

The Tower of Babel and the Day of Pentecost: Lesson 1

SuperTruth: There is power in unity.

SuperVerse: He said: “These people are working together because they all speak the same language. This is just the beginning. Soon they will be able to do anything they want.”

Genesis 11:6 (CEV)

Bible Story: Genesis 11:1–9; Acts 1:1–16; Acts 2:1–47

Game Materials

Needed:

- Dominoes, Jenga-style blocks, or small wood building blocks—six per team of 3 to 5 children
- Optional: masking tape or painters tape
- Bible or the Superbook

Teaching Materials

Needed:

- Whiteboard and marker, or chalkboard and chalk
- Blocks, 15 large cardboard building blocks, or any wood building blocks
- Washable markers
- Tape, glue sticks, or stapler
- Children’s scissors
- Pencils
- Unity Chain Pattern Bible or the Superbook Bible App

SuperVerse Materials

Needed:

- Two SuperVerse Card Patterns
- Scissors
- Cardstock
- Envelopes or small bags, such as ziploc-style bags
- Pen or permanent marker
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

Prayer Materials

Needed:

- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Today, we will watch a Bible story called “Tower of Babel and the Day of Pentecost.” Both of those stories are in our video today! These stories happened thousands of years apart, but they have something in common. As we watch, try to notice how they are similar—and how they are different.

- Chris and Joy struggle to communicate with a new student in their school who moved from India.
- Superbook takes Chris, Joy and Gizmo to Babel, where God stops people from building a great tower for their own glory. Then they visit Jerusalem, where God sends the Holy Spirit to unite and empower believers for His glory. The children learn that language and customs may divide us, but God’s power and love can overcome all obstacles.

SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Game: One Purpose (15 minutes)

Objective: Children work in unity to carry bricks and build a tower.

- In our game, each team will work in unity to complete a task. Your team has one purpose: to move bricks from one end of the room to the other so a tower can be built.

Game Instructions:

- Players will form a “human chain of unity” to move bricks from one end of their team line to the end to build a tower.

Teaching: The Two Sides of Unity (15 minutes)

Objective: Discuss how unity is a powerful force.

- You experienced the power of unity in the game. If even one player decided not to cooperate and had a different purpose, your team could not have built the tower. Unity is powerful; yet in our Bible story; we see that unity can be used for the wrong purpose!

Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (2 minutes)

- The first part of the challenge is to look up and read the verses on Link 2. The second part is found on Link 3: to thank Jesus daily for dying for us and forgiving us—then to tell someone what He has done for you.

SuperVerse: Superbook Unity (5 minutes)

Objective: Memorize the SuperVerse with a group activity.

- God took notice of the tower and city being built. When people come together in unity, it is a powerful force that can accomplish good or bad things.
- Each group works to find another group with the other SuperVerse cards they need to build the complete verse. The children in those two groups then work together to form a line and hold up the cards in the correct order. The first team to do this wins.

Prayer: Acceptance Prayers (5 minutes)

Objective: Communicate with God.

- God loves all people in all the countries of the world. He wants us to see others as He does, and show them His love.
- Today, I would like you to pray silently and ask God to open your eyes and your heart to others who may need a friend. Ask Him to help you reach out to them with a smile and a friendly voice to help them feel included. Ask God to help you understand others who may have different languages, clothing or customs.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES (REFER TO THE LESSON GUIDE FOR DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS)

Building Game: Play a fun game to build the tallest tower. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

Scatter Game: Play a game to scatter the people. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

Craft: Construct a tower to represent the power of unity. | **Grades 1–3** | 15 min

Bible Activity: Discuss pride and boasting. | **Grades 4–6** | 15 min