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What's the big idea?

If the story of the Tower of Babel is not about an angry God, but is about our human brokenness, it is also about opportunities for reconciliation, across languages, across races, and across borders.

Why do we need to know it?

God is a part of our being, and that gives us the capacity to be loving and accepting.

What are we going to do about it?

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OPENING:

[Watch this video](#) from the *Jesus Storybook Bible*.



"A giant staircase to heaven"

The tower of Babel, Genesis 11

Which elements of this story are emphasized for children? What does this story seem to be teaching children?

DISCUSSION:

Read Marlee's big idea from Sunday.

How is this different from how you were taught this story as a child? What new dimensions does this reading of the story bring out for you? Try to answer the "what are we going to do about it" question based on your discussion.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

We have some great events planned for the fall! For a full list and to RSVP, please go to forefrontnyc.com/calendar

EXTRA RESOURCES:

No Future Without Forgiveness, Desmond Tutu

Finding God in the Waves, Mike McHargue

"How Chaos Theory Changed the Universe," Stuff You Should Know

The Robcast, episode 111, Pete Rollins on God Part 1

"What Jesus Means to Me," Mahatma Gandhi

CLOSING PRAYER:

Have someone from your group read this Psalm aloud:

Psalm 119:33-40

*Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,
and I will observe it to the end.*

*Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart.*

*Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight in it.*

*Turn my heart to your decrees,
and not to selfish gain.*

*Turn my eyes from looking at vanities;
give me life in your ways.*

*Confirm to your servant your promise,
which is for those who fear you.*

*Turn away the disgrace that I dread,
for your ordinances are good.*

*See, I have longed for your precepts;
in your righteousness give me life.*

Spend a few moments in silence reflecting on what the Psalmist asks of God.