



## 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)**

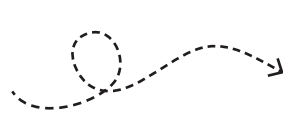


**No one is  
greater than God.**

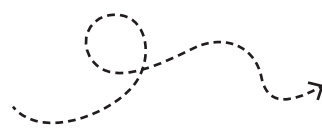
*We will go deeper in God's truth by answering these questions:*



**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.



# MARSHMALLOW TOWER

**SUPPLIES:**

Mini-marshmallows (10 per kid), toothpicks (10 per kid), plates (1 per 2 kids)

**PREP:**

None

**LEADER TIP:** To prep ahead, place 20 mini-marshmallows and 20 toothpicks on each plate.

**ADAPTATION FOR DIFFERENT LEARNERS:** Support active learners by giving them specific instructions and then give only one or two toothpicks/marshmallows at a time in order to prevent unsafe misuse of tools.

## 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. **Say:** Let's work in pairs to build the biggest and strongest tower using these toothpicks and marshmallows!
5. *Divide kids into pairs.*
6. *Pass out supplies to each pair.*
7. **Say:** You can build however you would like, but your tower must be able to stand on its own.
8. *Give kids time to create their towers.*
9. *Have pairs present their towers to everyone.*
10. **Say:** Your towers look amazing! Was it easy or hard to work together? Would it have been harder if you couldn't understand each other?
11. **Discuss:** Do you think it would be hard to build a real-life strong tower? Why?

## ACTIVITY WRAP-UP:

Today we are learning a story about when people built a huge tower to make a name for themselves. God confused their language and proved that no one is greater than God.



## 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."*