

Tower of Babel

Genesis 11:1-9

Do you know where this flag is from?
Can you read what it says on the flag?
Have you ever wondered why some people speak
in a language that you can't understand?
Could different languages be a result of sin?



Flag of Saudi Arabia

Prayer

Dear Lord, today we are here to listen to You talk to us about the people who lived in Babel. Help us to see the sin that led them to build a tower. Help us to realize that we can also fall into this sin. Show us the only way that we can avoid this sin. We ask this in Your name. Amen.

The Tower of Babel

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.

Outer Aim - God confused the languages of the people of the world and caused the people to spread out and fill the world.



What the Story Tells Us - Decide whether each sentence below is true or false. If it is true, write True in the blank. If it is false, write False in the blank. Then change the underlined word(s) to something that will make the sentence true.

- _____ 1. The people in our story lived in the plains of Shinar.
- _____ 2. The people decided to build a city that reached up to heaven.
- _____ 3. The people were obeying God's command when they built the city and tower.
- _____ 4. God was displeased with the people for building the tower.
- _____ 5. God caused the people to be confused by what each other was saying.
- _____ 6. Because they could not understand each other, the people stayed together.

Inner Aim - Pride is a sin which God will help us overcome.

What God Tells Us - Look up these sections in the Bible and describe how each person named handled success..

David (1 Samuel 17:31-37)

Peter and John (Acts 3:1-13)

For each situation below, explain a wrong and a right attitude about gifts that you have been given.

SITUATION	WRONG ATTITUDE	RIGHT ATTITUDE
You can run faster than everyone else at school.		
You are a very good student.		
You are very nice looking.		
Most people like you.		
You don't get in trouble very often at home or school.		

Passages - Match the passage reference on the left below with its explanation on the right by drawing a line to connect them. Be ready to explain why you matched them as you did.

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| Proverbs 3:5 | + | + | The death of our Savior Jesus is the only thing of which we can boast. |
| 2 Corinthians 10:17 | + | + | Only God knows for sure how our life will unfold. |
| Proverbs 16:9 | + | + | Give God all praise for your abilities. |
| Galatians 6:14 | + | + | God is the one who gives you all knowledge |

Hymn - TLH #532 st. 1-2

Thy way, not mine, O Lord,
However dark it be.
Lead me by Thine own hand;
Choose Thou the path for me.
I dare not choose my lot;
I would not if I might.
Choose Thou for me, my God;
So shall I walk aright.

Choose Thou for me my friends,
My sickness or my health;
Choose Thou my cares for me,
My poverty or wealth.
Not mine, not mine, the choice
In things or great or small;
Be Thou my Guide, my Strength,
My Wisdom, and my All. Amen.

In Hymn #532 we ask God to choose the important things in life for us. List 5 things we ask God to choose for us in this life.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

In the last stanza of this hymn we are also told why we should trust God to make our choices for us. What 4 names are given to God that show that He is the best one to choose our way?

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| 1. | 3. |
| 2. | 4. |

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for all the gifts You give me. Remind me day by day that all that I am, all that I can do, all that I will receive comes from You- without any worthiness in me and without any contribution from me. Forgive the times when I am self-reliant and proud and forgive all the other sins my pride may produce. Remove all pride from me and deepen my trust in You so that my boast will always be in the God of my salvation. Amen.