

# BUILD IT!

## LESSON SNAPSHOT

**BOTTOM LINE:**

You were made to follow God.

**OBJECTIVE:**

Kids will know, "God made me to obey."

**KEY PASSAGE:**

Genesis 11:1-9, The Tower of Babel

**MEMORY VERSE:**

*"God is the builder of everything." Hebrews 3:4b (NIRV)*

**SUMMARY:**

The people decided to go their own way instead of obeying God. They built a tower, hoping to go all the way to heaven. God decided to stop them because they were doing things their own way and not God's way. We were built to obey God and do things God's way.

**SIMPLE PRAYER:**

*Dear Jesus,*

*You made us to obey and follow you. Help us to do things your way.*

*Amen*

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## SKIT OR PUPPET SHOW

**TITLE:** Barb the Builder: Follow

**ITEMS NEEDED:** Table, large sheet of paper (like a blueprint), ruler, pencil, hardhat and outfit to suggest that Barb is a builder/fixer

**CHARACTER BREAKDOWN:** 1F

**CHARACTERS:** Barb

*Barb is on stage, working at the table. She uses the ruler and pencil to draw straight lines on the paper. She looks at it with care as she talks to herself.*

BARB: Can I design it? Yes I can.

*Barb sees the kids.*

BARB: Oh hello. Barb the Builder here. If you want it built, if you need it fixed, I'm your gal. I was working up some plans for my next building project, an office tower. To build something that big, you have to make up a plan ahead of time of what it will look like and where everything will go. Then you have to follow that plan, so everything comes out looking just right. If the builder doesn't follow the plan, the building could come crashing to the ground.

*Barb puts down the pencil and focuses all her attention on the kids.*

BARB: God made you, and he has a plan for you. We need to follow God's plan for us. We should always be striving to do things God's way. He knows what is best for us and for other people. He knows how it's all supposed to look in the end. Even when we don't understand, we should have faith to follow him. God loves you. You were made to follow God. Yes, sir.

*Barb goes back to caring for her plans. End.*

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## CRAFT

### Tower of Obedience

**ITEMS NEEDED:** Construction paper, scissors, glue sticks, crayons, markers.

**ADVANCED PREPARATION:** Cut tower blocks out of construction paper in the following sizes: 2"x6", 2"x5", 2"x4", 2"x3", and 2"x2". Cut enough so that each kid has one of each block. On the 2"x2" blocks write "God" in marker. On the next largest, write "Made," on the next "Me," then "To" and finally "Obey" on the largest blocks.

**DIRECTIONS:** Give each kid a sheet of construction paper (a different color than any of the tower blocks). Demonstrate for the kids how they can glue the blocks onto the paper with the largest block on the bottom and the smallest on the top. Read the message "God Made Me To Obey" for the kids.

Give kids glue sticks and assist them in building their towers onto the construction paper.

Optionally, you can give kids crayons and allow them to add elements – builders, trees, etc. – to the picture.

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**WORSHIP TIME:**

Prior to the lesson, sing one or two songs with the kids. Use CDs or live lyrics of songs that the kids are familiar with.

**LESSON:**

Today's story comes to us from the Bible. *(Hold up a Bible.)* The Bible is God's word to us, so we know that everything it says is true. *(Open the Bible and set it down in front of you as you give the lesson.)*

Do you like to make and build things? Maybe you build ships with Legos or high towers with wooden blocks. Maybe you like to make pictures with crayons or statues with clay. It's fun to get creative and build things.

Sometimes people build and make things they aren't supposed to. A very long time ago, there were a lot less people around and everyone spoke one language. The people decided to build a high tower that would take them all the way up to heaven. The Tower of Babel.

If you go to any city, you will see lots of tall buildings, but this building was different. The people wanted to be like God. They wanted to build the tower of Babel so they could go up to heaven and be as important as God. Instead of obeying God and doing what He says, they built what they wanted and did everything their own way.

But only God is God. God stopped the people from building the tower. God scattered them all over the world. He made it so the people spoke many different languages. God showed them that He is the only God.

God made me and loves me, but he doesn't want me to do things my way. He wants me to do things his way. God made me to obey Him.

I pray to God and listen for Him to talk to me. I read the Bible and see what God says.

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## MAIN LESSON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

**WIGGLE TAMER:** Play a few rounds of Red Light, Green Light.

**SMALL GROUP MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:** Have kids repeat the verse popcorn style. Point to kids randomly. Each time you point to a kid, he or she says the verse. *(If a kid can't repeat the verse, say a gentle "that's okay" and move on to another kid.)*

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

Why did the people build the Tower of Babel?

What happened to stop them from building the tower?

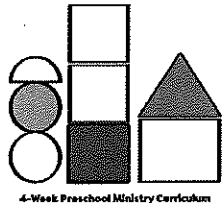
What does it mean to obey?

**SMALL GROUP GAME OR ACTIVITY:** Bring out the building blocks and have kids create their own towers. Remind kids that in the story, the people wanted to build a tower all the way to heaven because they thought they were as powerful and important as God. But they weren't. God is all-powerful. And we were made to obey Him.

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# MAKE IT STICK

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## Build It Lesson 3

### THIS WEEK'S LESSON: THE TOWER OF BABEL



#### IN THE CAR:

On your next drive, play some worship music that highlights God's power and might. Talk about all the ways that God is strong and powerful. Thank God for his might. Remind kids of this week's lesson "God made me to obey." Think of ways that you can follow God and obey Him.



#### HANGING OUT:

Bring out the building blocks. Challenge your kids to build something that helps people in some way. (Perhaps a hospital, or food, or a car.) The people long ago built the Tower of Babel for selfish reasons, to be like God. God wants us to make and create to help other people.



#### AT DINNER:

During the mealtime prayer, take a moment to appreciate God's power and might. Ask for help to avoid selfishness. Pray to always put God first and seek to obey Him.



#### AT BEDTIME:

Snuggle up together and read the story of the Tower of Babel from a Bible storybook or kid-friendly translation. Talk about how important it is to remember that God is all-powerful. He made everything, even us. While it's good to make and build things, we should never think we are more important than God. God loves us and made us to obey Him.

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