to stop building the city. God made it so the people did just what He had told them to do after the flood: They were scattered all over the world. The city with the unfinished tower was called Babel.

Christ Connection: Instead of obeying God, people tried to make themselves famous, so God mixed up their language and made them spread out all over the earth. One day, Jesus will come back and people from all nations, speaking many languages, will worship Him together. (Revelation 7:9-10)

DISMISS PRESCHOOLERS

- Release preschoolers to parents by matching up the number on the child's sticker with the guardian receipt.
- Give parents today's activity page to reinforce today's Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.
- Tell parents something that their child enjoyed doing or did well during the session.

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CHRIST CONNECTION: God sent Jesus to rescue people from sin.

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KEY PASSAGE PHRASE: *God made our wonderful world. Psalm 104:24*

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3. PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE PHRASE: SING TO A FAMILIAR TUNE

Place the key passage phrase marker at Psalm 102:24. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage.

Sing to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star":

"God made our wonderful world.

God made our wonderful world.

He made the heavens and the earth.

He made it all so wonderful.

God made our wonderful world.

God made our wonderful world."

SAY *Our key passage phrase says, 'God made our wonderful world.' God is wonderful and everything He made is wonderful too. That includes me and you!*

ACTIVITIES

(CHOOSE ONE OR ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES BELOW)

BE A CONSTRUCTION WORKER

Explain to preschoolers that it takes a lot of tools and supplies to build a tower. Ask the preschoolers to think about some things they think they would need to be a construction worker. Call on preschoolers to

answer. Then ask the preschoolers what they would need to do to build the tower. Provide toy tools and blocks for the preschoolers to play with, demonstrating how they would use the tools to build a tower. SAY It takes a lot of work and supplies to be a construction worker, like the people in today's story. Instead of using all of their supplies and energy to obey God, the people used it all to disobey God! God gives each of us lots of good gifts. We could use those gifts to make ourselves look great, but God is the greatest, and we should use the gifts He has given us to show others how great God is!

COLOR THE ACTIVITY PAGE (please send this home with parents)

Lead preschoolers to complete the **activity page**. As they work, continue talking about the Bible story and emphasize the GOSPEL GEMS below:

- People did not want to obey God.
- God made the people spread out all over the earth.
- One day, Jesus will bring people together again.

OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE:

Open the Bible to Genesis 11 and tell the following Bible story:

God told Noah's family to spread out and fill the earth. As Noah's family grew, the people did not obey God. They said, "Let's build a city with a tall tower up to the sky! Then everyone will know how great we are." But God is the greatest. The people made bricks and started building the tower. God came down to look at the tower. He stopped the people by mixing up their words. Now everyone spoke different languages. God made the people spread out over the earth. The city with the tower was called Babel.

Check diapers and release toddlers to parents according to security procedures. Give parents today's activity page to reinforce today's Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.