



# WEEK 2

## PRESCHOOL LESSON OUTLINE



### BIG IDEA

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### THE BIBLE

**Tower of Babel:** Genesis 11:1-9

### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

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- **ACTIVITY** | Marshmallow Towers

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- **THE BIG IDEA** | We can obey God by putting God first.
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### THE BIBLE

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## WELCOME TIME

### ACTIVITY | Tower Challenge

- Welcome to church! We are having so much fun in our series, Double Dog Dare, where we dare to obey God! **Who's ready for a new dare this week?** I dare you to build the tallest tower you can! But you only have one minute
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Divide the kids into teams. Provide each team with a set of blocks. Set a timer for one minute. Cheer them on as they work together to build the tallest tower.*
- Wow, that was tough! You had to work together and you only had one minute and your tower had to stand up. That reminds me of a story from the Bible. We're going to hear a story about a group of people who worked together to build a tall tower.

### ACTIVITY | Marshmallow Towers

- Before we get to the story, let's work together on one more tower. You and a partner will work together to build the tallest tower out of marshmallows and toothpicks. You will have two minutes to do it. Your Double Dog Dare challenge is this: you can each only use one hand! You have to put your other hand behind your back! You'll have to really work together to complete this challenge.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Split your kids into pairs and set out enough mini marshmallows and toothpicks for each pair to build a tower. Set a timer for two minutes. Tell them to each put one hand behind their back and then let them see who can work together with their partner to build the tallest tower in two minutes. For your younger kids, give them larger marshmallows and just have them stack them, (no toothpicks).*
- **Was it easy to build a tower with only one hand? Did having a partner to help make it easier?**

- Today, we're going to hear about some people in the Bible who decided not to follow God and, instead decided to build a really tall tower to heaven.
- I can't wait to share with you what happened next!

## TEACHING TIME

### MUSIC | Worship Time

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Spend some time singing with your preschoolers. You can sing any songs you'd like, but for this lesson we like, "Shake My Shaker" by Spring Harvest and, "Obey" by Yancy.

### THE BIG IDEA | We can obey God by putting God first.

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Each week, do a big reveal (and make it fun) when you announce the Big Idea, like:
  - Ask the kids to give you a drum-roll by stomping their feet or patting their laps.
  - Shout the Big Idea, then point to the kids and have them shout it back. (Change it up by using funny voices, different volumes, or inflections.)
  - Have a character (either recurring or rotating) come out every week to reveal the Big Idea.
  - Write it on a piece of paper and hide it somewhere in the room. Have the kids go on a "hunt" for it. When it's found, ask someone to come up and read it.
- This week's Big Idea: **We can obey God by putting God first.**

### BIBLE STORY | Genesis 11:1-9

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Look up the story in your Bible and read it to your preschoolers.
- Last week, we learned about Noah and when the earth was flooded. After the big flood, God wanted Noah and his family to spread out all over the earth so that it would be filled with people again, but the people decided not to listen to God and chose to settle in one place and build a tower.
- **Why did the people decide to build a tower?** Their only focus was themselves. The Bible says they wanted to "make a name for themselves; otherwise they knew they would be scattered over the face of the whole earth." They didn't believe that what God told them was the best thing for them. They didn't want God to be in charge anymore. They wanted to be in charge.
- **Do you think we ever think that way? Do we sometimes try to act like we know better than our parents or teachers or that we should be in charge of making our own decisions about what's best?** We do sometimes think like that!
- **Were the people obeying God?** No, they made the choice to not do what God said to do.
- **What did God do when the people didn't obey?** He confused their language. That means that they couldn't understand what each other was saying.
- **Why do you think God confused their language?** He wanted to help them focus on Him, not on themselves.
- God wanted to show the people that He knew what was best for them. He wanted to show them that it is more important to follow Him than to try and live for themselves.
- He didn't want the people He loved to continue to disobey Him.
- **Do you think God wants us to live for ourselves or follow Him?** That's right! God wants us to choose to follow Him and put Him first.

- God loves you and cares for you more than anything, and He wants you to know that living for Him is more important than living for yourself. You can choose to put God first.

### ACTIVITY | Tower of Cups

- We are going to work together to build a tower using cups. But there is a little more to this challenge than just building. Let's see how hard it might have been for the people to build a tower without understanding each other. Since most of us don't know another language, we are going to build our tower without talking. It's a new Double Dog Dare challenge!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Provide the kids with styrofoam or plastic cups. Tell them to start with five cups on the bottom, then four cups in the next row, and so on. Make sure there is no talking while they are building. This will help them experience how difficult it must have been for the people in our story to work together after their language was confused.*
- **How hard was it to work together without talking?** Being able to talk and understand each other is a very important part of being a team and working together.
- God wants us to listen and follow Him so we can be a part of His team.

### PRAYER

- Let's spend time talking with God in prayer.
- Dear God, thank You for loving us so much. Please help us choose to put You first in everything we do. Amen.

## DISCUSSION TIME

### DISCUSSION | Snack and Discussion

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Pass out a snack to all of your preschoolers and ask them to sit and listen while they eat. Your discussion will be more effective when they're busy sitting and snacking!*
- **Who were the people in our story today?** *(Noah's family, his descendants.)*
- **What did God tell them to do?** *(God told them to spread out all over the world.)*
- **Did they listen?** *(No, they decided to stay together so they could build a tower and make a name for themselves.)*
- **Did they put God first?** *(No.)*
- **Was God happy about how the people were doing things their way and not His?** *(No.)*
- **What did God do to the people?** *(He confused their language so they couldn't understand each other to finish the tower.)*

### ACTIVITY | Circle Time

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Have all the kids join you in a circle on the floor. Get a set of blocks with enough blocks for each child to have one. Set one block in the middle of the circle and tell the kids they will each add a block one at a time to build the tower.*
- Our story today reminds me of how much God loves me and how important it is to Him that I choose to put Him first. We can show God how much we love Him by obeying Him and spending time with Him. Let's build a tower together.
- I'm going to give you each a block and we are going to go around the rug and build a tower together.

But there's one extra special part, as you add your piece to the tower, you're going to say today's Big Idea: "We can obey God by putting God first."

**ACTIVITY | Tower of Disobedience**

- Now that we have built a tower, and we've been talking about honoring God, let's talk some more about the people in our story who didn't listen to God. They wanted to make their tower reach all the way to heaven, and didn't spread out like God wanted them to.
- **What are some things we do to disobey God?** Let's think of some things and write or draw them on these stick notes, and make a tower with them.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Ask the kids to help you name some things that are disobedient to God, such as lying, hitting someone, and stealing someone's toys. Write (or have them draw) each thing on a sticky note. Then have the kids "stack" the sticky notes on the wall, making as big of a tower as they can make. Once it is all up, let the kids help you take them all down and throw them away.
- Now we can all see how tall our own tower of disobedience is, let's destroy this tower, because we want to obey God!

**MEMORY VERSE | Deuteronomy 6:5**

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Check out the Memory Verse Guide in your Programming Folder for ideas on how to help your preschoolers memorize Bible verses. Here are the hand motions for this month's memory verse . . .

**LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD** (hands over heart, then point up)  
**WITH ALL YOUR HEART** (pump hands over heart)  
**AND ALL YOUR SOUL** (bring arms down in front of you)  
**AND ALL YOUR MIND** (point to your head)  
**AND ALL YOUR STRENGTH** (flex your muscles).

**PLAY TIME**

*While you're waiting for parents to pick up their kids...*

**ACTIVITY | Coloring Page of the Week**

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give every kid a Coloring Page, plus markers or crayons. As they color, remind them that we can choose to put God first.:

**ACTIVITY | Tower Relay**

- Let's have some fun building a tower! Of course, there's a little challenge to it though! It's a race!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** To set up the relay race, mark off two lines, a starting line and a building line. Place two sets of blocks at the starting line. Divide the kids into two teams. The first player will grab a block, run it to the building line and start a tower. The player will then run back to the starting line where the next kid will pick up a block, run it to the building line and add to the tower. Continue until all the blocks are used. The team with the tallest and strongest tower wins!

**ACTIVITY | Stacking Things**

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give the kids different things that can be stacked, and see how tall they can build their own towers. You can use coins (these are a choking hazard for younger kids, so watch them closely), boxes, blocks, books, or anything you can find in your room. You can try to stack everyone's shoes.

*Encourage your preschoolers to help clean up the room while they wait for their parents.*