



Family  
Conversation Guide  
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**WEEK 1**

### **May Theme:**

**God has a Plan!**

### **Monthly Memory Verse:**

“I know that you can do all things,  
and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.” - **Job 42:2** (ESV)

### **Monthly Challenge Verse:**

“Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord,  
whose trust is the Lord.” - **Jeremiah 17:7**

## **Week of May 1**

**Main Idea: A Name For Myself.**

**Life Application: Choose to be Humble.**



Parents: After listening to the sermon, take some time during the week to have great conversations with your kids. Use *The Action Bible (Pages 40-41)* as you lead your kids, and also use your own *Bible (Genesis 11:1-9)* to read through some of the verses listed that will help them better understand.

1. Read **Genesis 11:1,2**. The people who descended from Noah moved east and gathered in the plains of the land of Shinar. **What did the people have in common?** (*They had the same language and used the same words*)
2. Read **page 40 in The Action Bible**, and **Genesis 11:3,4**. **As they worked together, how did they feel?** (*They were proud of what they were accomplishing.*) **What did they decide to do?** (*They decided to build a city and a great tower.*) **Why did they want to do this?** (*So that the people of the earth would know about them and they would make a great name for themselves- they would be famous and powerful—replacing God with a worship of self.*)
3. Read **page 41 of The Action Bible** and **Genesis 11:5,6**. **Why was God unhappy with this?** (*Because they could speak the same language and work together, God knew they could accomplish anything.*) **Why was this a bad thing?** (*Because they would forget that they needed God, and all He had done for them.*)
4. **In verses 7-8, what did God decide to do?** (*Confuse their language so they would not understand one another, and he dispersed them all over the earth so they would not continue building the city and the tower*). This is the beginning of all the nations of the earth.
5. People from the time of Noah moved all around the world and we speak different languages, even now. God knew this was best. **What can we learn from this story?** (*God wants us to be humble and to trust in Him, not strive to be powerful and famous.*)
6. **Do you think that people still want to be powerful and famous?** (*Discuss some examples.*) **How can we stay humble and serve God with all our hearts? And make a name for God and not ourselves?** Talk about this together. (See the family challenge #2.)

### Digging Deeper

1. **Want to know more about the people of the land of Shinar?** Their leader was Nimrod, the son of Cush- the great grandson of Noah. He is described as “the first on earth to be a mighty man.” He was powerful and wanted a great name for himself. Read **Genesis 10:8-14** to find out more about Nimrod.
2. Read **Acts 2:1-12**. In Genesis, God had scattered the people all around the earth and confused their languages so that they would lose their ability to work together to do great

things. In Acts 2, God did the opposite. Believers in Jesus from all the nations who spoke many different languages gathered together after Jesus died and returned to heaven. Jesus had told them He would send a Helper when He left, the Holy Spirit. **What happened when the Holy Spirit came to them on the day of Pentecost? (Verses 5-9: They could hear each other speak in their own language and they could understand each other!)**

### Pray:

*Dear God, We know, from this true story of how the people were scattered around the earth and their languages were confused, that You want us to be humble. Help us to love others and work to glorify You, by not seeking to be powerful and famous. We love You and know all good things come from You. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

### Family Challenge:

1. Together, **watch a video** about the Tower of Babel:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lgSkv68hk7A> or  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l6-jpipbT7Y>

2. **Have a tower building contest!** Use blocks, books, cards, pillows- things from around the house- and see who can build the highest tower. Talk about pride. **Ask: What makes you feel proud? Is it okay to feel good about things you accomplish? When is it NOT okay?** (*Discuss- God wants us to be humble. All we have, including our gifts and talents- is given to us by God, to do good works for Him. When we do it to make ourselves look good, we are striving to be better than others and we are leaving God out of it. He deserves all the glory for what we are able to accomplish and He wants us to be humble.*)