

The Beginning of Languages

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STUDY TEXT: GENESIS 11:1-9

Discuss the following BIG IDEAs and how to apply them to life. Use the questions to spark discussion.

Big Idea 1: Pride Resists God's Plan ([Genesis 11:1-4](#))

Live It Out: Ask God to reveal areas where pride or self-promotion may be influencing your decisions, and choose to pursue His glory rather than your own.

- *Why did the people want to “make a name for themselves”? What does that reveal about their hearts?*
- *What are some ways people today try to “make a name for themselves” apart from God? When does healthy ambition become sinful pride?*

Live It Out: Consider one of your goals or ambitions, and ask whether it is bringing glory to God or building your own reputation.

- *How can we use our abilities and accomplishments to honor God rather than promote ourselves?*
- *What practical steps help us keep God's will at the center of our goals and ambitions?*

Big Idea 2: God Opposes Pride ([Genesis 11:5-9a](#))

Live It Out: Thank God for the abilities He has given you, and ask Him to help you use them according to His purposes.

- *God gave the people remarkable abilities, but they used them for the wrong purpose. What are some ways good gifts from God can be misused?*
- *Why is it important that our abilities be guided by God's purposes rather than simply our own desires?*

Live It Out: Trust God's purposes even when they differ from your own plans, knowing His will is always good.

- *Why wasn't the people's unity something God wanted to preserve? What does that teach us about the difference between unity and obedience?*
- *When have you experienced God redirecting your plans for a greater purpose? Looking back, what did you learn?*

Big Idea 3: God's Plan for the Nations Prevails ([Genesis 11:8-9; Acts 2:1-12](#))

Live It Out: Thank God that His plan of salvation includes people from every nation. Ask Him to help you reflect His heart by praying for the nations and sharing the gospel with others.

- *What does Pentecost teach us about God's desire for people from every nation to hear the gospel?*

- *Why is it important to remember that all people are made in God's image and have value and dignity?*
- *How does God's plan for the nations give you hope when the world seems divided?*
- *How can our church reflect God's heart for people from every nation and culture?*

WORK TOGETHER TO MEMORIZE THE FAMILY SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

Genesis 1:1

Build a Foundation

Discussion questions for elementary age students.

1. *Why did the people want to build the tower? What was wrong with their plan?*
2. *What do we learn about God's wisdom from the way He responded to the people?*
3. *What does pride look like in our lives today?*

Faith Connections

Provide building items such as blocks, LEGO® bricks, cups, marshmallows, toothpicks, etc., and talk and work together as a family to build a tall tower in five minutes. Then, repeat the activity, but without using words. Afterwards, discuss which time was easier and had the best outcome. *How did talking and being able to understand each other help you communicate better?* Review the story of the people of Babel building a tower. What's the difference in working together to honor God versus working together to make ourselves look important? Remind family members to always work in ways that honor God.

Stand Strong

Why did God confuse the languages?

Answer: The people at Babel united in pride and rebellion against God. Instead of obeying His command to spread throughout the earth, they sought to make a name for themselves. God confused their languages and scattered them. This judgment limited human rebellion and fulfilled His purpose for the nations. Later, through the gospel, God would unite people from every language in Christ.

Scripture: Genesis 11:1-9; Acts 2:1-11

Preschool Highlights

Today your child learned God spent six days creating the world and everything in it with purpose and care. God saw that it was good. On the seventh day, God rested to set an example for us. We should spend time each week resting and thinking about Him. **God Made Everything**, and we should thank Him for His amazing and wonderful creations.



Help your children see every person through God's eyes. Remind them that regardless of a person's language, culture, or appearance, everyone is made in God's image and deeply loved by Him. As a family, pray this week for a nation, missionary, or unreached people group, asking God to help more people hear the good news of Jesus.