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TOWER OF BABEL

Story #7

REVIEW

1. Why did God destroy the world by a flood?
(Because the people were so sinful)
2. Were the people on earth in oneness with God in the days of Noah?
(No.)
3. What did the people do when Noah warned them about the coming flood?
(They did not listen)
4. How was Noah saved from the flood?
(God told him to make a boat and he did)
5. Why was Noah saved from the flood?
(Because God showed mercy (*grace*) to Noah.
And because God was keeping His Promise - The Promised Descendant would come through Noah's lineage. Remember, Noah was a descendant of Adam & Eve's son, Seth.... Let's continue to watch to follow the line of the Promised Descendant)
6. Did God do what He said He would do to the sinful people?
(Yes. He destroyed them)

Read Genesis 11:1-9

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Story #7

From the beginning of creation, there was only one language. All the people of the earth spoke the same language and used the same words.

God (*YHVH**) had said to scatter and multiply throughout the earth after the flood, but the generations after Noah did not want to scatter. Instead of scattering they said, “Let us make a big city and a high tower, so that our name will not be forgotten, and we will not be scattered throughout the earth.” They did not want to obey God. They wanted to be important.

God punished them for disobeying. He caused them to speak different languages. Those who could understand each other banded together. The speech of each group was different. They discontinued the building of the high tower and God scattered them to far places on this earth.

Men quickly became proud. But God always judges sin. God will cause the proud to be humbled.

** Transliteration of the name from the original Scripture which was written in Hebrew.*

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Characteristics of God

Which Characteristics of God are made known in this story?
How are the Characteristics of God made known in this story?

1. **GOD IS ALL-KNOWING**
 God knew what the people were thinking and doing.

2. **GOD IS ALL POWERFUL**
 God caused the people to scatter and multiply.

3. **GOD HATES SIN**
 God punished the sinful people. The people wanted to be very important, so God judged their sin. He will cause the proud to be humbled.

pearl ~ *Shem's descendants spread over most of the Middle East.*

Jepheth's descendants went to live in Eastern Europe.

Ham's descendants headed west to the Mediterranean Sea and then went south down into Africa. Ham's son Canaan and his family stayed near the Mediterranean and those people became the Canaanites. Ham's son Mysraim settled in Egypt. Some of Ham's other descendants became the Philistines.

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Questions

1. Were the people obedient to God in the making of the tower of Babel instead of scattering? (no)

2. Do you know what the word Babel means?
(it means confusion)

3. Who were the people following in building the tower of Babel?
(Their own sinful desires)

4. How did God punish the sin of the people at the tower of Babel?
(God caused the people to speak different languages)

pearl ~ *This story is not about how high the tower could be built. They were on a plain...not a mountain (Gen.11:2). This story is about disobedience and how God caused man to fulfill His plan to “scatter and multiply” and fill the earth.*

pearl – *God is the One who caused men to speak different languages and form different ‘people groups’. God wants mankind to acknowledge Him as the One true God. God wants men from “every tribe and tongue and people and nation to worship Him” (Rev.5:9). “Let the peoples praise You, O God. Let all the peoples (people groups) praise You” (Psalm 67).*

Picture Description

7. "Tower of Babel"

Up until this time there was only one language (Genesis 11)

God had told the people to scatter and multiply and fill the earth...

...but the people stayed and built the Tower of Babel

Different languages "scatter and multiply"

Four arrows signifying God's scattering of the people

Drama ~ Hints & Suggestions

Watching the video drama is experiencing the story
but, doing your own drama is so much fun.- Go for it!

#7. Tower of Babel

Props

*Cardboard Brick Blocks - (borrow from pre-school classroom)

*Boxes - lots of boxes, diff. sizes.

~~Sample Activities~~

Day 1 ~ Review by watching video "The Hope: The Story of God's Promise for All People" ©2002 Mars Hill Productions, www.mars-hill.org - channels 1-4 (18 minutes)
Review by retelling each Story. Have different students come & retell each Story.

Day 2 ~ Tell the story of the Tower of Babel.

Watch video "The Bible...In The Beginning" ©2001 TCFHE, 20th Century Fox Channel 10 (7 minutes) about building Tower of Babel, the confusion, scattering
Learn to say 'Hello" in several different languages.

Listen to a section of audio tape in another language. Can anyone interpret?

Day 3 ~ Talk about the theory of Pangaea (when continents were all together).

You can pull up a picture on Internet at Image: Pangaea continents from Wikipedia.
Could this have been the time before God scattered and multiplied all the people?
Could Pangaea be time when *"the whole earth used the same language"* (Gen 11:1)?
The Scripture tells about a man named Peleg who was born 101 years after Flood.
It says about Peleg, *"for in his days the earth was divided"* (Gen.10:25). Peleg lived 239 years. It's interesting to note Noah and his son Shem would have still been alive during the whole life of Peleg. The Scripture says *"Noah lived 350 yrs after flood"* (Gen.9:28) and *"Shem lived 500 years after his son was born"* (Gen. 11:10).

Bible Drill:

Gen. 9:18-19 "So Noah went out, and his sons and his sons' wives"

Gen 10:2,6,22 "the sons of Japheth...the sons of Ham...the sons of Shem"

Gen 11:11 "Shem lived 500 years" after the Flood

Gen 11:1-4, 8-9 "same language...the LORD scattered them...confused language"

Gen 10:25 during life of Peleg "the earth was divided"