



Sunday Resources for May 17, 2020

Lesson: *A Giant Staircase to Heaven* from the Jesus Storybook Bible, pages 48-55
The Tower of Babel, Genesis 11

Aim: To understand that trying to live without God is called sin.

Questions:

- Why were the people in this story trying to build a tower? *Because they were proud and wanted to show how talented they were. They were not using this tower to glorify God.*
- Was building this tower a good idea? *No. They thought they could get to heaven by themselves. They couldn't. If the people had built the tower, they would have ended up destroying and hurting themselves.*
- What was the consequence? *He gave the people different languages so they could not understand one another. He did this because he loved them. The people did not need a tower, they needed a Rescuer.*

Review: People thought they could live without God and get to heaven without God. The way they tried to do that was to build a very tall tower. Trying to live without God is sin. *The people could never reach heaven, so heaven would have to come down to them (Jesus).*

Reflect: Every story in the Bible whispers Jesus' name. Even though we didn't hear Jesus' name in this story, it shows our need for a rescuer. What did we discover about Jesus from today's story?

Prayer: Thank you God for sending Jesus to this earth. I know I cannot live without you.

Activities:

- ★ Have each person in your family try to build the tallest tower with blocks. Announce a winner. Ask the winner, "How did it make you feel to build the tallest tower?" *Discuss and connect how the people were making a tower out of pride to show what they could do, not to glorify God.*
- ★ Gather large blocks (or plastic cups, etc). Using post-it notes, write one idea per sticky note, have the kids write one thing that separates us daily from God OR a way that we attempt to make a name for ourselves. As you or your kids write an idea on the sticky note, have them stick it to one block. As they finish writing one idea per block, let each child add the block to build a tower. *This is a good visual of what was happening at the tower of Babel--people trying to build a name for themselves.*

Links:

Sing: [Jesus Loves Me](#) with ASL by Future:Past