



This week's Leadership Leaf is Humility.

Genesis 11:9a

Last week, our story was about Noah and our leaf was FAITH. This week, our story begins more than a hundred years later, in the time of Noah's great, great, great grandson, in a place called Babylon. You will see that the people of earth are feeling a little too proud of themselves, and God helps them learn about this week's leaf, which is HUMILITY.

We show HUMILITY when we remember that we are not as smart, as strong, or as important as God.

The Book of Genesis Chapter 11 tells us that at this time everyone speaks the same language. The people have moved East to Shinar and they build a city in Babylon.

Because they all speak the same language, they make plans together. They plan to make a tower that goes all the way into the heavens. They expect that the tower will show how important they are, maybe as important as God.

They make bricks for their tower, and bake them, and use tar for mortar to hold the bricks together. They are really proud of themselves as the tower grows taller and taller.

But God knows that the people are not as smart or strong or important as they think they are. If they finish the tower, they might believe they can do anything, even without God's help.

And so God confuses their language. Genesis tells us that now they can't understand each other. So they have to stop building. The place of the tower becomes known as Babel, which means confusion.

And God sends all the people away from Babel. Genesis tells us that God "scattered them over the face of the whole earth." Instead of just one family speaking just one language, they are now many groups of people speaking many different languages.

The story of the Tower of Babel reminds us that our plans are not as powerful as God's plans. Our HUMILITY leaf reminds us that we are each stronger, smarter, and more important when we work together with God.

TOWER OF BABEL

Scatter the people across the land.

