



TOWER OF BABEL

BIBLE PASSAGE (GENESIS 11:1-9)

Summary: God instructed people to fill the Earth. Instead, they chose to gather in one spot and build a city, including a great tower so that they could make a name for themselves. God protected them from their wrong desires by confusing their language. They couldn't understand each other and stopped trying to build the city. God scattered the people throughout the Earth.

Today's Brite Idea is: No one is greater than God.



MONTHLY Memory Verse

*For by Him all things
were created.*

(COLOSSIANS 1:16)



BIG QUESTION

Who made everything and rules
over everything? God!



God is the
greatest.



We can trust
God.



I can trust God.



LEADER TRAINING: HELP THEM TO BELIEVE

Child discipleship means teaching kids God's Word in a way that helps them know, love and follow Jesus. Preschoolers can begin to understand the Bible and the Gospel when leaders use intentional, hands-on and story-driven approaches.

- **Tell God's big story.** Help kids see that each Bible story is part of one big story—God creating the world, people turning away, Jesus rescuing us and God making all things new. This gives them a simple, true picture of who God is and what He does.
- **Ask thoughtful questions.** Encourage kids to wonder about the story, "What does this tell us about God?" or "How can we follow Him this week?" This helps them notice God's work and think about how He wants them to live.
- **Point to Jesus.** Remind kids often that every story in the Bible shows God's love and points to Jesus. Help them understand that Jesus came to save and love them.
- **Use the Bible.** Hold a Bible as you teach, let kids touch it, and practice opening it to find verses. Preschoolers love connecting with God's Word in a hands-on, tangible way!

NAVIGATING A BROKEN WORLD: IS JESUS REALLY THE ONLY WAY TO HEAVEN?

Almost half of American adults believe that you can work your way to heaven.* Most people, even when we know Jesus, default to a works-based approach to our faith. Combine this with the plurality of religious beliefs kids are exposed to, and it is likely that kids can be confused about salvation. In today's lesson, kids will learn that God made a way for us to be with Him through Jesus.

There may be kids in your group who believe that everyone goes to heaven. Some may believe that all religions are the same. Encourage kids to talk about what they have heard. Gently correct theology while being sensitive that these conversations may be very personal if kids have loved ones who believe different things. Avoid sounding judgmental by pointing to Scripture and being cautious with broad statements. Remind kids that only God knows each person's heart and that He gives us the big job of sharing His truth with others.

*For more resources on this topic, check out: britecurriculum.com/resources.

PRESCHOOL GLOSSARY:

Language: the words
we speak to others

Scatter: move away from
each other

Lesson ROADMAP

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BELONG

Small Group (10 MINUTES)

GOAL: For kids to experience God's love through a welcoming community

BIG OR SMALL?

SUPPLIES: Bag, 10 various-sized items (crayons, toys, modeling dough, yo-yo, dice, etc.)

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BIBLE TEACHING

Large Group (15 MINUTES)

TOWER OF BABEL (GENESIS 11:1-9)

SUPPLIES: Bible, Bible story cards

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BELIEVE

Small Group (10 MINUTES)

GOAL: For kids to discover who God is by engaging with the Bible

COLOR WALK

SUPPLIES: Painter's tape, 4 different-colored pieces of paper

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BECOME

Small Group (10 MINUTES)

GOAL: For kids to learn to follow Jesus by applying faith to their lives

STICKY NOTE TOWER

SUPPLIES: Take-Home page, coloring supplies, butcher paper, scissors (prep), sticky notes (3 per kid)



BIG OR SMALL?

SUPPLIES:

Bag, 10 various-sized items (crayons, toys, modeling dough, yo-yo, dice, etc.)

PREP:

Put items of various sizes into the bag.

LEADER TIP: If a kid is having a hard time, ask them to be your helper and lead them to select two items out of the bag each round.

ACTIVITY INTRO:

Welcome everyone! My name is _____. *Greet each kid by name as you welcome them to your group.*

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **Say:** Let's see how big and how small we can be! Reach your arms high above your head. Now let's scrunch down small and sit down.
2. **Say:** I have this mystery bag here filled with all kinds of things inside! Some things are small, and others are big. I will pull out two things at a time and we will choose which one is bigger.
3. *Pull out pairs of items at a time. Lead kids to choose which thing is bigger. Lead kids to put their hands close together if they vote it's small or reach their arms up high if they think it's big.*
4. *Place the items back into the bag to create additional pairs.*
5. **Ask:** Do you know who is bigger than anything?

**ACTIVITY WRAP-UP:**

God is bigger than anything! We will learn a Bible story about how no one is greater or bigger than God!

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Use the Bible story cards to teach the Bible story or read the script to the kids.



Say: A long time ago, after Adam and Eve had sinned, things continued to be bad. Many people sinned and did not listen to God. Their sin got so big that God sent a big flood. But God saved a man named Noah and his family. God told Noah to build a big boat called an ark. God kept Noah, his family, and lots of animals safe.

Say: After the flood, God told everyone to have lots of families and spread out across the whole earth. But the people did not listen. They all spoke the same **language**. That means they could all understand each other. Instead of going to new places like God said, they stayed in one place. They had an idea! *Point to your head.*

Say: Let's build a city with a tall tower that goes up, up, up so high that it touches the sky! Then we will be super famous. The people wanted their tower to be so big that people would think they were really great. But there was a problem. Can you say, "Uh oh"?

Say: This was not God's plan. They were doing things their way, not God's way. So God did something surprising...All of a sudden, people started talking in different ways! No one could understand each other! It was so silly and confusing.

Say: Because they couldn't talk to each other, they had to stop building the tower. Then God sent the people all over the world, just like He had told them to do from the start. The place they tried to build the tower was called Babel.



POINT TO JESUS

Say: The people wanted to show how great they were. But only God is really great. No one is greater than God! We can all mess up and sin and try to do things our way instead of God's way. But guess what? Jesus came to help us. He died on the cross and came back to life so we can be forgiven.

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WRAP-UP:

? BIG QUESTION

Say: Now it's time to answer our Big Question. Can you all help me do a drumroll?
1, 2, 3.. drumroll!

Show the Big Question Teaching Image.

Say: Who made everything and rules over everything? God!



God is the greatest.

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VERSE VIDEO

*Play Memory Verse
Motion Video after the
verse is read.*

MEMORY VERSE MOTIONS:

Help kids recite and retain the memory verse by teaching it with motions. Before you teach the verse, be sure to explain what it means.

- For by Him (point up)
- all things (spread your arms out wide)
- were created. (cup hands and bring them together)
- Colossians 1:16 (open hands like a book)



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COLOR WALK

SUPPLIES:

Painter's tape, 4 different-colored pieces of paper

PREP:

Place the different colored paper around the space. Use tape to secure it.

LEADER TIP: To adapt for various spaces, use items that are already in your space, such as toys, chairs, tables and even people.

ACTIVITY INTRO:

The Bible teaches us true stories about God. Today we learned no one is greater than God. God told the people to spread out and scatter around the Earth. But at first, they tried to do things their own way.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **Say:** The people wanted to all stay together and build a great big city with a really tall tower. They wanted to be great. But no one is greater than God. God stopped their plan. His plan was best!
2. **Say:** Let's play a game where we move and spread out by finding different colors. I have four colors here. *Name the colors you have.*
3. **Say:** I will call out a color and if you should move fast or slow to it. When you get to the color, I will ask our Big Question, and we will answer it together.
4. **Ask:** Who made everything and rules over everything? God!
5. *Call out the different colors and for kids to move fast or slow to them. Then lead them in saying and answering the Big Question.*
6. *Play several rounds as time allows.*
7. **Ask:** Is anything greater than God?



ACTIVITY WRAP-UP:

God told the people to fill the Earth. Instead, they chose to gather in one spot and build a city to make their name great. But only God is greatest. God stopped their plan; they became unable to understand one another. They moved and spread out across the Earth to fill it just as God had said.



STICKY NOTE TOWER

SUPPLIES:

Take-Home page, coloring supplies, butcher paper, scissors (prep), sticky notes (3 per kid)

PREP:

Print the Take-Home page (1 per kid). Cut a large piece of butcher paper.

LEADER TIP: Tape the butcher paper onto the table or ground.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **Say:** Our Bible story taught us that no one is greater than God. Some people tried to be great and build a really tall tower, but that did not work.
2. **Say:** We will work together to put these sticky notes one on top of another to create a tower on the butcher paper.
3. *Pass out sticky notes and lead kids to stick them onto the butcher paper, starting at the bottom and working their way to the top of the butcher paper.*
4. **Say:** This is a great tower! But just like the tower, nothing will ever be greater than God. No big or shiny thing is greater. Let's take off all the sticky notes that made the tower as we say together, "God is greater!"
5. *Help kids remove the sticky notes as they say, "God is greater!"*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Why did the people want to build a tower?
- What happened when they tried to build it?
- Who is the greatest?
- Is it important to listen to what God says?

PRAY TOGETHER:

Dear God, You are so great! Nothing is greater than You! Help us to always remember this truth. In Jesus' name, amen.

ACTIVITY WRAP-UP:

Give each kid a Take-Home page. With remaining time, kids can play in centers or color the Take-Home page.

CENTERS:

Set up 3-4 centers around the room for kids to explore and learn as they play. While kids explore the centers, leaders can work with individuals or small groups to make the craft. Set up each center in a separate part of the room, making sure all kids are visible at all times. Show the whole group what is in each center and give simple instructions of what kids should do in each center.

- **Building Zone:** Provide blocks or cups for kids to stack as high as they can.
- **Letter Play:** Provide magnetic letters and cookie sheets. Spell out "God" and "greater" and have kids search for the same letters.
- **Modeling Dough:** Provide modeling dough and modeling dough tools. Lead kids to mold their dough into a tower or into people.

BONUS SCRIPT:

Preschoolers learn best through repetition. Use the script below to review the story at any opportunity. You could review the story while kids play in centers, while they work on their craft, during snack time, or while waiting for parents.

Say: God told people to fill the Earth. But they come together to build a city and a great tall tower. They wanted their name to be known and really great. God mixed up their words so they could not understand one another. They had to stop doing their own plan and follow God's plan. God helped them to move around and fill the Earth just as He had said to do.



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SCAN ME!
FOR AT-HOME
DISCIPLESHIP DISCUSSION



COLOR THE PICTURE

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YOUNGER PRESCHOOL Take-Home Page