

The Tower of Babel and the Day of Pentecost: Lesson 3

SuperTruth: God brings unity by His Spirit.

SuperVerse: "Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose." Philippians 2:2 (NLT)

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

LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1–6

The Tower of Babel builders worked together in unity to make bricks and build a tall tower for their own fame and glory. The believers in Jerusalem prayed in unity to receive the Holy Spirit, and when they did, they gave God the glory.

- 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.
- Let's watch our Signposts Video to see how the Holy Spirit has been active in the world since the beginning of creation and is still at work today!

SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Game: One Purpose (15 minutes)

Objective: Play a game to work together in unity.

- The people who built the tower and the people who waited in Jerusalem did so with one purpose. Today we are going to play a game to work together in unity with one purpose.

Game Instructions:

- Teams line up in rows, with about 6–8 feet between each player. Players rotate positions to pass a ball in different ways to their teammates. Continue playing until every member of the team has been in each position. The first team to finish wins.

Teaching: The Holy Spirit, Beginning to End. (15 minutes)

Objective: Discuss how the Bible story is a signpost to Jesus.

- Today, we are going to discuss the Signposts video about the Tower of Babel and the day of Pentecost.
- Have three different children select one of the three Signpost cards in order and read it aloud.

Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (2 minutes)

- Our third challenge for this course is found on Links 6 and 7. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you live in unity with others and to forgive those who have offended you.

SuperVerse: Superbook Correction (5 minutes)

Objective: Memorize the SuperVerse with a group activity.

- Our SuperVerse tells us that God is always watching for ways to strongly support and strengthen those who are loyal to Him.
- Let's learn our SuperVerse with some simple hand motions today. Say and do the motions for each phrase, having the children repeat after you.

Prayer: Unity Prayers (5 minutes)

Objective: Communicate with God.

- This passage describes the importance of living in unity with others. It is wonderful, pleasant and refreshing. It is precious like the expensive and perfumed oil poured over Aaron's head and beard that anointed and set him apart for God's service. Oil represents the Holy Spirit.
- Children will close their eyes and bow their heads. Pray silently and thank God for giving you the gift of the Holy Spirit who works in your life. Then, ask God to help you to have the same mind as Christ, one of love and humility.

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

Balloon Game: Play a game together to keep peace. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

Drawing Game: Play a game to draw images from the Bible stories. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

Coloring Activity: Color a page of the Day of Pentecost. | **Grades 1–3** | 10 min

Bible Study: Dig Deeper into having unity of mind. | **Grades 4–6** | 15 min

Game Materials

Needed:

- Whiteboard and marker; or chalkboard and chalk
- A small ball—tennis ball, rubber ball—for each team

Teaching Materials

Needed:

- Signpost Card Patterns
- Three sheets of cardstock
- Optional: tape
- Unity Chain Pattern for any child who missed the previous lessons
- Model of the Unity Chain craft from Lesson 1
- Bible or the *Superbook* Bible App

SuperVerse Materials

Needed:

- Whiteboard and marker or chalkboard and chalk
- Eraser
- Bible or the *Superbook* Bible App

Prayer Materials Needed:

- Bible or the *Superbook* Bible App