

PRESCHOOL

5. A Giant Staircase to Heaven

The terrible lie made people believe they'd be okay without God. Here's a story of people trying to get to heaven on their own.

Memory Verse

"God remains the strength of my heart; he is mine forever" Psalm 73:26 NLT

An idea to help you remember:

- Make actions to go with the verse.

Story Time

Read 'A Giant Staircase to Heaven' (pages 48-55 in the Jesus Storybook Bible) or watch the video on our website.

Understanding the Story

Talk this through with your kids:

This story is another example of people believing the terrible lie and trying to live without God.

They thought they could build a tower to get to God, maybe even to be higher and better than God!

God knew that what people really needed was a Rescuer. A tower could not save people from the terrible lie – only Jesus has the power to do that.

Questions to get you talking:

- Are there things you try to do without asking God to help you?

Activities in your box

- **Blocks** – you'll need the blocks from your box. Remember today's story through play. Build the tallest tower you can.

Activities using things around the house:

- Next time you're out and about look at buildings; what is the tallest building you can see?

- Look up how to say 'Hello' in different languages.

ELEMENTARY (K-3)

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Digging a little deeper:

In the account in Genesis 11, it talks about them wanting to make a name for themselves – become independent. To 'get a name' in the bible is strongly linked to identity. In this story, they were looking for identity and security from their group and accomplishments, not from God. We can fall into that too – looking for our identity in our achievements or from our friends. Our identity should be based on what God has done for us and in us.

Questions to get you talking:

- Are there things you try to do without asking God to help you?
- We might not build towers, but what kind of things do 'to make a name for ourselves'?

Activities in your box

- **Jenga** – you'll need the tower game from your box. Remember today's story through play.
- **Marbles** – you'll need the marbles from your box. The instructions for the game are with the bag.

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ELEMENTARY (4-7)

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They thought they could build a tower to get to God, to be higher and better than God even!

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Digging a little deeper:

In the account in Genesis 11, it talks about them wanting to make a name for themselves – become independent. To 'get a name' in the bible is strongly linked to identity. God names people – Adam, Abraham, Israel. He refers to what He's going to do or what He's done. In this story, they were looking for identity and security from their group and accomplishments, not from God. We can fall into that too – looking for our identity in our achievements or from our friends. We can even try to rescue ourselves with our work rather than rely on Jesus as our rescuer.

Our security, our priorities, our sense of worth and uniqueness – all the things we call identity – should be based on what God has done for us and in us.

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