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The Word of the Lord: The Old Testament for Young Children

Notes for Parents & Teachers

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- a. This is a good story to just tell. Show them how the people had a wrong idea about how to get to heaven.
- b. Ask them how you really get to heaven—they will know the answer. You can't get there by building a big tower.
- c. The Lord saw that if they went on building the tower they would think they could do anything—and they would not think they needed the Lord.
- d. When He got them to talk different languages they could not work together. If you know a different language, or even a few words, say them to the children, and ask them what you said.
- e. The word “babel” means “confusion.” They were confused because they couldn't understand each other, so they went and lived in different places.



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The Lord Sends People to Live All Over the Earth

And the people on the whole earth spoke one language. They traveled from the east until they found a flat place in the land called Shinar and they stopped and lived there.

And they forgot about the Lord and began to feel that they did not need Him.

Then they said to each other, “Let us make bricks and bake them.” And they made bricks for stone and for the cement they used tar. And they said, “Let us build a city and a tower whose top may reach up to heaven.”

And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower which the men were building and the Lord said, “Behold, the people are one and they have one language and this is what they begin to do. Now nothing will stop them from what they imagine they can do.”

And the Lord said, “I will go down and confuse their language so that they cannot understand one another anymore.” And He did.

Then the people stopped building the city. And the name of that city is called Babel because it was there that the Lord confused the people of the earth and mixed the language of all the earth. So the Lord scattered the people all over the world.

Genesis 11

