

# LARGE GROUP



**December 4, 2022**

**People Rebel Against God**

*Bible Passage:* Genesis 10-11

*Big Picture Question:* What does it mean to sin?  
To sin is to think, say, or behave in any way that goes against God and His commands.

1. **Countdown Video** as kids enter (3 minutes)
2. Worship Leader *\*briefly\** **introduces self, welcomes kids, leads 1st worship song, and prays for the time** (4 minutes)
3. Large Group Leader **tell kids what to expect to happen** (1 minute)
  - Watch the lesson video
  - Retell the story.
  - Read the story from scripture
4. WATCH LESSON VIDEO (4 minutes)
5. Large Group Leader **retells the story**. Be sure to make this time fun, interactive, and engaging. Feel free to use props, costumes, and perhaps let the kids act out parts of the story.

Here are some resources to help you formulate this time.

## **Review what we learned:**

Over the last few weeks, we have learned a lot about sin. We have seen the problem of sin through our Bible stories. Sin entered the world when Adam and Eve that what God had told them wasn't best. Sin spread, and Cain murdered his brother. We even learned that humans grew so wicked, God decided to flood the whole earth.

In each of these stories we have seen the ways sin twists our understanding so that we ignore God. This week, we will focus on a story that helps us get to the root of what sin is: Sin is rebellion against God. We are all born in sin, with hearts that don't want to obey God. On our own, we will believe that God is not our King and that we can rule over our own lives to choose what is best for ourselves without His help. Our story today is called 'People Rebel Against God.'

## **Today's Lesson**

When Noah's family left the ark, God commanded them to spread out and fill the earth. As Noah's family grew, they began traveling through the land. Soon, they decided to settle in a valley despite God's command to scatter and fill the earth.



The people decided they wanted to be famous. They wanted to bring glory to themselves. But that's not why God created people. God created people to bring glory to Him. Only God is worthy of glory and honor. Instead of trusting God's plan for them, the people agreed to work together to build a tower high into the sky—a tower that would show how wonderful they were.

When God saw the tower, He decided to mix up their language so they couldn't continue their plan. The people couldn't continue building the tower, and soon they separated and moved to new places. The people had finally scattered all over the earth, just as God had told them.

God mixed their languages so that the people would have to obey Him. After the flood, God had commanded the people to scatter and fill the earth. Instead of loving and obeying God, the people loved themselves and rebelled against God. A rebellion is when people resist and fight against the ruler or government that has power over them. God is our Creator and King. He has the power and authority to rule over us, and His perfect character means all His commands are good.

What does it mean to sin? To sin is to think, speak, or behave in any way that goes against God and His commands. Whenever we go against God, it shows the problem deep in our hearts: we are born sinners. We believe that we know more than God. We think that God doesn't want what is best for us. We reject His authority. Thankfully, even though we are rebels fighting against a perfect God, He loves us and shows us mercy. In the Bible story today, God's mercy toward the people showed up as new languages that drove people to obey God and fill the earth with God's glory. To us, God's mercy is found in Jesus, who died on the cross to pay for our sin and rose again to make the way to live with God forever.

***Christ Connection: People wanted glory for themselves instead of God. They ignored God's plan, so God confused their language and scattered them all over the earth. One day, Jesus will gather together all of God's people—from every tribe and language—and they will worship Him together.***

6. Large Group Leader **reads the story from scripture** (4 minutes)

**Genesis 10:1** (Say: the Bible then tells of the families that come from Noah's family) 10:32; 11:1-9

7. Large Group Leader **explain what will happen when they go back to class** : 4 Questions

8. Worship Leader **closes in last song and prayer** (4 minutes)