



3PK

June 29-30, 2013

DATE

The Tower of Babel

LESSON TITLE

Genesis 11

WHERE TO FIND IT

We all need God's help

MAIN POINT

schedule

SCHEDULE for all sites:

First 10 minutes of the service hour:
Relationship-building time (kids get to know each other and the volunteers)

Next 25 minutes: Large group teaching and worship

Last 30 minutes: Story review, snack and small groups, activities/crafts

If you finish early, have kids engage group games as parents arrive. Check out the end of the activities section to find an idea for this week.

tips

Have activities ready for kids when they arrive. Place coloring pages and crayons on the table. Help kids engage in other activities like playing with a truck or baby doll. Use this time to get to know the kids individually. Ask them questions like: "Who brings you to church?", "What's your favorite...?", etc.

check-in/out

As kids leave, remind them to tell their parents about today's story!

large group heads up

The Tower of Babel reminds us that we all need God's help and his rescue. And we can't get to him on our own! Focus on how this story shows us that God loves to help us. Knowing God enjoys helping us will allow kids to see an important aspect of his love.



instructions

Goal: to help kids retell the story through dramatic play

Why? If they are able to reteach a story, it means they understand it themselves.

Tip: Today's small group activity might be written in a way that changes the typical routine of your room. If you want to try something new, go for it! But if you prefer to maintain the rhythm you already have, that's great too.

small group

**Try doing the activity first today!*

ACT-IT-OUT ACTIVITY

Lead kids in acting out the story:

- Sit in a circle
- Give each kid ONE **brick block**
- Have kids talk to each other and say, "Let's build a tower."
- SAY: The people thought the tower would make them safe and happy. They thought people would see how great they were!
- One by one, kids should place their brick blocks in a pile in the middle of the circle.
- Lead everyone to speak in jibberish!
- Let kids kick over the brick blocks, because the tower was never finished!
- Remind them that we ALL need God's help and his rescue!

**Sit kids at the table, pass out snacks, and review the story.*

REVIEW

1. What did people in today's story decide to build? (a big tower)
2. Why did they want to build a tower? (they wanted to be safe and happy and they wanted people to see how strong and great they were)
3. Why didn't they ask God for help? (they thought they could do it by themselves)
4. Why did God decide to stop the tower? (they needed God's help; we all need God and his Rescue Plan)
5. How did God stop the tower? (When they talked, they couldn't understand each other--)

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6. When does God want us to ask him for help? (all the time—when we're sad or scared or have "ouchies")

***Pray with the kids and thank God that we need his help!**

Extra time? Act the story out again! The more repetition and practice the kids get, the better they'll remember the story.

special notes

****BEFORE YOU BEGIN, place one of the broken noodle halves in a visible but unreachable (to kids) location!**

It's for an optional intro activity to remind kids what it means to "help." If you think your group would do better diving straight into the story, that's fine.

presenter tips

Find ways to keep kids engaged by having them repeat a word or phrase, act something out, make a face or a motion... every couple of minutes give them a way to engage verbally or kinesthetically. Double bonus - It will actually help them remember what you're saying too!

script

Presenter: Hi Friends! Welcome to Kid's Club. I'm _____ and I'm really glad you're here today. Before we get started, I want you to meet my friend, HOPS. She's going to remind us of the kind of choices we can make today in Kids' Club.

Video: HOPS 1 Have Fun! (About 1 minute)

REVIEW

Presenter: (holding up the **Bible** for kids to see) This is God's story. Out of all the stories in the world, this story is the most important. It's God's Rescue plan.

Remember how God made the whole world and everything was good? The world was perfect! Give me a smile and a "thumbs up"! (Let kids respond. Then change your tone:) But THEN, something bad happened. Adam and Eve disobeyed God, and sadness and death came into the world... Show me your sad face. (Let kids respond.) This was *really* sad.

But even though Adam and Eve disobeyed God...God loved them anyway! And he planned a great rescue so that Adam and Eve—and you and me—can be close to God again. God showed us how much he LOVES to rescue us by saving a guy named Noah from a big flood!

****OPTIONAL INTRO: ASKING FOR HELP ACTIVITY****

Today, we're going to hear a story that happened after the flood. But before we get started on today's story, I need some help (**show picture of the swimming pool noodles**). I want to go to the swimming pool today and play with one of these things. Does anybody know what it's called? (Let kids say: noodles.) Yes, noodles! **But....look!**



script continued

(Pull out the broken noodle.) But look! My noodle broke. And I don't know where the other half is. (Look around.) Hmmmmmm... Can anybody find the other half? (Look around and let the kids search. When they point it out, act excited.)

Wow! There it is! (Go over and pull it out!) Thanks, you guys. I couldn't have found it without you. Now I can still play with this when I go swimming. It's so much better when we ask for help!

Give me a "thumbs up" if YOU'VE ever asked for help before! (Let kids respond.) It's great, isn't it? Well, asking for help is great. Especially when we ask GOD to help us. But today, we're going to hear a story about a time when some people didn't think they needed God.

PEOPLE BUILT A TALL TOWER

So, after Noah and his family came out of the boat, the world filled with more and more people. One day, a lot of these people decided they wanted to build a tower—a *tallllll* tower (reach your hands high over your head.) Can you guys show me what kind of tower they wanted to build? (Model and lead the kids in stretching.) That's right.

These people all talked to each other and decided to help each other build the tower. They started building (**stack one block after block after block**). It got higher (stack blocks) and higher (stack blocks). And pretty soon it was HUGE (**show the picture of the tower**). Maybe even higher than some clouds! (Point that out in the picture.)

Wow, that's big! Everybody stand up! (Let kids stand.) Can anybody reach the clouds? Let's try (reach with the kids). Oh wow, not the clouds...that's pretty high. How about just the ceiling? (Let kids reach again.) What if we jump as high as we can? (Reach and jump.) Whew—we can't even reach the ceiling. This tower was REALLY high! Go ahead and have a seat now. (Let kids sit.)

WHY PEOPLE BUILT THE TOWER

Well, the people building the tower kept building...and building...and building. And they STILL didn't ask God for help. The people built this *tallllll* tower, because they thought they could be safe and happy and everybody would see how STRONG they were to build this big tower.

PEOPLE SPEAK IN OTHER LANGUAGES

But God knew that a strong tower would never keep people safe or happy or anything. They needed GOD to help them. They needed GOD to send a rescuer!

And guess what? God loved them so much that he decided to stop their tower-building. So all of the sudden, God changed their language! They couldn't understand each other's words anymore! They were still saying words, but they made no sense, like *[insert your own nonsense here—be silly in a way that fits your style]*. Did anybody understand that?! [Let kids say: no!]

And then they couldn't help each other anymore and they couldn't finish their tower! They moved far away from each other, and stayed with people who they could understand.



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WE NEED GOD'S HELP

This story reminds us that we need God to help us. We need Jesus, the Rescuer, to save us from all the wrong things in the world. And we can even ask God to help us when we're scared or help us when we're sad or even help our "ouchies" feel better. Give me a "thumbs up" if you think you can ask God for help this week! (Let kids respond.)

Great! Now let's pray together and thank God that he loves to help us. (Pray, breaking it into small, repeatable phrases.)

Pray: Hi God! Thank you for wanting to help us. Thank you for letting us ask you for help. We love you. Aaaaaaaa-MEN.

WORSHIP

Now let's sing some songs and thank God for helping us when we ask.

Song: Great Day

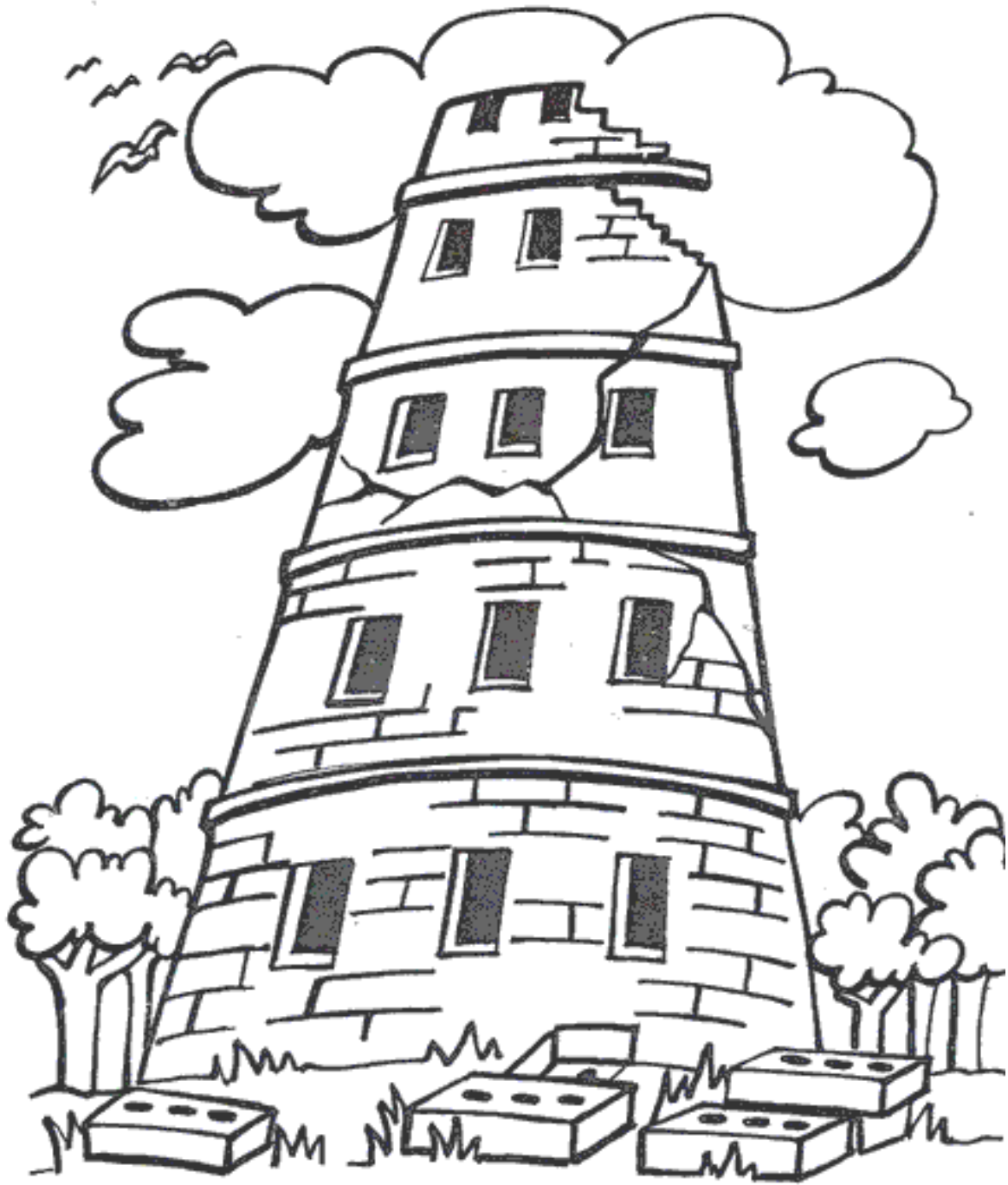
Song: Jesus Loves Me

Dismiss kids to small groups. (Be creative as you dismiss them. Ask them to come give you a high five first, or maybe tiptoe or hop to their groups.)



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PREP needs



small group supplies

Coloring pages: Tower of Babel

Make sure each room has enough brick blocks for at least 1 per kid (can use blocks that are already in rooms, if rooms are stocked)

large group supplies

1 pool noodle cut in half (any color) (both halves should be in room)

Blocks-same ones to be used in small group

Bible

a/v needs

1. Video: HOPS 1 Have Fun!
2. Image: pool noodles (jpeg in curriculum folder)
3. Image: The Tower of Babel (jpeg in curriculum folder)
4. Song: Great Day
5. Song: Jesus Loves Me (animated version)

special room set-up

None

connect questions

Tell me about the Tower of Babel.

When does God want to help us?

parent page

The story of the Tower of Babel reminds us that God always wants us to depend on him and ask him for help. That's how much He loves us! Ask your kid to tell you about it. You can also read this story together in Genesis 11 in the Bible.