



TOWER OF BABEL

BIBLE PASSAGE: Genesis 11:1-9

FOCUS VERSES: Jeremiah 10:6; Psalm 86:8-10; John 14:6

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.



MONTHLY *Memory Verse*

*By Him all things were created, in heaven
and on earth...all things were created
through Him and for Him.*

(COLOSSIANS 1:16)



**No one is
greater than God.**

We will go deeper in God's truth by answering these questions:



WHO IS GREATER THAN GOD?
No one will ever be greater than God. Because He is the Creator, He is in charge of all things.



IS THERE A WAY FOR US TO GET TO GOD?
Because our sin separates us from God, believing in Jesus is the only way to have a relationship with Him.



HOW IS GOD INVITING ME TO RESPOND?
Kids will be given the opportunity to reflect on the truth they learned about God and respond accordingly.



PASS IT ON

SUPPLIES:

None

PREP:

None

ADAPTATION FOR DIFFERENT LEARNERS: For active learners, waiting their turn will be difficult. Provide specific instructions of how and where to wait and positive peers next to them.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. *Welcome each kid by name and welcome any new kids to the group.*
2. **Discuss:** What was the best and worst part of your week?
3. **Discuss:** This month we are learning that God is the Creator. What did you see this week that God created?
4. *Line the kids up so they are all in a single file, facing the same direction.*
5. *Give the kid at the end of the line a secret message, such as "Turn out the light" or "Give a friend a high-five." Tell them they must use only their hands and facial expressions to share the message. They cannot talk.*
6. *The kid in front of them will turn to face them to receive the message.*
7. *Repeat these steps until you reach the kid at the front of the line.*
8. *Have the kid at the front of the line share the message and see how close it was to the original message.*
9. **Discuss:** How did it feel to have to figure out the message?

**ACTIVITY WRAP-UP:**

We experienced what it was like to communicate with someone who had no idea what we were saying. Today we are learning about a group of people who ended up having a tricky time communicating!



Discipleship DISCUSSION

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR FOLLOWERS OF JESUS?

Discuss: How does this true story from the Bible show us that God is good?

Say: God works all things for good, even our own choices to do things our way instead of His. The people in today's story were prideful, yet God loved them too much to let them do their own thing and continue to disobey Him.

Read Nahum 1:7 directly from the Bible: *The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; He knows those who take refuge in Him.*

BUT WHAT ABOUT ... IS JESUS REALLY THE ONLY WAY TO HEAVEN?

Discuss: Have you ever heard someone say something like "all paths lead to God"? What would that mean?

Discuss: Have you ever heard kids talk about other ways that people can go to heaven?

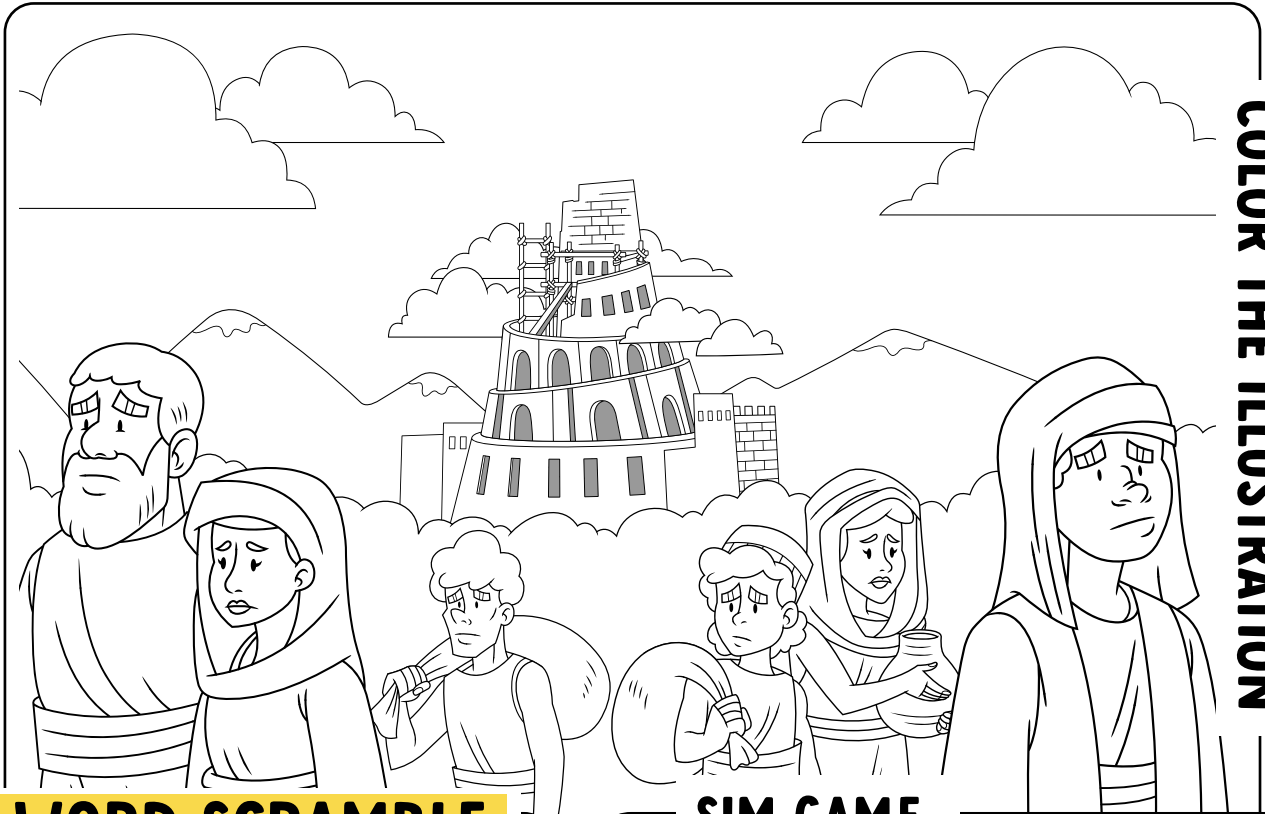
Discuss: What does God have to say about that?

Say: Some people say that if God loves everyone, He will make many paths to get to Him. Some people think all gods and all religions are ultimately the same and if you just believe in anything, you will go to heaven. All of that sounds good, but the truth is we can only go to heaven when our sin is removed, and there are no other paths that remove our sin. Being good doesn't remove our sin, because we will always sin more. We need grace and forgiveness. That only comes through Jesus. John 14:6 says: *Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."*



TAKE-HOME ACTIVITIES

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COLOR THE ILLUSTRATION

WORD SCRAMBLE

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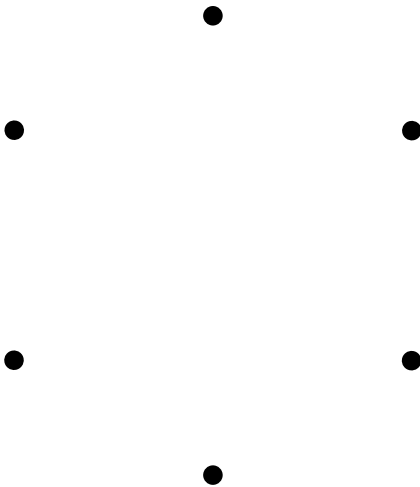
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Eve, Sin, Creation, Eden, Holy

SIM GAME

- Find a partner.
- Use different colors.
- Take turns drawing a line from one dot to another.
- The first player to make a triangle in their own color loses!



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