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Genesis 1-11



Do you remember what we learned last time? We have been talking about the very beginning of the world in the period we call **STARTING**. Four things happened during the **STARTING** period. Last time we talked about two. Do you remember what they were? Now we're going to study more about the third and fourth events in the **STARTING** period. By the way, all four of these events are in your Bible in Genesis 1-11.

THE FLOOD

Most people that live on the earth today live to be about 75-80 years old. Does that seem old to you?

Did you know that back in the days of **STARTING** in Genesis people lived to be almost 1,000 years old! That is longer than the United States of America has been a country! The earth was different back in the time of Genesis.

One man who lived during this time was known for loving God very much. His name was Noah. Noah and his wife had three sons named Ham, Shem and Japeth. These sons each had a wife.

What kind of man was Noah? (6:9)

How old are you?

How many people does that make in Noah's family?

DID YOU KNOW?

The average life expectancy in the United States for a male is **77.4** and for a female is **82.2**

Now, open your Bible to **GENESIS 6:9-14** and read about Noah.

Noah loved God very much and was obedient to him. He taught his family to love and obey God as well. Did the rest of the world act like Noah?

READ GENESIS 6:5-8 to see what the rest of the world was like in the time that Noah lived.

When we learned about the Fall of Man (the big mistake Adam and Eve made in the garden), we learned that sin is now in the world. Sin makes us do bad things. When we sin, we hurt God.

Have you ever felt like you hurt God by doing something bad? Have you ever hurt your parents by disobeying them? Talk about this with your leader. **How did you feel when you knew you hurt someone?**

The people that God had created on the earth were really hurting Him. They were sinning and were not acting like they loved God or even knew Him. God was very angry with the people and He wanted to start all over with His creation of man.

SO WHAT HAPPENED?



God told Noah to build an ark and enter it with his family members and some animals. God gave Noah very specific instructions about taking animals onto the ark with him to keep them alive during the flood.

How many of each animal did Noah take into the ark? _____

Did you say two?! You are half right. But did you know that Noah took **SEVEN** of some kinds of animals on the ark with him?

You can read about it in **Genesis 7:2-5 and 7:23-24.**

He took two of every unclean animal (yes, you were right!), but seven of every clean animal. A clean animal was called clean because it was a pleasing sacrifice to God. Noah took seven of each of the clean animals. He used them as sacrifices to the Lord, and possibly for his food.

READ ABOUT THE FLOOD IN GENESIS CHAPTER 7.

WITH PERMISSION & HELP FROM A TRUSTED
ADULT, SEARCH THE INTERNET FOR FLOOD AND
TSUNAMI VIDEOS AND PICTURES SO THAT YOU
CAN GET AN IDEA OF HOW DEVASTATING A
FLOOD CAN BE.

DID YOU KNOW?

Noah's ark was
approximately **450**
feet long. That's as
long as **20** basketball
courts lined up end
to end!

After the flood, Noah and his family finally came out of the ark. Can you imagine how noisy and smelly it would have been in that boat with all of those animals and birds? God promised Noah that he would never again destroy the earth by flood. He made a promise to Noah and sealed His promise by creating something beautiful in the sky.

What was it?

Read Genesis 9:11-13.

Next time you see a rainbow in the sky, remember that God is showing YOU his promise never to destroy the earth with a flood.

God still keeps His promise today and reminds us with His beautiful rainbows!!

God created a _____ in the sky to show Noah His promise never to destroy the earth by a flood again.

Have you ever seen a rainbow?

So far we have learned about 3 events that happened during the period of STARTING. What are they?

THE TOWER OF BABEL

The last event we are going to learn about in **STARTING** is the **TOWER OF BABEL**.

Many, many years after the flood when lots of people had again filled the earth, many people lived in sin and hurt God. They believed they could be as powerful as God, and they wanted to build a tower to reach heaven. It was not right for the people to want to be as powerful and as big as God. God became angry with the people and He used His power to mess up their plans...

HAVE YOU EVER HEARD ANYONE SPEAK IN A DIFFERENT LANGUAGE?

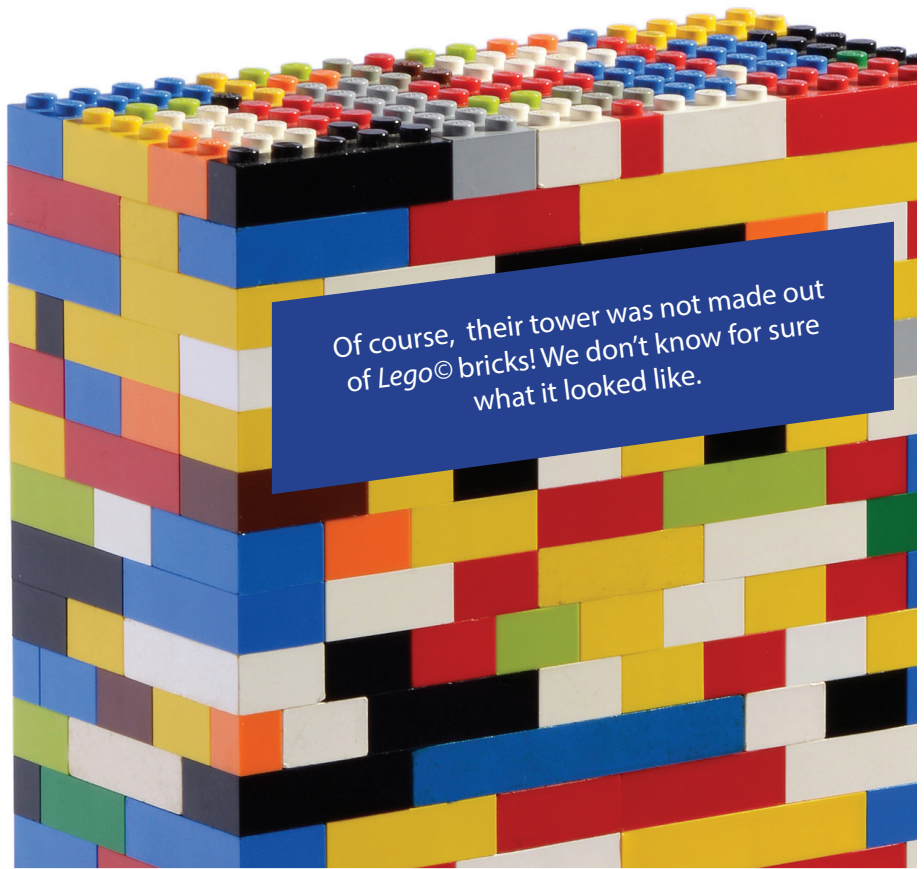
If so, you know that unless you have studied the language they are speaking, their words sound like babbling to you.



Languages all sound different! Each country not only has its own language but its own culture and customs. For example, we celebrate Christmas here in America, but in Israel they celebrate Hanukkah.

Cultures are different in our world today, but before the Tower of Babel, everyone spoke the same language and had the same customs! Because they all understood each other, they were able to work together to try to build a tower to heaven. Obviously, building a tower is not wrong, but their motive was prideful.

Genesis 11:4 says they wanted to “make a name for themselves” and “reach the heavens.” Apparently, God knew their reasons for building the tower were sinful.



Of course, their tower was not made out of Lego® bricks! We don't know for sure what it looked like.

BUT GOD CONFUSED THEM! The Bible says He mixed up their language! The people were so confused because all of a sudden they could not understand their friends – they were speaking a different language! Soon, people who could understand each other must have grouped together and traveled to their own area. Like today, they settled in different countries where they each had their own language and culture.

Now we can remember why it is called the Tower of Babel! Because everyone was babbling to each other in confusion as they each spoke their own new language.

**READ ABOUT THIS STORY
IN GENESIS 11:1-9.**

**GREAT JOB! YOU JUST
COMPLETED LEARNING
ABOUT THE 4 EVENTS IN
THE STARTING PERIOD!**



READ: Genesis 12, 21 & 22
Memorize: Deuteronomy 6:7



DID YOU KNOW?

More than **7,000** languages are known to be in use today. More than **1,300** have access to the New Testament and some portion of Scripture in their language.