



**Beautiful**  
**BIBLE TREASURES**  
**For Children**

**Lesson 12**

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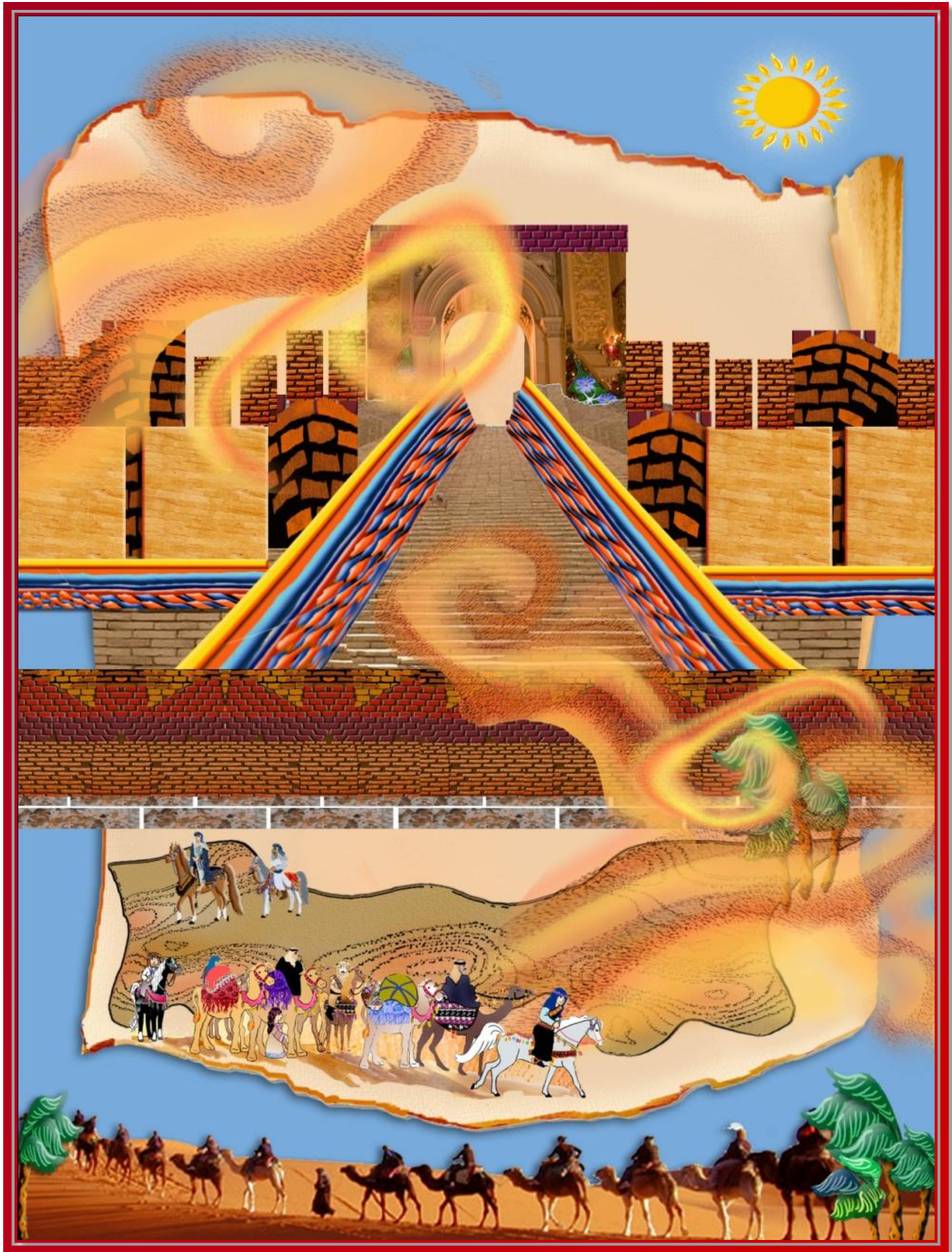
## The Tower of Babel

Building a very tall tower of blocks can be fun. Did you know some men once tried to build a tower of mud bricks as tall as the sky? It was silly, and it would never reach up to heaven. They were being proud.

God wanted them to stop doing it, and instead go and live in other parts of the world, to travel around, and to form smaller communities living here and there.

Too many people all together, all doing the same thing, wasn't making the world what it needed to be.

So God gave each family a new language to speak—a language no one else understood. Since no one could understand others anymore, as they could before, they had to stop building the tall tower, and instead went to explore new places on Earth and do new things.



## The Tower of Babel

Isn't it fun to watch and hear young children as they are learning to talk? Some of the words they use for things can sound so funny!

Did you know that there are thousands of languages around the world—and babies have the ability to learn whatever language their parents speak, just from hearing it around them? It's truly incredible!

Did you know there was a time when only one language was spoken in the whole world? It was easy to understand things then. It was also easy for everyone to think and say and all do the same things.

One day a big important man got an idea that everyone should work together to build the world's largest tower. He thought they could prove how very powerful and smart they all were.



They thought if they made it high enough, it would reach up to heaven and they would be as great as God.

God had other plans for people on Earth, however. He didn't want them to lift themselves up with their silly, proud ideas.

He wanted them to travel, to explore, to do new things—not to all do the same thing and stay in the same place. So He did something very amazing.

Unexpectedly, each family on Earth began to speak a new language—so new that no one else had ever heard it, and no one but their family could understand it.

That was the end of their proud plans. And it was the beginning of travel, cultures, countries, and new places and things discovered!

### Activity

\*Make some paper flags of different countries. Read a children's atlas about various continents, countries, and cultures. Listen to a few "national anthems" of some other countries.

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Sometime after Noah and his team had made it safely through the flood, the world was getting more populated again—just as God had asked of them.

Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. They and their wives began to have families, and their children grew up and had families too; and on it went, until there were many people living on Earth again.

Since everyone spoke the same language they could all understand what everyone was saying, but what they began to do now was not pleasing to God. Because of their proud thoughts, they were attempting a new project—to build a tall tower that would reach the sky. They thought this would make them equal with God.

People weren't exploring too many new places in the world. They weren't trying out new good ideas and learning new things. Everyone was influenced easily as one nation, all speaking the same thing, and motivated to all go the same way.

If people had been doing good and wonderful things, following God's ways, this would have been fine.

However, since they weren't, they were all speedily going in the wrong direction.



So what was the best way to get people to explore more of the world and discover new things—and not be influenced to follow the wrong ideas of others?

God gave new languages to people. Each family suddenly spoke a different language! The work on the Tower of Babel came to a halt. Everyone being able to talk and understand each other is what made that big project possible, but now it had to stop since people couldn't understand each other and communicate effectively. Instead of progress, they now had confusion.

Each family moved, travelled, and explored where they wanted to. That confusion was such a big event. Such a change! There are so many languages in the world today. The people who have tried to count them say there are between 6,000 and 9,000 languages. So there are plenty of languages people can speak nowadays in countries all around the world.

Learning to speak other languages can be a challenging and fun experience—sometimes hard, but also rewarding when you can finally communicate with people you have not been able to talk with before. It provides new opportunities and friendships.



It's easy to notice if others who are trying to speak your language say things somewhat differently than you do. The efforts of others to speak a new language should be admired. They have learned not only their own language—one that you might not know—but yours too. Instead of noticing the imperfections, according to the way you think words and sounds should be said, you can appreciate the fact that they have learned so much.

Think how much more difficult it would be if they hadn't learned to speak any of your language, and you had to guess what they were trying to say, and they didn't understand what you were trying to ask. It would be difficult. Be glad for their effort, and make your own effort to learn to speak other languages.

### Let's Talk About It

\*What foreign language would you most like to learn, or think would be useful, and why?

\*Is there somewhere in the world you'd like to go one day to see or explore? Write down your hopes and wish-for's, and pray for it to happen—when and if it's the Lord's plan for you.

### Activity

\*Say as many "hellos" or "pleases" or "thank yous" as you know in various languages. Demonstrate different ways people greet each other around the world. (Bow, shake hands, hold hands together, kiss on both cheeks, etc.) Sing any foreign language song you know, or play some from an audio.



## The Tower of Babel



### Connect and Communicate

\*Pray for each other. Each person can say something they'd like to have prayer for, and someone else says a prayer for them. Then they take a turn to express a personal prayer request, and someone prays for them.

### Study Fun

Discover: Ways to make buildings of all types. What was used in the past, how are various houses made today, and how is a skyscraper built to last?

Underline: All the words having to do with speech, talking, and communicating.

Define: The word "confound".

### Genesis

**6:3** And the Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

**9:1** And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.



**9:2** And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered.

**9:29** And all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years: and he died.

**11:1** And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.

**11:2** And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there.



**11:3** And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar.

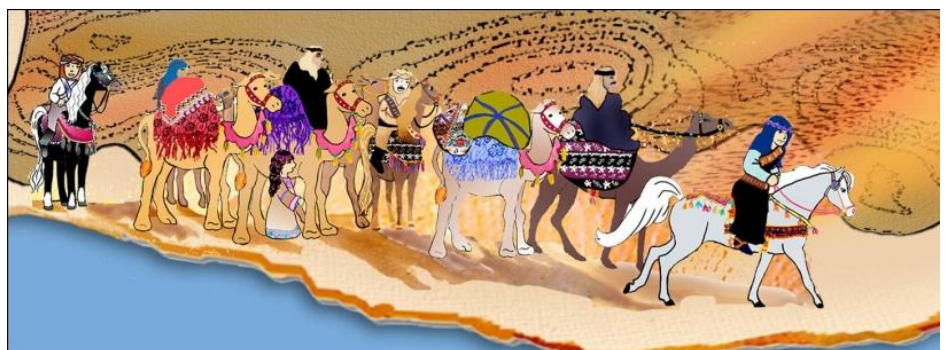
**11:4** And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

**11:5** And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded.

**11:6** And the Lord said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.

**11:7** Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.

**11:8** So the Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.



**11:9** Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the Lord did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the Lord scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

### Activity

\*Have a "culture" meal and activity. Choose a country to learn about, cook a traditional meal, dress similar to people there, and learn a phrase in that language.

## Fountain of Faith

**2 Corinthians 1:3,4** Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.



**Matthew 21:22** And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

## God Can Supply

### Prayer

**Isaiah 30:19b** He will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry; when he shall hear it, he will answer thee.

\*Finish-a-prayer: Go around in a circle, or back and forth between two people, finishing each other's sentences and beginning a new one for the next person to finish. and so on.

**Matthew 6:33** But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

**Philippians 4:19** But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

**Psalms 84:11** For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

**Psalms 23:1** The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**Psalms 34:10b** They that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.

**1 John 3:22** And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

**Matthew 7:7** Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

**Mark 11:24** Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire,

when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

**John 14:14** If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

**Luke 11:10** For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

### Activity

\*Fill in the blanks in each verse with a drawing on a separate piece of paper, or the whiteboard or chalkboard, or draw with fingers on a sand tray.

Example:

**Matthew 6:33** But seek ye first the kingdom of (draw a picture of God), and his righteousness; and all these things shall be (draw a "plus" sign) unto you.

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## Topic Treasures — Communication

### Study Fun

Discover: Through research online or in books, any languages that had or have only a spoken language, and there is or was no written language for it.

Underline: Where the verses mention what to do, what's good and right.

Define: The word "communicate".

**1 Timothy 6:18** That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate.

**Galatians 6:6** Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things.

**Hebrews 13:15** By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

**Proverbs 16:13** Righteous lips are the delight of kings; and they love him that speaketh right.

**Acts 6:10** And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake.

**Proverbs 18:6** A fool's lips enter into contention.

**Proverbs 18:13** He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him.

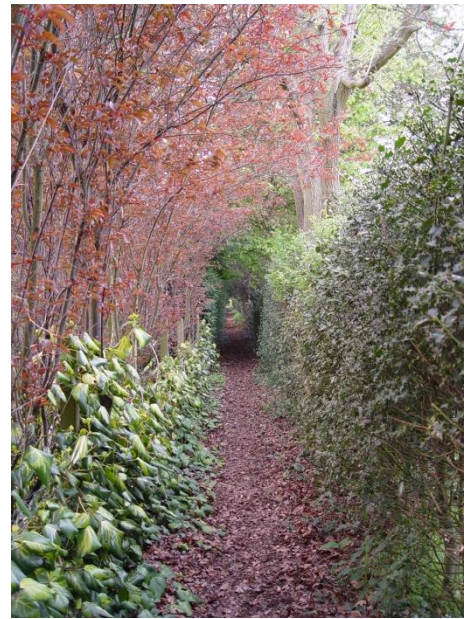
**Proverbs 29:11** A fool uttereth all his mind: but a wise man keepeth it in till afterwards.

**Hebrews 13:16** But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

**Philippians 4:14** Notwithstanding ye have well done, that ye did communicate with my affliction.

**Job 16:5** But I would strengthen you with my mouth, and the moving of my lips should assuage your grief.

**Proverbs 10:11a** The mouth of a righteous man is a well of life.





## Daily Diary

\*Pause and think about what words or phrases others say that make you feel the best or the worst. Take note of them to remind yourself to try to use (or not use) those with others.