

# one Language

## SCRIPTURE

"At the name of Jesus every knee should bow . . . and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord." Philippians 2:10-11

## Focus

Even people who speak different languages can all believe in Jesus.

## Object Talk

I'm going to say "hello" in four other languages. First, I'll tell you the words and then you can tell me if you think the word is French, Italian, Chinese or Spanish. After reading the words, allow some time for answers.

**Ni Hao** (NEE-hah-ow) Chinese

**Hola** (O-lah) Spanish

**Bonjour** (bohn-JOOR) French

**Buongiorno** (bwuhn-JOOR-noh) Italian

People in our world today speak so many different languages. It's too bad that we all can't speak one language so that we can all understand one another.

In the Bible, there is a story of how people from all different nations understood each other. One day, Christian leaders began to speak about Jesus to a big crowd of people. In that crowd were people from many countries. The Bible says that each person understood what was being said (see Acts 2:6). Sometimes this day is called the Day of Pentecost. It must have been fantastic for everyone to understand the good news of Jesus and have an opportunity to believe in Him.



## CONCLUSION

I have some good news for you today, too. We may not be able to understand what a person from China or Kenya or Iran says, but no matter what language a person speaks, if the person believes in Jesus as Savior, we can share and understand our love for God. Read Philippians 2:10-11 aloud.

Close in prayer.

## Going the Extra Mile

### ACTIVITY

I'll need two volunteers for this activity. Choose two volunteers. **I'm going to whisper a task to one volunteer.** Whisper a task to the first volunteer (sharpen a pencil, get a Bible, jump three times, clap 10 times). **Without speaking or writing words, and without doing the task, the first volunteer will try to get the second volunteer to do the task.** Allow a few minutes for the two volunteers to communicate the task.

- Because you couldn't use words, how did you communicate your ideas?
- How would being able to use words have made your job easier?
- What are some things that are easy to communicate without words? What kinds of things are hard to communicate? Why?

### BIBLE DISCUSSION

Let's take a closer look at the story in Acts about the Day of Pentecost. Have a student read Acts 2:1-13 aloud.

- What was surprising about this story?
- How did God help people hear the good news about Jesus and believe in Him?

On that amazing day, people from all over the world could understand one language so that they could hear the message of Jesus. God's Holy Spirit made it possible for these people to communicate as if they spoke the same language. Some people refused to believe what they heard. They claimed that the Christians must have been drunk. The Bible tells us that many people, however, did choose to believe in Jesus (see Acts 2:41).

### LIFE CHALLENGE

As Christians, we can share our love for God and our belief in Jesus as Savior with people all over the world.

### PRAYER

God, thank You for people all over the world. Show us how to share our love for You no matter what language we speak. In Jesus' name, amen.