

Use the following thoughts and questions to have a spiritual conversation as a family. Don't emphasize having the right answer, but focus on spending time discussing the Word as a family.

Scripture

Genesis 11:1-9

Session Summary

The people in Shinar (modern day Iraq), wanted to make a name for themselves. So, they gathered bricks and asphalt to begin building a tower that would reach into the heavens. This tower is often called the Tower of Babel (or Babylon). The names Babel and Babylon indicate that these people were trying to reach the heavens, literally trying to build a tower high enough to get to God. God saw what they were building—the humans were working together, but not for God. They were working to make themselves famous. Instead of destroying the people or the tower, God confused their language and scattered them. The work on the tower stopped, and people of diverse languages filled the whole earth, just as God had commanded them to do from the beginning.

Conversation Questions

- What are some “towers” our family has tried to build? What was the result? What can we do to stop building the tower’s we’re constructing now?
- When has God shown grace to our family like He did by not completely destroying the builders of the Tower of Babel?
- This wasn’t long after the flood wiped out the entire earth. Why is it sometimes easy for our family to forget about God’s past judgments or punishments and return to old ways of life?
- List some steps our family can take to keep our motives in check.

Family Challenge

Find a photo of Torre Agbar in Barcelona, Spain. Make sure to look at photos of the tower at night and during the day. A French architect and architectural firm worked together to design this magnificent tower, which stands at 38 stories and about 475 feet tall. The tower reflects the colors of the surrounding city by day and by night the blues and reds take on a deeper saturation as the tower is light—over 40 colors cover the exterior of the building. The panels of building’s siding can be tilted to different angles. The tower, which houses a water company, resembles a water fountain. Discuss the numerous components of the tower and how many people might have worked on it. For example, not only were several architects involved, but contractors and construction workers and electricians and the like, were involved as well. Successfully building a tower takes cooperation and communication. Apply this modern day example to the Tower of Babel.