

# Bible Study Guide for Families

**Theme:** *Building Our Lives on God, Not Ourselves*

**Main Passage:** *Genesis 11:1-9*

**Memory Verse:** *Proverbs 18:10 – “The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run into it and are safe.”*

## Opening Discussion:

### Ask Your Kids:

1. Have you ever tried to build something really big with blocks or Legos? What happened when it got too high?
2. Have you ever felt proud of something you made or did?
3. What do you think happens when people try to do things without listening to God?

## Read Genesis 11:1-9 Together

- (For younger kids: Read from a children's Bible or summarize in simple terms.)
- Ask: *Why did the people want to build the tower?* (They wanted to be famous and powerful.)
- Ask: *What did God do when He saw their pride?* (He confused their language and scattered them.)

## Key Lessons

1. **Pride Makes Us Want to Be in Charge**
  - The people wanted to make their **own name great** instead of following God.
  - **Ask:** *Why is it better to listen to God than to try and be in charge all the time?*
  - **Bible Connection:** *Proverbs 3:5-6 – Trust in the Lord, not in our own plans.*
2. **God Wants Us to Trust Him, Not Ourselves**
  - The people thought they could reach heaven **on their own**.
  - **Ask:** *Can we get to heaven by being good or working hard? Or do we need Jesus?*
  - **Bible Connection:** *John 14:6 – Jesus is the only way to God.*
3. **God's Plan is Always Better**
  - Even when people failed, **God had a plan** (later through Abraham and Jesus).
  - **Ask:** *How can we trust God when we don't understand what's happening?*
  - **Bible Connection:** *Romans 8:28 – God works all things for good.*

## Family Activity: “Tower Challenge”

- **Supplies:** Blocks, Legos, or household items.
- **Challenge:** Work together to build the tallest tower you can.
- **Twist:** Halfway through, someone has to **give different instructions in a made-up language** to confuse the builders.
- **Discussion:** *How did it feel when you couldn't understand each other? Why does working together with God's guidance work better?*

## Prayer Time

- Thank God that He is **in control** and we don't have to build our own way to Him.
  - Ask God to help us **trust Him more** instead of being prideful.
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