

Roots

WBS Kids' Lesson #08

Genesis 9:18-11:9

Hook: Do you know what pride is? If you are prideful it means that you think you are more important or better than someone else. One way our pridefulness comes out is when we disobey. For example, if your mom tells you to clean your room and you ignore her and continue to play it's like you're saying, *"I don't need to obey you. What I want is more important."* Yikes! This kind of prideful behavior can get us into trouble.

Book: There was a large group of people in the Bible who were full of pride. After the flood, Noah's sons had their own sons and daughters and before long there were many people on earth again. God told those people to spread out and fill the land. But, they were full of pride and didn't obey. **"...They said, 'Come, let's build a great city for ourselves with a tower that reaches into the sky. This will make us famous and keep us from being scattered all over the world'."** These silly people thought that by building a city with a very high tower they would be safe and they would be famous and have power. So, because they all spoke the same language and thought their plan was a good one, they were able to work together to build the tower. This did not please God.

Look: Boys and girls, God is more powerful than our pride! He wouldn't let the people get away with being disobedient. What God did next is amazing! He mixed up their language and caused great confusion. Each group began to speak a different language which sounded just like babel to one another. Now that they couldn't understand each other, they couldn't complete their plans. But, God did as He planned—He scattered them throughout the earth.

Took: Today, when you are tempted to disobey your mom or dad, remember that disobeying them is disobeying the Lord. When they ask you to do something, do it! When we trust and obey God and His ways, we please Him and are saved from a lot of trouble! Make a wise choice and put aside your pride...and obey God.

Bible Verse: "That is why it was called Babel—because there the Lord confused the language of the whole world. From there the Lord scattered them over the face of the whole earth." Genesis 11:9

Prayer: "Dear Father, I'm sorry for my pride that keeps me from obeying you sometimes. Help me to choose to trust and obey and remember that You love me. Amen."

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what we learned

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memory verse

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parent/child activity

Sit down with your child and build your own Tower of Babel out of blocks or Legos. As you build together, retell this story in Genesis 11:1-9. Remind your child what pride is. (If you are prideful it means that you think you are more important or better than someone else. One way we show our pridefulness is when we disobey.) Then, pray the prayer below...



daily prayer

"Dear Father, I'm sorry for my pride that keeps me from obeying You sometimes. Help me to choose to trust and obey and remember that You love me. Amen."