



Preschool

July 2-3, 2016

DATE

The Tower of Babel

LESSON TITLE

Genesis 11

WHERE TO FIND IT

We all need God's help.

MAIN POINT

schedule

First 10 minutes of the service hour:
Engage kids in cooperative play activities to help them connect to other kids

Next 5 minutes: Connect Time

Next 25 minutes: Large Group

Last 25 minutes: Snack and Small Group

tips

During Large Group, you may be watching the presenter along with kids, but you still have an active job to do! It's up to you to interact with kids who can't focus or are distracting the group. Don't wait for the presenter to do it, approach the kid yourself and give him or her some extra attention!

check-in/out

Ask kids what they built with their cups today!

large group heads up

The Tower of Babel shows us that no one can be close to God on their own; we all need God's help and his rescue! Focus on how this story shows us that God loves to help us, no matter how far we get from him.



connect time

GOAL: *Connect time is all about engaging kids in a short, interactive game to prepare them for Large Group.*

- **Clean up! (10 minutes after the service start time, when you get the 5-minute warning from the presenter)**
- Line up.
- Tell kids that we're going to say some funny words today while we play Simon Says!
- Tell kids how to play:
 - You, the leader, will say, "Simon Says" and then **do** or **say** something.
 - Kids then have to copy exactly what you do or say.
 - If you don't say, "Simon Says" first, then kids should NOT copy you!
- Say, "Simon Says..." and then **do** or **say** the following actions:
 - Jump up and down
 - Say, "Boop!"
 - Reach to the ceiling
 - Say, "Wiggle biggle!"
 - Touch your toes
 - Say, "Woop dee doo!"
 - Spin around
 - Say, "Frumpy grumpy!"
 - Touch your tummy
 - Say, "Waffle raffle!"
 - Give someone a high five
 - Say, "I love Jesus!"

As you walk into Large Group, encourage kids to put on their listening ears! Remind them that HOPS will be showing us how we should act in Large Group, so we have to listen!



instructions

Goal: Kids will (1) understand how people tried to get close to God on their own and (2) recognize that God wants to help us and rescue us.

Why? The Tower of Babel illustrates how we like to do things *our own way*, which is something every preschooler understands!

Tip: Be attentive to kids as they build towers to make sure they aren't toppling others' creations or throwing cups, etc.

small group

REVIEW THE STORY

1. What did people decide to build in today's story ? (A big tower.)
2. Why did they want to build a tower? (They wanted to reach God; 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 them from building the tower? (He wanted them to know that they needed his help.)
5. How did God stop the tower? (He confused their words! When they talked, they couldn't understand each other.)
6. How does God help us? (Let kids come up with specific ways in their own life that God helps them!)

MAKE IT PERSONAL

- Before starting the activity, **attach lids to the foam cups.**
- Give each kid **3 foam cups with lids** attached.
- At each table, guide kids and help them **take turns stacking one cup on top of another to make towers.** The first kid sets up one cup, then the next kid stacks their cup on top of that, then the next kid stacks their cup on top of that, etc.
- Go around the table and see how high you can make the tower of cups. When it falls, just start over with whoever is supposed to take their turn next.
- You may need to adapt this activity to the needs of your room. You might need to let kids stack the cups in whatever way they like, at their own pace!
- After kids have played with their cup towers, set out **crayons** and let kids **decorate one cup.** Encourage them to decorate it like the Tower of Babel. They can add windows, doors, or whatever designs they want!

- Remind kids that people tried to reach God all on their own, but it didn't work! They needed God's help, and we do too.

*Extra time? Give kids a **coloring sheet**. After that, play some more Simon Says, like in Connect Time! Come up with more silly words for kids to copy, and remind them that the people in today's story probably sounded silly to each other too when God confused their words!*

special notes

***Today's script is written in a brand new format! It may look longer than usual, but that's because the content is organized in a different way, with space on the side for main goals and notes.**

presenter tips

Aspects of today's story can be a little confusing to kids, so stick to the central message of God's rescue. He wants to help us, even when we try to do things without him.

script

WELCOME AND INTRO

Main Goal: Review the beginning of God's story and rescue plan.

Notes:

- ***Click to play intro music.**
- **Say:** Hi Friends! Welcome to Kids' Club. I'm _____ and I'm really glad you're here today. Before we get started, I want you to meet my friend HOPS.
- **Video: HOPS Have fun!**
- **Say:** (Holding up the **Bible**.) *This* is God's story. Out of all the stories in the world, this is the most important. Do you know what it's called? (Let kids respond "the Bible".) That's right, the Bible! It's God's Rescue plan. It shows us how He rescued us from all the wrong things in the world.
- **Say:** In the beginning, God made the whole world and everything in it. He created the sun and the moon, the water and the land, the plants and the animals, and people like you and me! Everything was good. Give me a big thumbs up! (Let kids respond. Then change your tone.)
- **Say:** But THEN, something bad happened. Adam and Eve disobeyed God, and all the wrong things came into the world. Things like sadness and death. Show me your sad face. (Let kids respond.)
- **Say:** Even though Adam and Eve disobeyed God, God loved them anyway! He planned a great rescue so that Adam and Eve, and you and me, could be close to God again! Do you know who the Rescuer is? (Let kids say: Jesus!)

INTRO: WE ALL NEED HELP

Main Goal: Identify ways that we need help in real life.

Notes:

- **Say:** Today we're going to learn about some people who needed help! Have you guys ever needed help with hard things? (Let kids respond.)
- **(Click to show image of sick kid.)** Have you ever needed help when you got hurt or felt sick? (Pretend to act sick.)
- **(Click to show image of sleeping kid.)** Have you ever needed help when you had a bad dream? (Pretend to act scared.)
- **(Click to show image of kid reaching.)** Have you ever needed help reaching something really high? (Pretend to reach something high.)
- **Say:** Yeah, we all need help sometimes! Even grown ups like me. Today, we're going to learn about some people who REALLY needed help with something, but they thought they could do it all on their own, with no help at all!

THE TOWER OF BABEL

Main Goal: Understand why people built the Tower of Babel.

Notes:

- **Say:** These people lived a long, long time ago, near the beginning of God's story. One day, they decided they wanted to build a tower! But not just any tower. They wanted to build the TALLEST tower in the whole world!
- **(Click to show image of short tower.)** First, they started building the tower. It was short at first. Let's all sit and pretend to be a short tower. (Let kids respond.)
- **(Click to show image of medium tower.)** Then, they started building higher....and higher. Now it was getting pretty big! Let's pretend to be a little taller now. Stand on your knees and reach up! (Let kids respond.)
- **(Click to show image of tall tower.)** They kept on building taller, and taller, and taller! They wanted to reach all the way to the sky, past the clouds. Let's pretend to be the tallest tower we can be; everybody stand up and reach way up high! (Let kids respond.) These people thought they could reach God up in heaven!
- **Say:** They were really excited about making their tower as tall as heaven, but guess what? (*Speak in a sad tone of voice.*) That made God sad, because they thought they didn't need his help at all. They wanted to do it all by themselves, without God. Can you show me a sad face? (Let kids respond.)
- **Say:** God doesn't want us to do things all on our own. He wants to help us, and rescue us! So God decided to show these people that they needed to be rescued.

GOD RESCUES US

Main Goal: Understand how God stopped the people from building their tower and recognize that God wants to help us.

Notes:

- **Say:** Since God wanted to show everyone that they needed to be rescued, he stopped them from building their tower! But he did it in kind of a funny way. He made everybody not able to understand each other's words! He mixed up all of the languages so that people couldn't tell what anyone else was saying.
- **Ask:** Do you think it would be hard to work together and build a tower if you couldn't understand anybody? (Let kids respond.) Yep, it sure would. Everything would just sound like silly jibberish to us!
- **Say:** We need God to help us, just like he helped those people. We need Jesus, the Rescuer, to save us from all the wrong things in the world. And we can ask God to help us when we're scared, or sad, or even ask him to help our "ouchies" feel better. Give me a "thumbs up" if you think you can ask God for help this week! (Let kids respond.)

WRAP UP AND WORSHIP

Main Goal: Help kids interact through prayer and worship!

Notes:

- **Say:** Let's all bow our heads and close our eyes, and pray to God right now! You can repeat these words after me.
- **Pray:** (Break into small, repeatable phrases.) Dear God. Thank you for rescuing us. We want you to help us. We love you. Aaaa-men!
- **Say:** Now let's show God how glad we are that he wants to help us and rescue us! Let's stand up and sing these songs to God.
- **Music Video: Come With Me**
- **Music Video: Boss of Me**
- **Song: Deep and Wide**

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--like Hops--to their groups.)

PREP needs



connect time supplies

Simon Says Game - no supplies needed

small group supplies

Per group: Bible, markers, crayons

Per kid:

- Coloring page
- 1 foam cup to decorate & take home
- 3 foam cups (8oz)- reused at each service
- 3 lids - reused at each service

large group supplies

Per Group: Bible

a/v needs

1. Song slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
2. Video: HOPS Have fun! (<https://vimeo.com/25767958>)
3. Image: sick kid
4. Image: sleeping kid
5. Image: kid reaching
6. Image: short tower
7. Image: medium tower
8. Image: tall tower
9. Music Video: Come With Me (<https://vimeo.com/49923933>)
10. Music Video: Boss of Me (<https://vimeo.com/118151941>)
11. Song: Deep and Wide (KC/SM media videos songs>songs>songs with slides)

connect questions

Why did people build the tower of Babel?
How does God help us?

name

