[Narrator] Today our story from scripture is from the eleventh chapter of the book of Genesis. It's kind of a once upon a time story. The story explains why people speak many different languages. The story takes place in a city called Babble. In Babble, everyone spoke the same language. The king liked it because everyone understood him and everyone did what he told them to do. The people liked it because they thought that if they just followed the king's instructions that they would never have to leave. This isn't what God wanted and, well that's what our story is about. In our story are the king of the city Babble, his soldiers, the voice of God, and the people who live in Babble, played by all of us. Before we begin we should learn our two lines. They are "yes your Majesty" and "We don't understand your Majesty." [Practice lines] Let's say hello to the king, his soldiers, the voice of God, and all of the people who live in the ancient and beautiful city of Babble.

[scene] King and soldiers walk out. Maybe they have baseball bats or some other weapon looking kind of items that they are carrying.

[King] Good morning my people did we all sleep well last night?

[People] Yes your Majesty.

[King] I think that I've made this a great place to live, but I want to be sure that you agree. Do you all like it here?

[People] Yes your majesty.

[King] It's almost perfect isn't it?

[People] Yes your Majesty.

[King] Great, because we've got a problem. God wants us to leave here and go all around the world so we can take care of it. Does that sound like a good idea?

[People] Yes your majesty...oh wait...no your majesty.

[king] The only way to keep this from happening is that we are going to take over heaven and make God let us stay here and not go out and take care of God's world. Isn't that a great idea?

[People] Yes your majesty.

[king] And this is how we, together, are going to do this. Because we know how to make bricks and how to build really tall buildings we are going to make the tallest building ever. The building will be so tall that it will reach all of the way to heaven. We're going to build this tower and I as your representative am going to lead my soldiers up the tower and conquer heaven then I'll run it correctly so we can stay here. Doesn’t that sound like a great plan?

[People] Yes your majesty.

[Narrator] So everyone got started. Working together was easy because they all spoke the same language and could understand the orders the king and his soldiers gave them. They thought that the king had a great plan and if it worked they could live in a perfect place and never worry about leaving. They started making bricks and clearing out the area for the tower and everything was going along just great until one night when God looked down on the city.

[God] I'm so sad. I made people to go around my world and take care of it. They don't understand how important it is that they do this. In their city they want to stay in one place and only care for a little bit of my world. I know that it won't work. That won’t do at all. Something has to change. I know what I have to do.

[Scene] God walks out and walks through city waving a scarf over people.

[Narrator] That night God came down from heaven and visited the city. God changed things, making people speak new languages. Let's see what happened next.

[Scene] King and soldiers walk out.

[King] Did we all sleep well last night?

[People] We don't understand you your majesty.

[King] What do you mean, you are just babbling and I can't understand you. speak to me in our language I command you.

[People] I don't understand your majesty.

[Narrator] Because the people and the king couldn't understand each other the people began to talk with each other. When They found people who spoke the same language that they did, they joined together and left to go out and take care of the world together like God wanted them to do in the first place. They left the city, and the tower behind. That's why we have many languages. But even though we have many languages we can still learn from each other how to care for God’s world.