Did you know that there are approximately 7,000 languages around the world today? That’s an awful lot and there’s no way that anyone could know all those languages. But God does! That’s why Bible translation is important — so people all around the world can know what God is saying to them in a language and format that touches their hearts.

But where did all these languages come from? Well, it all started in Genesis 11. Grab your Bible and read Genesis 11:1-9 for the story about how languages began!

When God confused all the languages, there was suddenly a lot of babbling at Babel. And no one could understand each other anymore! Even though they couldn’t understand each other, God could understand them. And he wants everyone around the world to understand his love for them in their own language.

Decoding the Bible
Decoding is a lot like translating. Something that is confusing babble to us suddenly becomes clear when we’re able to decode it into a language we understand! Try decoding the secret message below and see if you can make sense of it.

“ — 1 John 4:9 (NLT)