

Story 14: God Scatters the People

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Read this story in the Bible in Genesis 11:1-9

Words to Know

descendants – persons born into a certain family or group

Questions:

1. Where did God want the descendants of Noah to live?
Why was this important?
2. Why did the descendants of Noah want to live close to each other? Why was this wrong?
3. Why was God unhappy about the big tower the people tried to build?
4. Why weren't the people able to finish building the big tower?
5. Why did people scatter to different parts of the world to live?
6. What are some things that happen when people think they are as great as God?

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