



Unit 1 • Session 5

THE TOWER OF BABEL

Genesis 11

WHO IS GOD? GOD IS OUR CREATOR AND THE KING OF EVERYTHING.

After the great flood, God told Noah and his sons to grow their families and fill the earth. Over time, the people traveled through a valley and decided to live there.

At this time, everyone in the world spoke the same language. The people said, "We don't want to be scattered all over the earth. Let's build a city with 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 wanted to be as important as God. They wanted to say, "Look how great we are," instead of "Look how great God is."

The people made bricks out of clay and baked them in the fire to make stones. Then they used the stones to start building the tower.

God came down to look at the tower. God said, "If they are doing this as one people all having the same language, they will keep thinking up more bad things to do. We need to stop them."

So God mixed up the people's words. When people tried to make plans, they could not understand what other people were saying.

The people had to stop building the city. God made it so the people did just what He had told them to do after the flood: They were scattered all over the world. The city with the unfinished tower was called Babel.

Christ Connection: People ignored God's plan and tried to make a name for themselves, 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. (Revelation 7:9-10)

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