



Unit 1, Session 5

The Tower of Babel

Genesis 11

Story Point: People tried to build a tower to glorify themselves instead of God.

After the great flood, God told Noah and his sons to grow their families and fill the earth. Noah's sons and their wives had children. The people started to travel through the land.

One day, the people traveled through a valley, and they decided to stay. "We don't want to be scattered all over the earth," they said. "Let's build a city and a tower so big that it touches the sky. The tower will make us famous!"

The people were not doing what God had told them to do. They were saying "Look how great we are," instead of "Look how great God is." But God is greater than anyone. God created people to give glory to Him alone. The people used stones to start building the tower.

God came down to look at the tower. God

said, "They will keep thinking up more bad things to do." So God mixed up the people's words. Everyone spoke different languages.

When people tried to make plans, they could not understand what other people were saying.

The people had to stop building the city. Families had to move away from each other to live with people they could understand. The city with the unfinished tower was called Babel.

Christ Connection: People chose to give glory to themselves instead of God. They ignored God's plan, so God confused their language and scattered the people all over the earth. One day, Jesus will gather together all of God's people—people from every tribe and people who speak all kinds of languages—and they will worship Him together. (Revelation 7:9-10)



APPLY the Story

- Why did God stop the people from building the tower?
- What are some ways people today might try to make a name for themselves? Is there anything wrong with wanting to be famous?
- Why does God deserve all glory and honor?



Unit 1, Session 6

The Suffering of Job

Job

Story Point: Job learned that God is good, even in suffering.

Job was a wealthy man who loved God and wanted to follow God's plan.

One day, Satan came to God. "Job only follows You because You protect him and bless him," Satan said. "If You take away everything Job has, he will not follow You anymore."

So God gave Satan permission to take away everything Job had, but Satan was not allowed to hurt Job. In one day, Job lost everything. Job was sad, but he still followed God.

Satan came to God again. He said, "If Job gets sick, he will not praise You anymore." So God gave Satan permission to make Job sick, but God did not let Satan kill Job.

Three of Job's friends visited Job. They said, "Job, if you do what is right and stop sinning, God will give you back everything you lost."

"I haven't done anything wrong," Job said. Job did not understand why he was suffering.

Finally, a man named Elihu came to Job. "God is greater than man," Elihu explained. "God always does what is right."

Then God spoke to Job through a whirlwind. Job could not completely understand God's plans, but he could trust God. Job was sorry for doubting God. God gave back to Job everything he had lost—and so much more.

Christ Connection: Job learned that God is all-powerful, sovereign, and good. When we face suffering, we can hope in God. God sent Jesus, the only truly innocent One, to suffer and die so that everyone who trusts in Him can have forgiveness and eternal life.



EXPERIENCE the Story

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

- Match each word with its correct definition: *all-powerful, sovereign, good*.

_____ A. able to control all things and accomplish whatever one pleases

_____ B. having complete or unlimited power

_____ C. pleasing, kind, and gracious
- What did Job learn from his suffering?
- What should we remember when we face suffering?

CHRIST CONNECTION

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APPLY the Story

- Find Colossians 1:16-17 in your Bible and write the words below.

- Write a prayer to God, telling Him about a time they felt comforted in a time of suffering.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 5:3-5 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Corinthians 4:8-10 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Peter 5:10 | <input type="checkbox"/> Isaiah 43:2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 8:18 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 |