In the Beginning...Jesus

Lesson 7
God Scatters the Nations and Chooses One Man for Himself

Themes:
- After the flood, God commanded Noah and his sons to multiply and fill the earth.
- Man is sinful and is in rebellion against God.
- The people of Shinar thought they could oppose the one, true God.
- God alone is the Sovereign Ruler—no one can oppose Him and win.
- God chose one man in whom He would make a great nation to bless the world.

Scripture:
Genesis 9:1; 10:32; 11:1-8; 12:1-3; 2 Chronicles 20:6; Isaiah 40:15a, 22a

Memory Verse:
Isaiah 53:6 (and review verses 3-5)

Today's Clue:
ABRAHAM—ONE MAN BLESSING THE WORLD

Home and Heart:
Have your child think of great skyscrapers. Why might people want to build such tall buildings? How could having the tallest building in the world make you famous? Could it make you equal to the greatness and fame of God? Why not? What can happen to skyscrapers? Will they last forever? Read and discuss Proverbs 16:5, 18-19. How were the people of Shinar proud? Do you ever struggle with pride? How do feelings of pride show we all are sinners? In what ways do we try to be "greater than God"? Will it work? Why not? Can you think of any Bible verses that help you to remember the greatness of God and boast about Him and not about yourself?

Read Genesis 11:7-9. How would confusing their language cause the people of Shinar to stop building the tower? In verse 9, Who dispersed them throughout the earth? Can you think of a verse at the end of the Bible that gives a picture of people from all nations, peoples, and languages all worshipping God together? (Revelation 7:9-10.) Has this fully happened yet? In what ways is it happening right now?

After God scattered the people across the earth, He did not walk away from His sinful people and ignore them or destroy them. Read Genesis 12:1-3. Do these verses tell us why God chose Abram? Was he smart? Strong? Good? Powerful? Rich? Then why did God choose him of all the people on the earth? Does the Bible tell us? Why not? What does this tell us about God? [God is free to choose whomever He wants. God doesn't have to explain His choices. God has the right to do whatever He wants to do.] Read and discuss 1 Corinthians 1:26-29.



DISCOVER MORE GENESIS

How are you doing in Genesis? Have you been reading your Bible during the week? Are you discovering more great things about God as you read? God is so amazing and exciting—there is no one else like Him!

This week read Genesis 9-11 and 12:1-3. You will notice that there are some long lists of names in some of the verses. Have your parents help you read through these verses. As you read, you might come across several new and unfamiliar words. Ask your parents what these words mean. Below are boxes with some of these words. Read each passage and find the word that matches the meaning given. Use the boxes to write in words.

WORD	MEANING
	An special agreement God made between Himself and Noah. (Genesis 9:11)
	A place where grapes are planted. (Genesis 9:20)
	Land lived in and ruled by a certain group of people. (Genesis 9:27)
	Groups of families or relatives. (Genesis 10:32)
	To be spread apart in different directions. (Genesis 11:8)
	Terah's most well-known son. (From Genesis 11:27)
	To be without children or to be unable to have children. (From Genesis 11:30)
	To show honor and favor to a person. (Genesis 12:2)