



You shall have no other gods before Me. (Exodus 20:3)

Bible Study for Preparation:

Read Genesis 11:1-9. Consider how the people's choice to build a tower and to make a name for themselves foreshadows direct opposition to the first commandment (Exodus 20:3). Note that THE FIRST thing Noah did after exiting the ark was to build an altar **to the Lord**. This week's story is in stark contrast, the Tower of Babel is a form of an altar to another god – self!

The gospel in the story:

A key component to believing the good news of Jesus, is to understand our dependence upon and need for the Lord. Every breath we take, every heartbeat, and every step we take, depends on Him. He sustains all life, and is fundamentally at the center of all creation. But our wicked hearts continually want to be self-reliant, and put ourselves at the center. In the story of the Tower of Babel, God demonstrates his intolerance for the attitude of putting man before God, and proves that His plan will prevail.

*Application**Head: What did we learn?*

- Q: Who are the people in the story? A: Descendants of Noah and his sons.
Q: What were they commanded to do? A: "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth."
Q: In what way did the people disobey God? A: They chose to build a tower and "create a name for themselves."
Q: How did God deal with the disobedient people? A: He caused their languages to be confused.
Q: What did we learn about the difference between man and God. A: God is above all things, and mankind depends on God for everything

Heart : Memory verse

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Hands: How does this affect the way I live my life?

We are to worship and obey God. He deserves our worship and obedience because He is above all things, and the provider of everything good.

Home: How does this affect my household?

Some families are known for their big house, or nice cars, or even great works. These things aren't necessarily bad, but can be if we put them first. How can you and your family members encourage each other to put God first?

Heaven: How does this help us share our faith?

Consider how your family is perceived in your neighborhood. Is your household about you or God?