

# The Story

## Tower of Babel

Sherwood Oaks Christian Church

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This section didn't make the cut for the publication of "The Story," but Tom's going to be preaching on it anyway. You can find it in Genesis, chapter 11 verses 1-9.

### Family Activity Ideas

The following questions can be asked and talked about around the dinner table or in the minivan on the way to your baboon-grooming lessons.

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Do you have the ability to record a children's show in a foreign language. I believe Sesame Street and others may be in Spanish on your cable or satellite line-up somewhere if you search. Have the family watch a part of a show in a foreign language. Then talk about how difficult it would be not to understand everyone around you.

Then grab a Bible and read about The Tower of Babel (Genesis 11:1-9) and consider these questions together...

1. **What words in another language do you know?**
2. **Since everyone in the whole world spoke the same language and could work together, what big plans did they have?**
3. **They seemed to think that they were so wonderful and great. If they kept thinking that more and more, how do you think they might start treating God and His commands?**
4. **What did God do to stop them?**
5. **Can you think of a time when you thought you were better at something than you actually were? (Has anyone thought they would be good at flying and so they jumped off the top bunk?)**
6. **God could have stopped them by destroying their tower with a lightning bolt or an earthquake, but he just confused their languages and had them spread out over the earth. What GOOD things do you think has come from this spreading out?**

You can pray using your own prayer, or saying one like this:

Dear God, help us to remember that you are God and we are just people. Help us to remember your commands, and help us to follow your nudges when you want us to do something different than what we're doing. We want to obey you and love you forever. Amen.