The Tower Of Babel KZ Lesson Sun Am 7/25/21

# Memory Verse: Genesis 9:1 (NKJV)

**9**So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.

Target Thought: God blesses obedience.

Scripture Reading: Gen 11:1-9

# Genesis 11:1-9 (NKJV)

**11**Now the whole earth had one language and one speech. **2**And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there. **3**Then they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks and bake *them* thoroughly.” They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar. **4**And they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top *is* in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.”

**5**But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. **6**And the Lord said, “Indeed the people *are* one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them. **7**Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another’s speech.” **8**So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city. **9**Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

God had given the people (after the flood) specific instructions, He wanted them to fill up the earth, for each family to have enough space and to help God’s Kingdom grow. However the people wanted to do what they wanted, what they thought was best. God knows everything and He only wants what is best for us. He gives us a free will however He can’t bless disobedience.

At first all the people spoke the same language because they were all family of Noah. After they disobeyed God He confused their language. God had to confuse their language because they were disobedient and had chosen to disobey and they would have been able to plan all kinds of evil against God.

I thought it might be fun to learn how to say, "Hello" in several different languages. I have some flashcards that will help us to do that. (Hold up the flashcard to help the children learn to say the word)

The Spanish word for hello is HOLA (oh-la). Can you say that with me? (Say it together.)

The word for hello in Italian is CIAO (tchow). Let's say it together. An interesting thing about that word is that it is used for both hello and goodbye!

To greet someone in Japan, you might say, konnichiwa. (kon-nee-chee-wah) Say it with me, konnichiwa.

People in Hawaii also use the same word for hello and goodbye. You may know that word, it is Aloha. (ah-lo-ha) Let's all say it together.

Some places in Africa they speak Swahili. They may greet you by saying, "Jambo." (jahm-bo) Say it with me. "Jambo."

Now on with our story, Remember all the people of the world spoke the same language and used the same words. They found a place in the land of Babylon and settled there. They said to one another, "Let's make bricks and use them to build ourselves a tower that reaches to heaven. Then we will become famous."

God came down to look over the city and the tower. He was not happy with what the people were doing. He said, "One people, one language, this is just the first step. There is no telling what they will do next." So God confused the people by causing them to speak in different languages so that they would not be able to understand one another. Then God scattered them all over the world so that they were unable to build the tower. The city became known as Babel because that sounds like a Hebrew word that means "confusion."

If we get into disobedience to God, first we need to repent and turn back to God and His plan, confusion and chaos can come into our life outside of God’s instructions.

Bragging, boasting, and showing off is never pleasing to God. You and I are important to God—not because of all the great things we can do. We are important because we are his children. When we think more highly of ourselves than we should, like the people in our lesson today, it makes God sad. When we are serving God and giving Him the glory, He is pleased.

God does not tell us what to do and what not to do because He wants total control, He guides us because He knows everything and He only wants what is best for us. Remember what Jer 29:11 says? Let’s read it again:

# Jeremiah 29:11 (NKJV)

**11**For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Let’s remember why God tells us what to do and what not to do, He knows everything and only has good plans for us. He does not confusion, chaos, and bad consequences for us. God only wants His best for us.

Father, we thank you for helping us to work together as your children, and form guiding us and helping us. Help to always remember to be obedient to You In Jesus' name we ask. Amen.

1. What do we do if we disobey God?
2. What does God want for us?
3. Why does God tell us what to do and what not to do?