



Confusion: Dispersion at Babel

God punished sin by changing the people's language.

Lesson Focus

Shortly after the flood, the people again rebelled against God. Instead of spreading out over the earth, they decided to build a city and tower at Babel to make a name for themselves. Because of this disobedience, God scattered the people by confusing the common language and creating new ones so they couldn't understand each other.

Key Passages

Genesis 11:1, 11:4, 11:7–9

Memory Verse

John 10:9 I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.

Hello Game

Materials

- Hello Cards (following pages)
- One set of uncut Hello Cards for your use
- Whistle or bell
- Stopwatch or timer

Instructions

Print and cut out enough Hello Cards for each student to have one. Pass out the cards to the students.

Use the uncut set of Hello Cards to rehearse how students will say “hello” in each language. Help the students practice their language a few times.

Explain that when you say, “Go!” the students must start saying “hello” to each other in the language on their card until you blow the whistle or ring the bell (about a minute).

Have students trade cards and play again as time permits.

Suggested Discussion

Wow! That was confusing, wasn't it? Remember that Babel means “confusion.” I wonder if that's what it was like when God confused the language.

God commanded the people to move all around the world. They disobeyed. But by confusing the language and creating new ones, God made the people move! And that is why we have so many different people groups and languages and nations!

We need to remember that God does not like disobedience. These people wanted to do their own thing, so they disobeyed. But God is the one we should obey and honor even if we would rather do our own thing. God deserves our love, respect, and obedience.

BONJOUR
(bohn-ZHOOR)

French

GUTEN TAG
(GOO-ten tahk)

German

ALOHA
(ah-LO-ha)

Hawaiian

DIA DUIT
(DEE-a GHWIT)

Irish

CIAO
(chow)

Italian

LI HO
(LEE-ho)

Taiwanese

SAIN BAINA UU
(saa-yen baya-nu)

Mongolian

SALAAM
(sa-LAM)

Persian

ZDRAVO
(ZDRAH-uoh)

Serbian

HOLA
(OH-lah)

Spanish

JAMBO
(JAM-boh)

Swahili

PRIVET
(pree-VYET)

Russian



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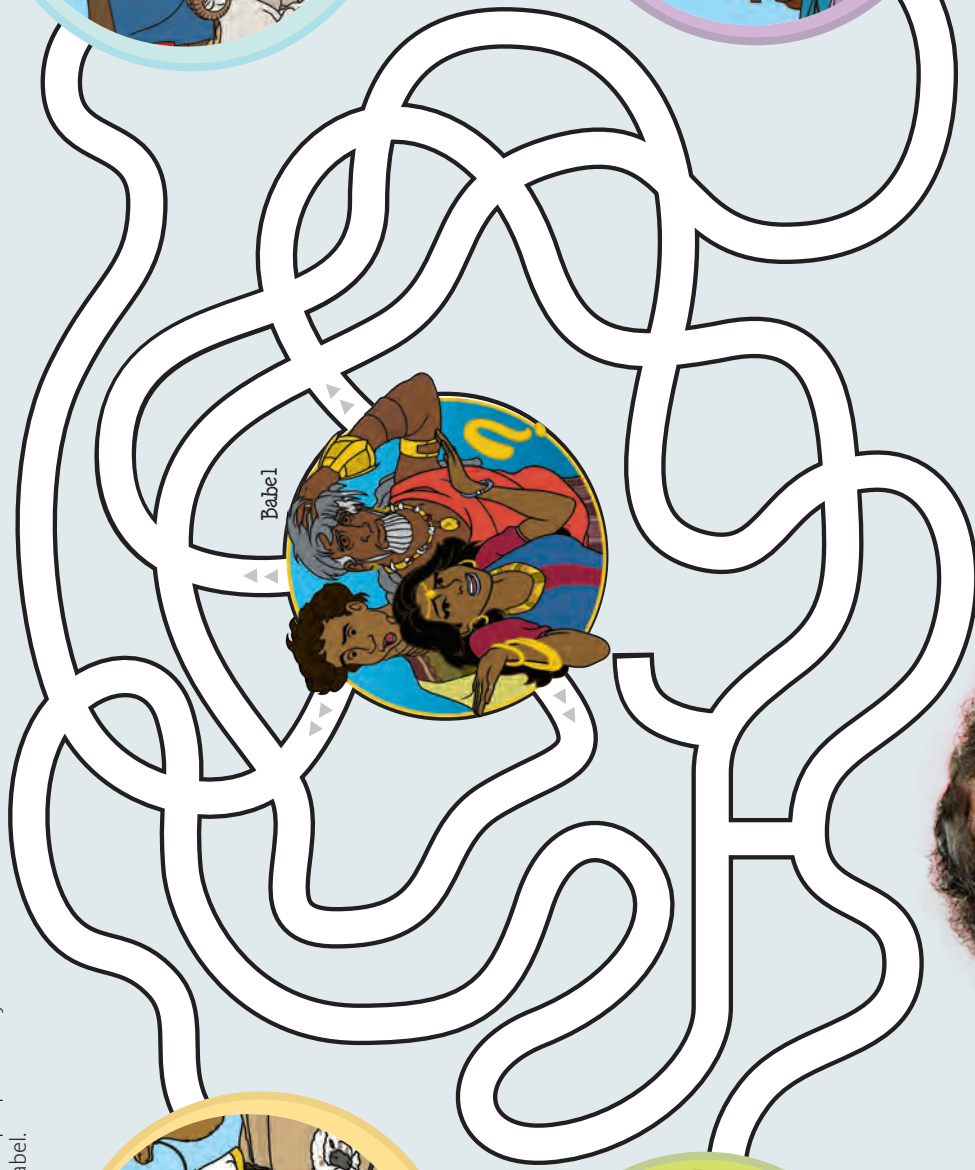
The Tower of Babel

Follow the paths of the people as they moved away from Babel.

Name



Babel



Learn the Word

Can you say the memory verse with your eyes closed?

John 10:9

I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.





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Genesis 9:1, 9:7, 11:1-9

Tower of Babel Word Search

Find the words that are part of the tower of Babel account.

scatter

language

tower

sin

bricks

Confusion

build

Genesis

people

Y K L Q L A N G U F U S I O N L S N W
 V O W E R P A G E B D O K I P
 B R I H R U S E O P L E C S T
 Y O W C I S R G I N I M
 T O M S T X Q U P I M
 H W E T T B O B Y
 G S C A R S O R Y
 G E N E S T Q U I N C S T

Name

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Learn the Word

Do you know the verse? Can you say the verse without looking?

John 10:9

I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.



Review Questions

K-1st Review Questions

1. What did God want the people to do? *Move to different places all around the world.*
2. What did the people decide to do instead of moving? *Stay there.*
3. How many languages were there at the beginning? *One.*
4. What did the people build? *A city and a tower.*
5. Did the people move around like God said to do or stay together in one place? *Stayed together in one place.*
6. What do we call it when we don't do what God said to do? *Disobedience. Sin.*
7. What did God do to the people's language to punish their sin? *Confused it. Made them speak different languages.*
8. What happened when God made new languages? *People couldn't understand each other.*
9. What did the people do after God punished them? *They scattered and moved around the world.*
10. Do you remember the name of the city and tower? *Babel.*
11. What does Babel mean? *Confusion.*
12. Where do you learn how to love and obey God? *In the Bible.*
13. Who can say the memory verse? *Allow several students to say or sing the verse.*

Pre-K Review Questions

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8. What did the people do after God punished them? *They scattered and moved around the world.*
9. Do you remember the name of the tower? *Babel.*
10. What language do you speak? *English (or other).*
11. Where do you learn how to love and obey God? *In the Bible.*
12. Who can say the memory verse? *Allow several students to say or sing the verse.*