

D6 EveryDay™ Parent Page

Date | **October 11, 2020** Family Theme | **God Opposes Pride** Study Text | **Genesis 11:1-9**

Objective: Help your kids understand that pride caused Noah's descendants to disobey God's command to repopulate the earth, so He forced them to scatter. It is always better to obey God than to go our own way.

How This Lesson Fits in the Story of the Bible: Some time after starting over with Noah's family after the Flood (perhaps around 2400 BC), God forced Noah's descendants to spread out and repopulate the earth as He had commanded. This was the beginning of different languages and people groups.

Bible Basics: Review the names and order of the first five books of the Bible this week and work with family members to do so as well.

Read the Word: Genesis 11:1-9

Disciple Your Kids

Talk with your children or grandchildren about how important it is for us to obey God's commands rather than pridefully doing what we want to do instead.



Key Truth: Don't Let Pride Hinder Obedience (Genesis 11:1-4)

Help your children and grandchildren see that rather than obey God, Noah's descendants intended to stay together. They desired to make a name for themselves by building a great city and a tower that would reach to the heavens. This was open rebellion against God and a declaration of their independence from Him. They refused to be scattered over the face of the earth.



Key Truth: God Will Accomplish His Will (Genesis 11:5-9)

Help your children and grandchildren understand how God's response to the descendants of Noah demonstrates that He is the sovereign Lord of all. Even though God allows people to make their own choices, He will bring to pass His sovereign will. He simply confused their languages and the people scattered over the face of the earth just as God had instructed (verse 8). What the people did not do in obedience, God did for them in corrective discipline.

Point out that the dispersion from the Tower of Babel offers a good explanation for the development of the wide range of people groups and ethnic traits. God confused their language, naturally separating the people into various groups and causing them to move away from one another (verses 5-9). These newly found people groups (based on the newfound languages) could no longer easily blend. As time advanced, traditions, ways of life, and cultures were developed within these people groups. The genetic isolation (only marrying within the specific groups) encouraged physical traits and characteristics to become more prominent within each group. Though we often use these differing physical characteristics as reasons or evidence for the different "races," the bottom line is that there is still only one race of people. Watch the Origin of Races video with your family: bit.ly/OriginOfRaces-video.

Discussion Starters

Use one or more of the following questions as discussion starters with your kids this week.

- What motivated the people to build a city and a great tower to the heavens?
- The people were capable of great achievements. Why does that often lead to pride and self-focus?
- What kinds of problems often result from pride and self-focus?
- Why does God hate pride and self-centeredness in humanity?
- Why is it better for us to use our gifts and abilities for God's glory, rather than our own?
- **For Elementary:** Why did the people choose to build a city and great tower to the heavens?
- **For Elementary:** How can seeking God's will help us from choosing pride?

Everyday Extras

Watch a television show in a foreign language. See if your family can count to ten in another language. Challenge one another to guess the definition of a foreign word you learned from Google translator. Talk about how language divides people from one another. Then work together to learn some words in another language that can reverse the Tower of Babel. Find a way to reach out to someone who speaks a foreign language by learning some words to help them or by doing a kind deed.

Preschool Highlights for SQUARE 1 & ROUND 2

Today your child learned God caused it to rain for forty days and forty nights. God took care of everyone on the ark and they were safe. After the rain stopped and the waters went down, everyone got off of the ark. God created a rainbow as His sign to never cover the earth with a flood again. I am glad **God Takes Care of Us**.