

The Tall Tower

A Bible Story for Kids

Find it in the Bible: Genesis 11:1-9

Characters: God, The people of Babel

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AFTER THE FLOOD, people had lots and lots of babies. Soon there were many people again! And everyone spoke the same language.

One day, some people had an idea. 'Let's build a huge tower!' they said. 'We'll make it so tall it reaches all the way to heaven! Then everyone will know how great WE are!'

They weren't building it to worship God. They were building it to show off and be famous. That's called being proud.

They started stacking bricks higher and higher. 'Hand me more bricks!' 'We need more tar!' Everyone worked together... but for the wrong reason.

God saw what they were doing. He wasn't happy that they were being so proud. So God did something surprising.

Suddenly, one worker said, 'Blibber blabber bloo!'

'What?' said another worker. 'Snipper snapper snoo!'

'Huh? What are you saying?!'

No one could understand each other anymore! God had mixed up their words! They couldn't work together. They couldn't finish the tower.

The people moved away to different places, speaking different languages. The city was called Babel, which sounds like 'babble'—mixed-up words!

God wanted people to spread out and fill the earth, not stay in one place being proud. We should use our talents to honor God, not to make ourselves famous.