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Family Worship

The Tower of Babel

09.08.2020

Opening Prayer

Our Heavenly Father, thank you for our family.

And thank you for the privilege of coming together for worship.

Help us to understand Your Word and obey it with a joyful heart.

In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

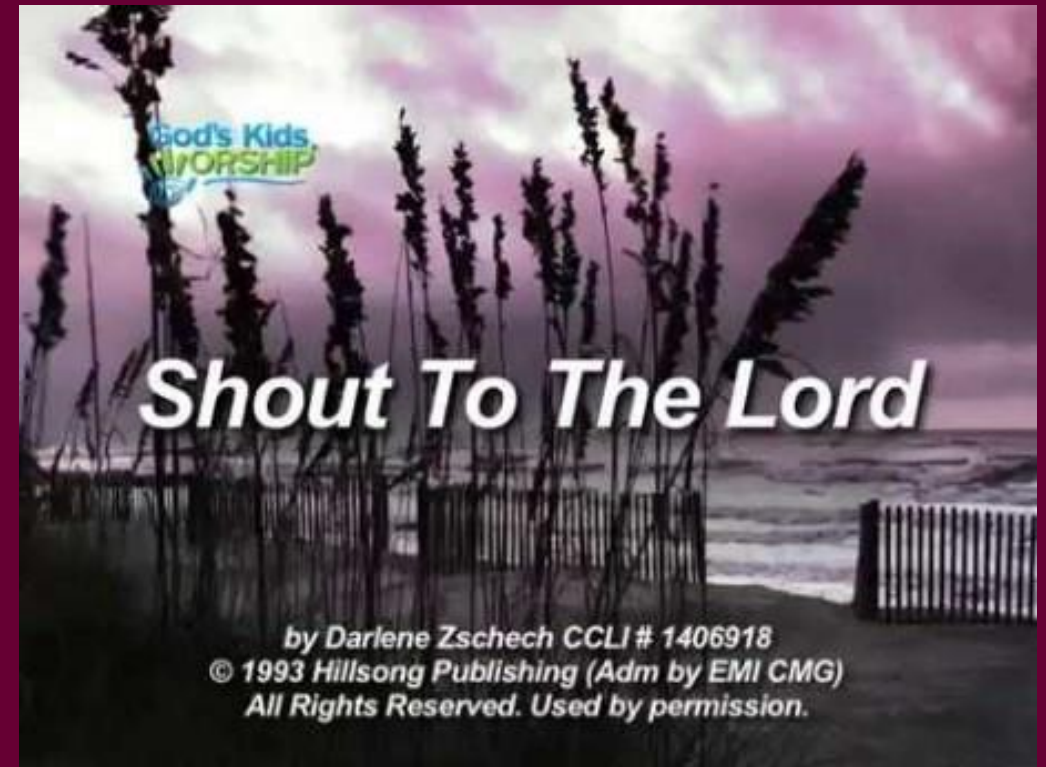
Shout to the Lord

My Jesus, my Saviour
Lord there is none like You
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love

My comfort, my shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath, all that I am
Never cease to worship You

Shout to the Lord all the Earth, let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0FfJ9w1idAc>

Catechism Time!

Bible truths for teaching children

Question 13

Q: Can anyone keep the law of God perfectly?

A: Since the fall, no human has been able to keep the law of God perfectly.

Let's ask ourselves...

Have you ever desired something from others that is not right? Have you ever disobeyed God? Have you ever loved something more than God in your life? Have you ever told a lie? Have you ever been unreasonably angry with anyone? Have you...

Bible verse (Romans 3:10-12)

None is righteous, no, not one;

no one understands;

no one seeks for God.

All have turned aside; together they have become worthless;

no one does good,

not even one.

The Tower of Babel



Genesis 11: 1-9; 12:1-4

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'Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly.'
They used brick instead of stone, and bitumen for mortar.
Then they said,

'Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth.'

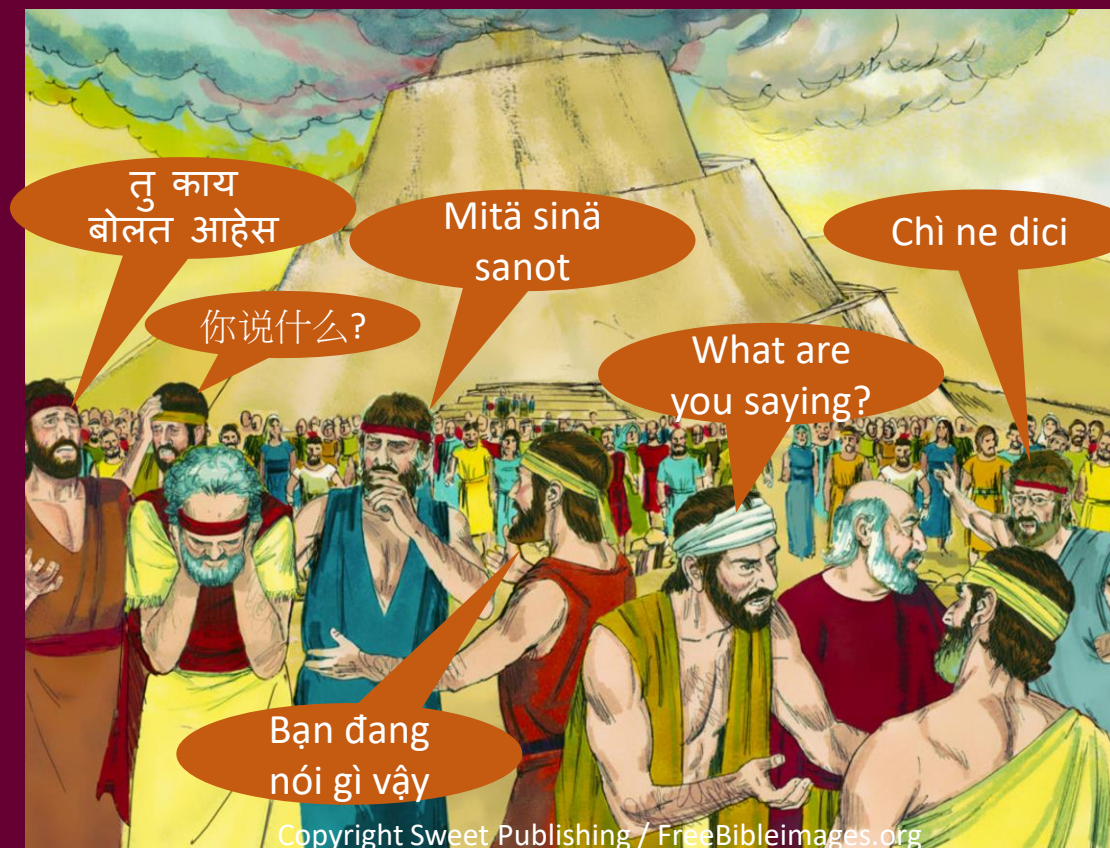


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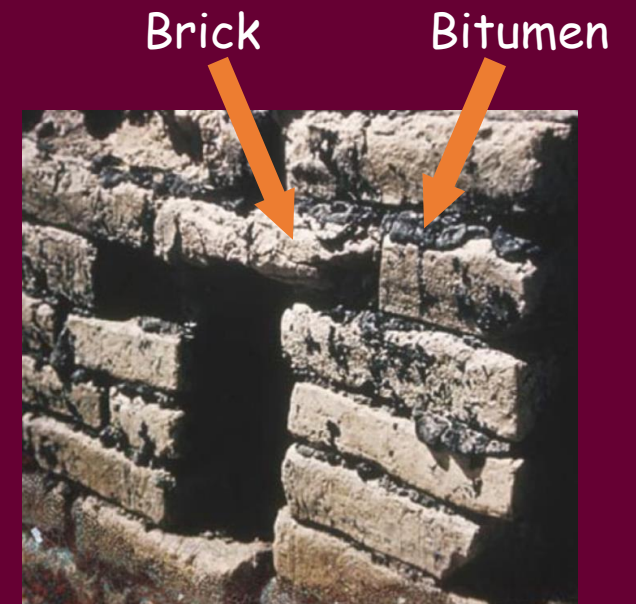
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1. Before that time, people built with stones. But the "Babylonians" had a technology breakthrough. What was this new technology that allowed them to build tall buildings?
2. Which of the following were the Babylonians' ambitions?
 - Make themselves famous
 - Populate the whole earth
 - Reach God by their own efforts
3. God's original purpose for humanity was "fill the earth and subdue it" (Gen 1:28). Did the Babylonians obey God?



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Can you match the yellow words to the correct picture?



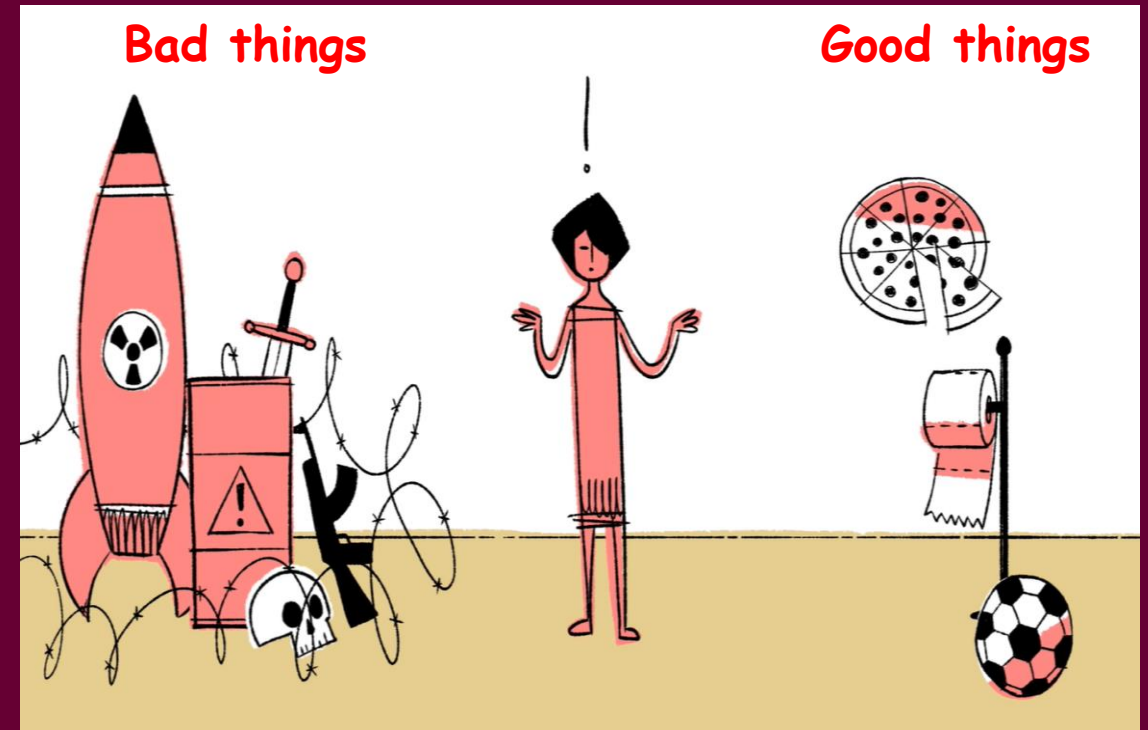
- wanted to stay together
- wanted to get to God by their own efforts
- wanted humans to spread out and fill the earth
- thought highly of technology
- desired to be great (= pride)
- came down from heaven

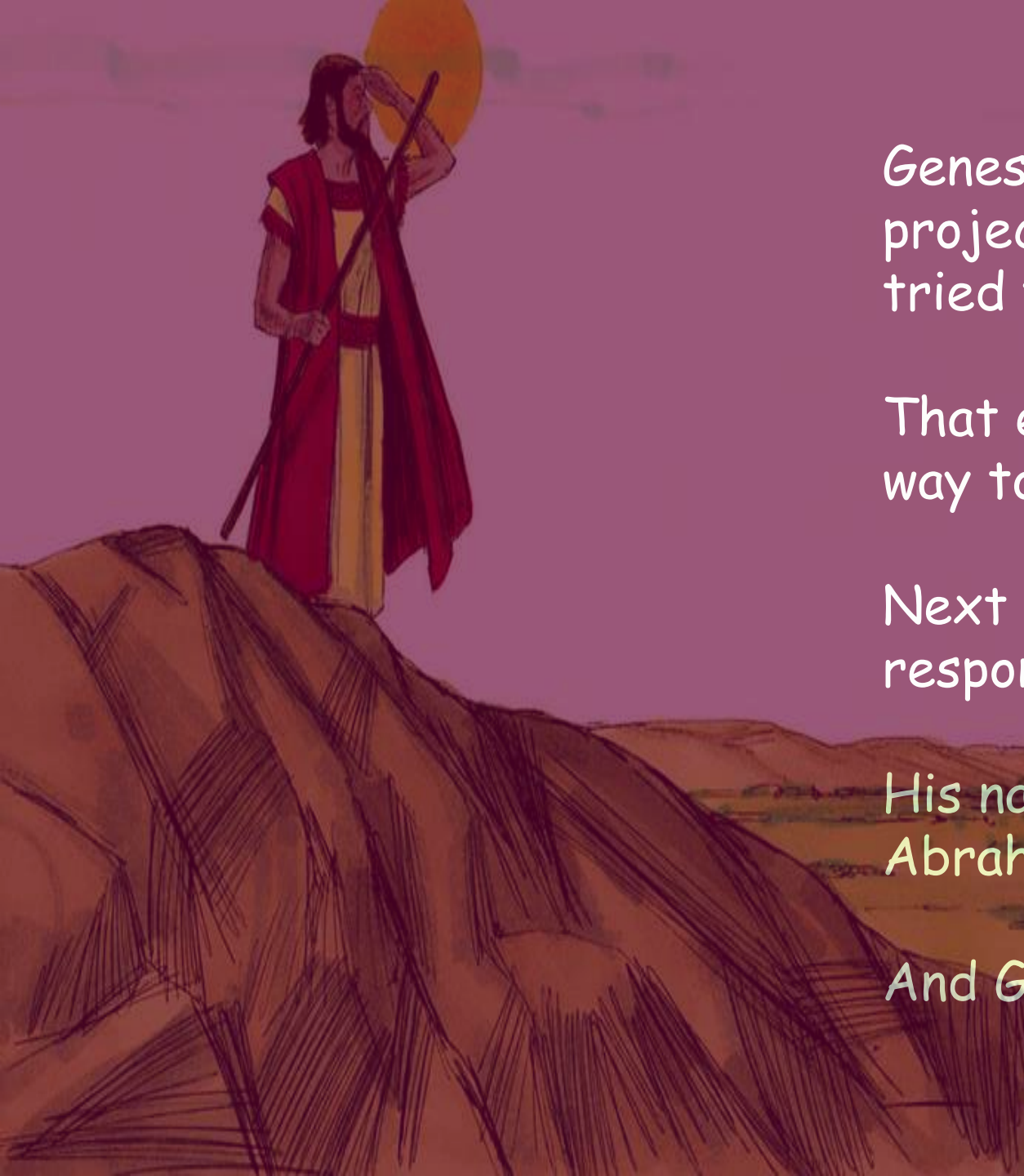


Question: Why did God confuse the human language?

Answer: God did this to save us from hurting ourselves.

- ❑ You see, humans are really good at turning gifts into curses
- ❑ And we are wicked indeed ... "The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." (Gen 6:5)
- ❑ God did not want humans to combine all our wickedness to do things to hurt ourselves. So He confused our language.
- ❑ Can you name some of the good things and bad things humans have come up with?





Genesis Chapter 11 describes a massive building project where proud and rebellious humans tried to reach God by their own efforts...

That ended in failure because that is not the way to know God.

Next we turn to Chapter 12, where one man responded to God's calling.

His name was Abram, later renamed by God as Abraham. He was faithful and obedient.

And God blessed him...

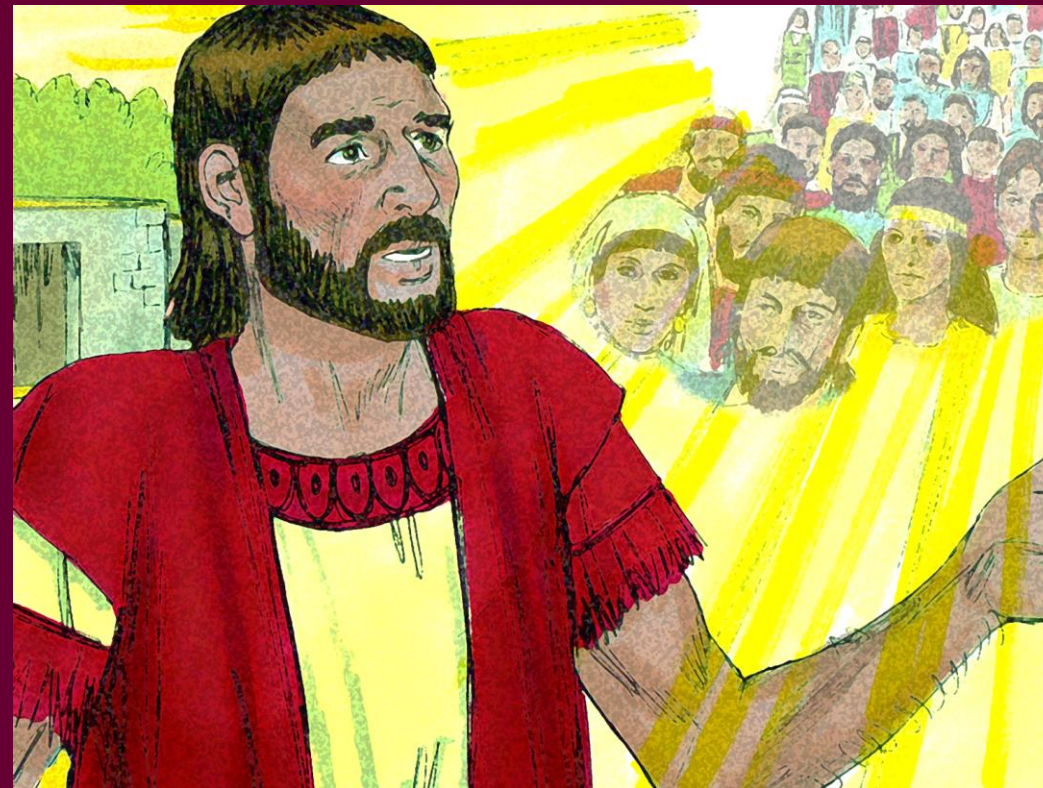
Genesis 12:1-4

The LORD had said to Abram, 'Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.

'I will make you into a great nation,
and I will bless you;
I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing.

I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth
will be blessed through you.'

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him.



Abraham was living in the city of Ur when God called him. He traveled to Shechem, and built an altar there.

Which Way to God??

Adam and Eve sinned by disobeying God in the Garden of Eden. They were expelled from it. The Babylonians tried their own way to get back to God. But that was not God's way. God will provide a way, through Abraham...

Let's compare the Babylonians and Abraham:

Babylonians

They disobeyed God by gathering in a city
They were proud and used their own efforts to get to God
They wanted to make a name for themselves
God scattered them over the earth



Abraham

He obeyed God by leaving his home
He was humble and followed God's guidance
God made Abraham's name great
God made Abraham into a great nation

Can you tell what pleases God and what doesn't?

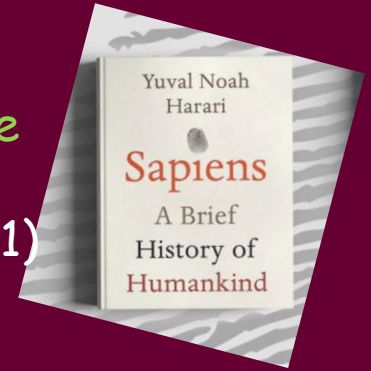
People are Still Building the "Tower of Babel" Today!



"Gagarin flew into space, but didn't see any god there."
Khrushchev, Head of the Soviet Union, said after the nation sent the first man ever into space in 1961

"The leading project of the Scientific Revolution is to give humankind eternal life."

Yuval Harari, *Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind* (2011)



Nowadays, genetic engineering can cure diseases. And we have more knowledge at our finger tips than any humans living before us. A famous author even suggested that humankind could give itself eternal life one day.

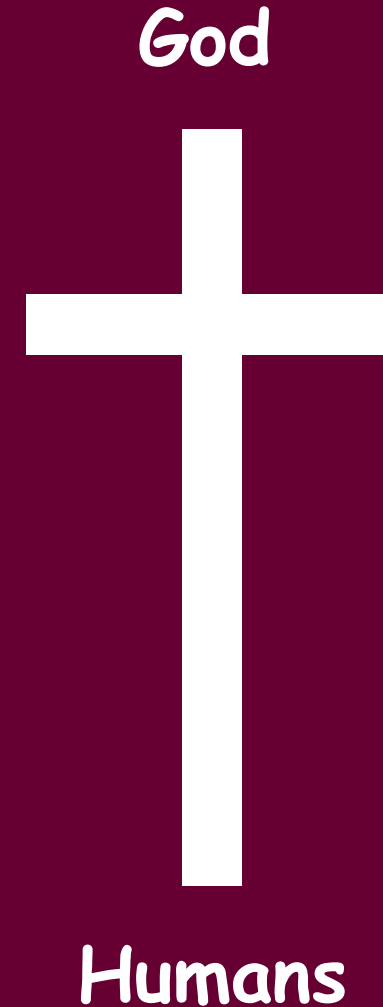
Do these sound familiar with the Babylonian story?

- Come, let us make AI human...
- Come, let us use science to engineer eternal life...



What's Really Wrong with Human Efforts?

- ❑ God loves humans and wants to be reunited with us.
- ❑ However, something must first be dealt with - that is called "sin". Sin separates humans from God.
- ❑ The Babylonians tried to force their way to God without dealing with sin. Modern humans are doing the same.
- ❑ God chose Abraham, and through his descendant Jesus, dealt with sin. By Jesus' death, God forgives our sin and unites us with Him.
- ❑ Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me."
(John 14:6)



Sharing By Family Members

1. What do you learn about God and His character through the stories of the Tower of Babel and Abraham?
2. In what ways are you like the Babylonians?
3. In what ways are you like Abraham?
4. Is there sin you need to confess before God?

Family Prayer Time

1. Thank God for His Word and help so we may learn from Jesus.
2. Ask your children to pray for what they have learned just now.
3. Ask your family how you can pray for them specifically.

寶貴十架 Precious Cross

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W6dEU4h0xkM>



主耶穌 我感謝祢
祢的身體 為我而舍
帶我出黑暗 進入光明國度
使我再次能看見

主耶穌 我感謝祢
祢的寶血 為我而流
寶貴十架上 醫治恩典涌流
使我完全得自由

寶貴十架的大能賜我生命
主耶穌我俯伏敬拜祢
寶貴十架的救恩是祢所立的約
祢的愛永遠不會改變