

LESSON 2

THE TOWER OF BABEL

LESSON AT A GLANCE

WONDER TRUTH: God Is the Best

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 11

GOD'S BIG STORY: After the flood, the people think they can receive blessing and power by building a tower rather than seeking and following God's plan. As a result, God scatters the people and confuses their languages.

WORD OF WONDER: God is faithful. That's who He is. —from 2 Timothy 2:13

Activity: Tower Time

Activity: What's the Best?

Worship

God's Big Story

Snack

Word of Wonder

Prayer and Blessing

Activity: Knock It Down

Activity: Tower Time

SUPPLIES: building blocks

Greet the kids warmly and welcome them to church.

Welcome everyone! Today we're going to hear a story from the Bible about people who started to build a tower! Do you know what a tower is? Allow the kids to respond. **It's a really tall building! Let's all build a tower using these blocks.**

Encourage the kids to stack the blocks to build a tower. Let them see how many they can stack before the tower falls down, or allow one kid to knock it down, then rebuild it.

Activity: What's the Best?

SUPPLIES: toy food, coloring utensils (several colors)

In God's big story today, we'll learn about how God is the best! He's better than any of our favorite things. He is the greatest of all!

I'm going to hold up a few different foods. If you know what the food is called, say it out loud. Then we'll all share the best food we've ever eaten.

We can thank God because of His great love and forgiveness. He forgives us when we sin, or do wrong things. The gift is forgiveness through Jesus, so we can become new on the inside.

Show kids the toy food and have kids say what each food is. Then ask kids what their favorite food is. Do the same activity but with coloring utensils. Show the kids the coloring utensils, encourage them to name the colors, and let them share their favorite color.

Out of all the wonderful things in the entire world, God is the best! Our Wonder Truth today is:
GOD IS THE BEST.

Encourage the kids to do the following motions while you repeat the Wonder Truth. Older toddlers can say the words with you as they do the motions.

GOD IS—Point up.

THE BEST—Make two thumbs-up.

Worship

Today we're learning that we can always worship God because He's the best! Let's sing and dance and praise Him.

Play songs from the Little Learners Playlist and encourage the kids to sing and dance as they praise God.

God's Big Story

SUPPLIES: Bible

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: Bible Story Picture (1/SG)

Our part of God's big story today is about a place with a tower called Babel. Can you say, "Babel"? Encourage the kids to say, "Babel." Let's find out from the Bible what happened in Babel!

Show the kids the God's Big Story Video, or read the story from the Bible, or use the script provided. You can print a Bible Story Picture to give the kids a visual depiction of the Bible story.

When God first created the world, everything was perfect and right. Give a thumbs-up and encourage kids to do the same. **But soon people started to make bad choices.** Give a thumbs down and encourage kids to do the same. **Years went by, and people kept doing things that were wrong.**

There were some people who thought they were the best, even though they still made lots of bad choices. They built a great big city together to show everyone how important they were.

"No one can stop us from doing anything," they thought. Then the people decided to build a special tower that would reach to heaven. Can you pretend you're building a tower? Encourage kids to pretend they're building. **The people thought they knew best and didn't think they needed God's help.**

When God saw the tall tower that these people were building, He said, "Let us go down and mix up their language. Then they will not be able to understand one another" (Genesis 11:6–7).

Suddenly, the people couldn't understand each other. Can you make babbling baby noises? Babble like a baby and encourage kids to do the same. **The people got mad and went to other parts of the world. The city they left was called Babel because that is where God made it hard for them to understand each other.**

God knew that one day people would come together again—but in His best timing! The people forgot the most important thing: God is the best! We can learn from this and remember He is the best!

Snack

Instruct kids to sit in the floor. Pass out snacks and say a prayer together.

Invite kids to repeat after you:

Dear God. kids repeat

You know me, love me, and lead me too. kids repeat

Please help me follow You. kids repeat

Thank you for snacks so yummy. kids repeat

That fill my happy tummy! kids repeat

Amen

Word of Wonder

SUPPLIES: Bible

WORD OF WONDER

God is faithful. That's who He is.

—from 2 Timothy 2:13

Our Word of Wonder for the Think Again series is from 2 Timothy 2:13. Let's practice saying the Word of Wonder together. Open a Bible to 2 Timothy 2:13 and practice the verse with the kids.

Encourage the kids to do the motions and say the verse with you.

- **GOD**—Point up.
- **IS FAITHFUL**.—Give two thumbs-up (one on each word).
- **THAT'S WHO**—Put your arms out in front of you, palms up (one on each word).
- **HE IS**.—Point up (once on each word).
- **FROM 2 TIMOTHY 2:13**—Hold your hands open in front of you, as if holding a book.

Prayer and Blessing

Tell the kids to point up when you say, "God," to give a thumbs-up when you say, "best." Do these actions as you pray as well.

God (point up), **thank You for reminding us that You are the best** (thumbs-up). **Thank You for loving us—even when we think we know best** (thumbs-up). **We love You. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

Encourage the kids to hold their hands out in front of them, with palms up, as if their hands are open to receive something. Tell them to listen and receive the blessing as you speak it over them.

Blessing: May you always remember that God knows what's best and that He is better than the best thing. God wants to help you do great things for Him. May you know that God loves you always!

Game: Knock It Down

SUPPLIES: boxes (5–10)

Today we learned that God stopped the people from finishing the tower. God knew that if they kept trying to be important without Him and without following His plans that wouldn't be good. God is the most important. God mixed up their words, so they couldn't understand each other anymore. They couldn't finish building the tower, so they stopped. They all moved away to live in different places all over the world. Let's build a tower out of boxes and then take turns knocking it down.

Toddlers love knocking down towers of boxes! Build a tower of boxes and let the kids take turns knocking it down.