## Two's & Three's Unit 2: A Broken World Story 5.A & 5.B - Tower of Babel (Genesis 11)

Two's and Three's begin and end the service with playtime. Once you begin the lesson, it's okay if not all children are willing to participate; gather those who are willing. Feel free to shorten or modify elements to suit your needs. All plans are flexible for this age group.

**1. CIRCLE TIME** - Start 30 minutes after the service starts (1st: 9:00; 2nd:10:45). (Some parents keep their toddlers with them for worship at the beginning of service.)

Gather kids on the rug. Set behavior expectations with the following question and answer prompts: Where are we? We're at church.

What do we do here? Learn about God.

How do we learn about God in this special place? Listen carefully and sit quietly.

- BIBLE: Show kids the Bible and tell them it's a very special book because it comes from God, the one who made us. Let each child pat the Bible gently and say "The Word of God."
- MEMORY VERSE: Practice the memory verse for the unit. Be sure to give each child a
  chance to say it by repeating after you. While a few may actually be able to say it on their
  own, most will just repeat it at this stage.
  - "He is faithful to forgive us." ~ 1 John 1:9
- STORY: Give each child a laminated Bible Story Picture from the Story Box, and read today's story on the back of this paper.
- 2. WORSHIP Play music on the CD player and give kids instruments from the Music Box. Encourage kids to praise God through instruments, singing, and dancing! Put the instruments away after the song.
- 3. ART Have kids sit at the tables and pass out today's Bible Story Picture with a label sticker already on. Help the kids place stickers on their pictures from the "Art Box."
- **4. SNACK** Check for allergies on the attendance roster. Clean up art supplies and help kids rub their hands with hand sanitizer. Set out snacks and water at the table. Before everyone eats, use this time as an opportunity to pray. There is a short prayer printed on the wall for kids to say with you or feel free to pray as you are led.

Thank you for the world so sweet, thank you for the food we eat. Thank you for the birds that sing, thank you, God, for everything. Amen.



Do you remember Noah and his family? They built an ark and were safe inside while it rained. (Pull out the ark from the story box.)

After God saved Noah and his family from the flood, He told them to fill the earth with people. (Pull out the picture of many people.)

Guess what? They didn't listen to God!

Say, "No, no! You should listen!"

The people decided to stay together in one city called Babel. They built a strong tower to show how powerful they were.

(Pull out the five blocks and use them to build a tower.)

God saw what they were doing and He decided to stop them from building. Say, "Stop!"

God caused them to no longer understand one another's language. Can you follow directions if you don't understand my words?

(Say several words in gibberish to the kids and to your assistant with an expectant look on your face. The assistant will respond with "I don't understand!")

They couldn't keep building the tower because they didn't understand each other.

They all went to live in different places, just like God wanted them to! Say, "Good job!"