

TOWER OF BABEL



The Tower of Babel gives us an incredible picture of how self-centered and self-reliant people tend to be. The tower builders were trying to make a tower and a name for themselves that would completely leave God out of the picture.

People have used **bricks** to construct buildings for thousands of years. In the Tower of Babel story, the people used bricks to build a tower in honor of the people, not of God.

Genesis 11:1–9

God's people were building a tower, but it wasn't just a tower. The Tower of Babel was a tower built to honor humans, and it left God totally out of the picture. As a result, God scattered the people and gave them different languages.

Check out these other Bible passages that connect with the theme of Tower of Babel!

- > **Luke 12:15–21** When it looks like we have everything, do we still need God?
- > **Genesis 12:1–3** What is God's plan after Babel?
- > **Acts 2:5–12** How do God's people come back together?

Talk about it!

Use these questions to connect with each other.

- > A lot of churches build big fancy buildings. How can we honor God through the building and use of those buildings?
- > What's the difference between doing something really well and doing something to show off?
- > Can you think of a time when you were self-centered? What happened?

What are preteens thinking?

Preteen brains are just now learning to see the world from the perspective of someone other than themselves. By helping them see the dangers of self-centeredness and self-reliance, this lesson can help their brains mature.

Try this!

How can we rely more on God than on ourselves?

As a family, memorize John 15:5b. Try writing it on a mirror you look at in the morning or a notecard to carry around with you. Maybe even learn to say it in Spanish.

Prayer

The Tower of Babel reminds us of our self-centeredness. Let's crush our towers of self-centeredness and gather to praise God.