

Bible Story 5: TOWER OF BABEL

SCRIPTURE: GENESIS 11:1-9

MEMORY VERSE: "I WILL PRAISE YOU, O LORD, AMONG THE NATIONS; I WILL SING OF YOU AMONG THE PEOPLES." PSALM 108:3 NIV

BIBLE STORY:

After the flood, the great rain, God told Noah's family to multiply and scatter throughout the whole earth (Genesis 9:7). Noah's family grew. They did not scatter but stayed close to one another. Everyone spoke the same language.

One day they said to each other: *"Let's build a city with a tower that reaches upward to the sky. We will be famous. We will not have to scatter over all the earth."*

God was sad with their actions and attitude. They disobeyed God. So God changed the way they talked, their language. No one understood what the person by his side was saying. So each person found others that spoke the same way as he spoke and then grouped together. Now each person in his group could understand one another. Yet, one group could not understand what the other groups were saying.

Because of all the confusion, they stopped building the city with the tower. The name of that city was called Babel.

Then the different groups moved and scattered in different directions around the world. Each group speaking their own language and understanding each other within their group.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What do you like about the story?
2. Is there anything in the story that is hard to understand?
3. Who are the main people in the story?
4. What problems did the people face?
5. How did the people face their problems?
6. How have you faced similar problems?
7. Is there someone in the story who is similar to you or who is different from you?
8. What does the story tell about God?

RETELL THE STORY:

Ask volunteers from the group to retell the story.