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CHILD LESSON 1

THE STRUCTURE OF THE NATIONS





Faces, not Maps!

When the Bible uses the word “nation” it is almost never talking about a map. Instead, it is talking about groups of people who have several things in common. So, when you hear the word “nation” in this lesson, think of people’s faces, not a map. Earth has over seven billion people alive today. Our planet is filled with all types of people living in very different places and doing different things. But where did all of these different people (nations) come from?

The answer is Noah. You may remember Noah, the man from the Bible who built the big boat to keep his family and all of the animals alive during the great flood. God saved Noah, his wife, and his three sons, and their wives. Out of those eight people, our planet now has seven billion people! Noah’s sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth had big families. God’s Word mentions this in Genesis Chapter 10:1-32.

Now these are the generations of the sons of Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth: and unto them were sons born after the flood. ... (verses 2-31 mention all of their names) ... These are the families of the sons of Noah, after their generations, in their nations: and by these were the nations divided in the earth after the flood.

After the flood, God used Noah’s family to separate into different nations. But what makes a group of people to be a nation instead of just a group of people? Actually, they’re kind of the same thing. The word “nation” comes from a really old Greek word “ethnos” which means “group of people, family, clan, or tribe.” We call this a people group! Each nation/people group is important to God! When Jesus gave the Great Commission to the church in Matthew 28:19 and 20, He did not mean for any nations to be left out.

Any nation/people group will always have four things in common. You can remember them easily because they all start with the letter “L.”

- 1.**Lineage** – Everyone in a nation/people group has the same great, great, great, great, great, great, grandfather.
- 2.**Language** – The members of a certain people group/nation can talk to each other and be understood.
- 3.**Laws** – Everyone is taught what to do and what not to do so that everyone gets along.
- 4.**Land** – Your neighbors are always nearby instead of clear around the world.



God purposely created many types of nations/people groups. They are all beautiful and different. God loves diversity (things that are different). Did you know there are over 20,000 species of butterflies in the world and more than 50,000 different shades of the color blue?

We should embrace and appreciate diversity because it does not let us think we are more important to God than other nations/people groups. How beautiful it must be to God’s ears to hear nations praise Him in so many different languages!

Out of all the nations on Earth, God chose one very special nation who He would use to bless all of the other nations. That nation was Israel. In the Bible, we can see how Israel became a nation because God told us how they got their Lineage, Language, Laws, and Land. It all started with a man named Abraham (Genesis 15:18-21). God’s Son, Jesus, was born into the nation of Israel in order to be a blessing to all nations of the earth. Next week, we’ll look at some of the other nations that came from Noah’s family.

From the Bible:

“Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people. For the LORD is great, and greatly to be praised: he is to be feared above all gods.” Psalm 96:3, 4

Words to Remember:

Nation – a group of people having a common language, lineage, laws, and living in the same place

Ethnos – Greek word meaning groups of people, families, tribes, or clans

Diverse – different or various kinds of something

Embrace – to accept gladly and willingly

