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- Transition into teaching time (3 minutes)
- Teaching (15 minutes)
- Transition into your small group (5 minutes)
- Small Groups (25 minutes)
  - Craft and Journal page: 15 minutes
  - Prayer: 5 minutes
    - What do you need to confess to God?
    - What do you need prayer for?
    - Who do you know needs prayer?
  - Hand out rewards:5 minutes
    - Brining their bible
    - Recite memory verse from last week
    - Memorize their new bible verse

MEMORY VERSE: "9 Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth. And from there the Lord dispersed them over the face of all the earth."

Genesis 11:9





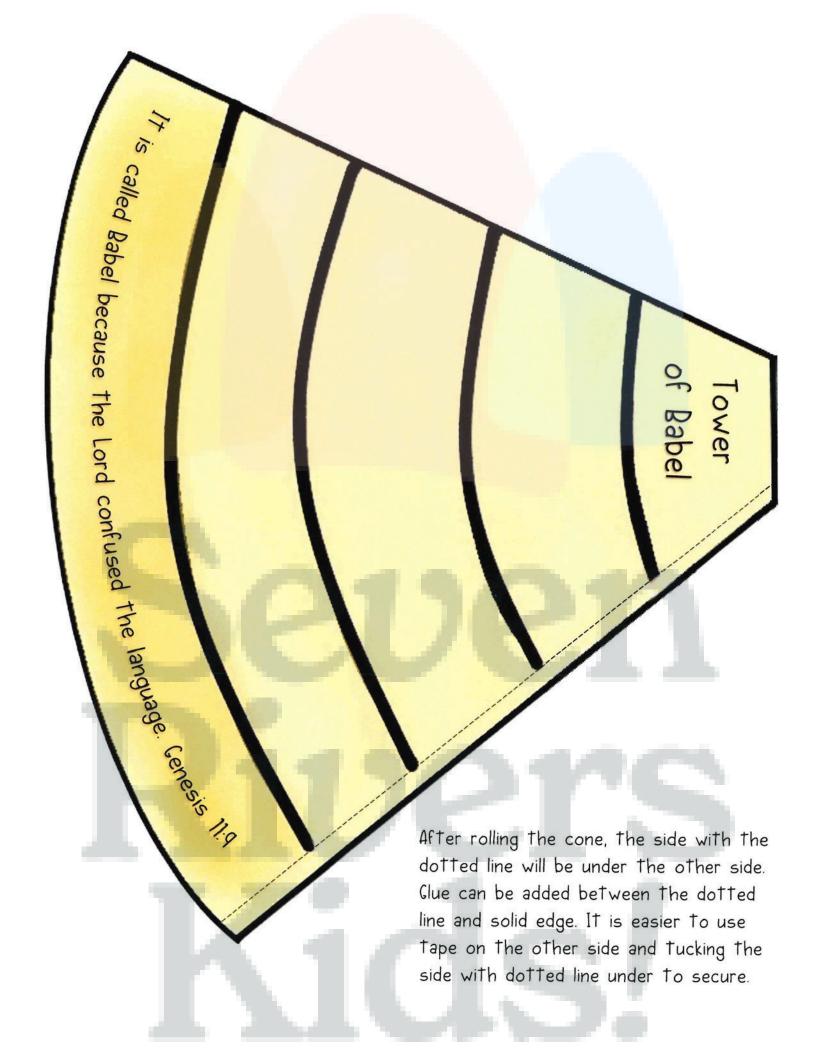


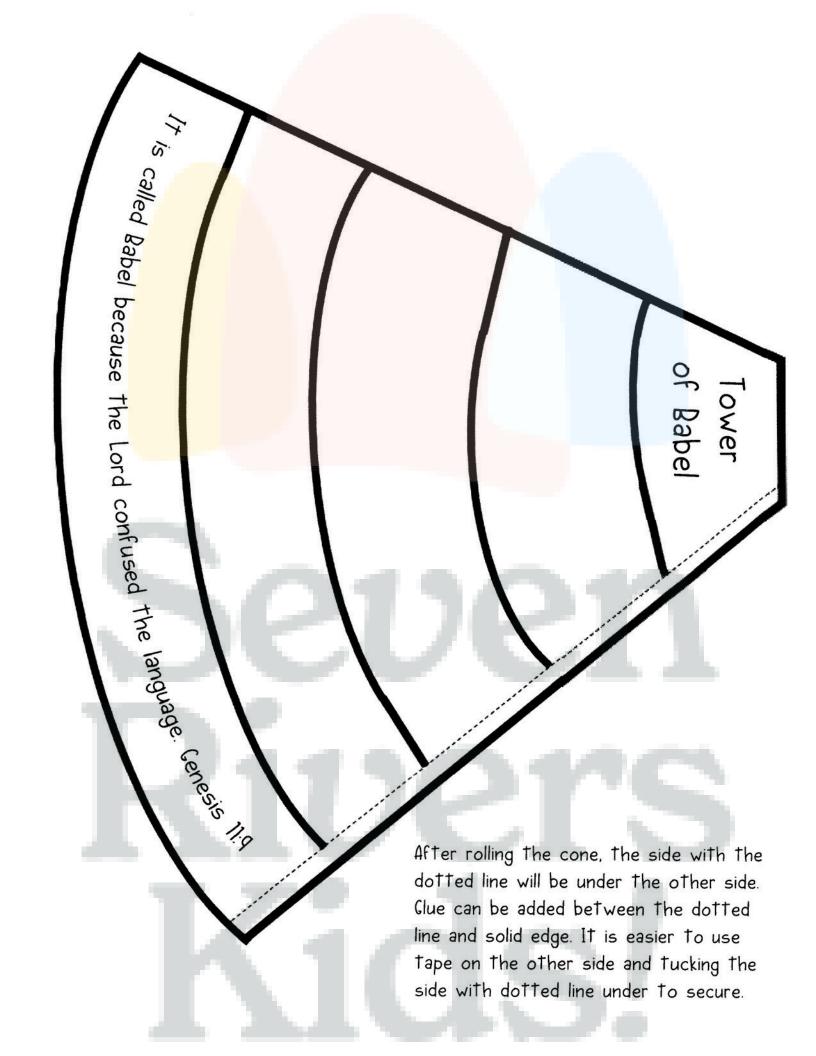




Seven Rivers Kids!









# Journal Questions

1.Have you given God your heart?	Do you love Him?	Does God love you?
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# Group Discussion Questions

1.Why does God love you?	How does God wash your sin
	away?
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If you belong to your mission?	God what is

# Prayer

- 1.Confess to God that you have sinned and have done evil in His sight.
- 2.Confess to God that you need Jesus to rescue you.
- 3.Ask God to help you to remember that in Jesus you are His beloved child and no sin or evil can separate you from Him.

# Mission:

- 1. Who do you know that needs prayer?
- 2.Who do you know that doesn't know Jesus?
- 3.Pray for them.

# Supplication:

1. What do you need prayer for?

# Genesis 11:1-9 The Tower

Context: Genesis is the beginning of the universe. God shared this story with Moses who wrote it down 3400 years ago. Moses wrote it down for God's family who was so big that they were a country - this country is called Israel. Israel had been enslaved by the king of Egypt - the kings of Egypt are called Pharoah's. Pharaoh had enslaved Israel for 400+ years until God sent Moses to lead Israel out of slavery. It is right after the 10 plagues, the fire pillar and the parting of the Red Sea that God tells His children how all of this came to be.

AI Summated Version: A long time ago, God told Moses the story of how He made everything in the world, and Moses wrote it down for the people of Israel, who were once slaves in Egypt. God wanted everyone to know that He created everything from nothing and that it was all very good.

## Review:

God continues His mission to fill the earth with His image and spread the Garden of Eden to the ends of the world. Despite evil's best efforts God's plan prevails. But you know what is good news for us? God saves those who are in relationship with Him and He gives them purpose – a mission. This means that in relationship with God or another way to say it is in Covenant with God we are saved, but also we are given a mission, to fill the earth with His image and spread the Garden of Eden to the ends of the world. God makes a promise in this relationship to never again flood the earth. God is bound to us and we are bound to God in this covenant.

Now the question is this: does God's children fulfill God's mission for the world? Do they fill the world with His image? Do they spread the Garden to the ends of the world? Let's find out.

This is the Word of our Father. It is Holy, Infallible (not capable to be wrong), Inerrant (without mistakes) and Sufficient (the truth that leads us home).

## Genesis 11:1-9

Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. **2** As people moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there.

**3** They said to each other, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. **4** Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a

city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth." 5 But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower the people were building.6 The LORD said, "If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. 7 Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other."

**8** So the LORD scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. **9** That is why it was called Babel—because there the LORD confused the language of the whole world. From there the LORD scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

"The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever." - Isaiah 40:8

Noah's family and descendants fail to go out and fill the earth, but instead they stay together. They decide to build a city and a gigantic tower – a tower that reaches to the heavens. Why do they want to do this? Look at verse 4: it says that they want to do this so that they can make a name for themselves... also they want to do it because they do not want to fill the earth. They are doing this in direct disobedience of God.

Have you ever done this with your parents? Have you ever been told to clean up your room but instead of cleaning up your room you decide to go play with your legos or play outside with your toys? You know that you are supposed to obey your parents but instead you decide to do what you want and disobey. This is what God's children are doing here.

God has called them to fill the earth and bring heaven to earth wherever they go but instead they clump up into a city and try to build a tower that glorifies themselves instead of God. But does this stop God's plans? Does human beings sin stop God from accomplishing His mission? No. May you know that God is so powerful that there is nothing that anybody can do that can stop Him from His mission. May you know that there is nothing that you can do to stop Him from His mission.

How does God accomplish His mission in this story? He goes down among them and scrambles their languages. All of a sudden some people are speaking French and some people are speaking Spanish and some are speaking English. They can't communicate and they don't understand themselves. But the people that do understand each other go off to their own lands and we begin to see the earth fill with God's image.

God has a vision for the world. He made it a certain way with a specific order. He wants the earth to be filled with His image and His glory. He invites us despite our sin to be part of this. Even though we have a broken relationship with God, God still gets involved in our

mess and helps us. He works with us where we are at and He works to restore things back to the way they are supposed to be. This is what God is doing with us.

He sent His Son to dwell among us. He exposed His Son to our evil and wickedness and His Son never sinned and yet His Son was killed. His Son was killed so that we could be washed clean and have a restored relationship with God like it used to be. In Jesus you are connected back to God from where you came from. The Holy Spirit is in your heart leading you each step of the way – reminding you of your mission to bless the world and glorify God. Remember no matter how hard evil and sin tries to stop God it never succeeds. Not even your sin can stop God's plans because you are washed clean in Jesus Christ.

# **JOURNAL QUESTIONS**

- 1. Have you sinned this week?
- 2. Does your sin stop God's mission for the world?
- 3. Does God still love you even though you have sinned?

# **GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1. What is God's mission for the world?
- 2. Does your sin stop God's mission?
- 3. How is God able to accomplish His mission even though you have sinned?

#### PRAYER

- 1. Confess to God that you have sinned and cared more about yourself than Him.
- 2. Confess to God that you need Jesus to wash away your sins.
- 3. Ask God to help you to fill the earth with His glory and to bring His Kingdom to earth.

## **MISSION**

- 1. Who do you know that needs prayer?
- 2. Who do you know that doesn't know Jesus?
- 3. Pray for them.

#### SUPPLICATION

What do you need prayer for?

#### **LEADERNOTES**

## TRUTH

Context

Locate the text on the Redemptive Historical Timeline (Creation, Fall, Redemption, Glorification): Genesis 8:20-9:17 takes place after the flood and God makes a covenant with Noah and his family.

Locate the text in human history

Who is the author? Moses

Who is the author writing to? Post-Slavery Israel

When was this text written? 1400s BC (mid-1400s)

What was going on historically at the time of writing? Israel delivered miraculously out of slavery by God's hand through Moses.

What is the literary genre? It is an origin story - the origin story of the universe.

What is the main theme?

God has commanded human beings to fill the earth and spread the Garden of Eden

Human beings are made to glorify God

What key words need to be defined before reading the text?

Scattered

- Scripture: Genesis 11:1-9
- Summary of Reading

What is God doing?

He changes their language

He scatters them across the world

What do we learn about God?

God deeply cares about His mission

God wants to be glorified through His creation

- WCF
- Common Questions:

# **EQUIPPING**

Sin/Fallenness

Where do we see pain, sin, conflict, suffering?

Human beings disobeying God by not filling the earth with the Garden and God's image.

Human beings constructing a building for their glory instead of God's - for their name instead of God's name.

Grace

God changes their language

God scatters them

God accomplishes His mission despite human being's unwillingness.

• The Big Idea

What is the Big Idea that the author wanted the original audience to know?

God wants to bless the world through His people. He has a vision for all nations not just Israel.

Why is this important?

A relationship with God must be shared with the world and all of creation.

What does it mean about God?

God wants to bless the world and fill the earth with His glory.

What does it mean about us?

God blesses us to bless the world.

## **ACCOUNTABILITY**

Repentance

What sin must we confess?

Believe

What truth must we believe?

Fight

Where do you need help? How can God help us?

### MISSION

- Who are you praying for?
- · What do they need?

### **SUPPLICATION**

• What do you need?