

Who can remember the memory verse from last week?

Parable of the Two Builders

Can you remember what a parable is?

It is a story that Jesus told with a meaning.

Game

Here are a few of options for games to play:

1. If you can, find a plastic box to use for an investigation. Put a big stone/lego brick/wooden block on one side and a pile of sand/sugar/salt/flour on the other. Pour some water in to the box and see what happens to the two different sides. Which one would be the best material to build on?
2. Find a cushion and place it on the floor. See if you can build a tower on this cushion using bricks of some kind. Is it easy to do? Now try to build a tower on a hard surface, is this better? Why?
3. Cup/brick relay - place some paper/plastic cups at one end of the room. One at a time run and collect a cup and bring it back to the other end of the room. Build the cups/bricks into a tower. See how high you can make your tower in one minute. What makes a good tower? Do you want it to be wider at the top or bottom? Why?



Bible Reading



"So then, anyone who hears these words of mine and obeys them is like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain poured down, the rivers overflowed, and the wind blew hard against that house. But it did not fall, because it was built on rock.

"But anyone who hears these words of mine and does not obey them is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain poured down, the rivers overflowed, the wind blew hard against that house, and it fell. And what a terrible fall that was!"

Matthew 7v24-27

You can watch a video of the story here -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I6S3cRVLMFQ>



Big Questions



This story is about two builders who built their houses in very different ways, with different foundations. Discuss why it is so important to have a good foundation when you build a house. Jesus was trying to explain to people how they should live their lives and what they should use as their firm foundation.

1. What is a good foundation for us to build our lives on?
2. If Jesus is a good foundation, what can we do to make this foundation really strong? We should read our bible and follow what it says!
3. The storm hit both of the houses in the story but only one was left standing. Jesus wanted us to know that we will all face difficult times, being a Christian doesn't protect us from that. However, we can make it through the storms of life by following what the bible says.
4. Jesus told this parable because people were listening to him speaking but not following his instructions on how to live. Are there things that God asks us to do that are difficult to follow? Are there any places that it is harder or easier to behave in the way God wants us to? Home, school, church?



Songs



The wise man built his house upon the rock -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Eu5bBDRpzPM>

Never gonna stop singing - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ncc3fdjoY6s>



Prayer



God is our strong rock/foundation and we should trust him. We will go through hard times but if we build our lives on what we read in the bible, then he will help us get through the storms.

In what situations do we need to trust God for help? Ask God for help with something you are struggling with today.



Craft



You can choose from one of these craft activities.

1. Find a large stone and decorate it. Put it somewhere where you can look at it and be reminded that God is our rock.



2. Draw picture of what happened to the two houses when the rain came down. You could use any collage materials you have at home, like lolly sticks.
3. Make a 3D model house. You can find a template to use here - <https://printcolorfun.com/wp-content/uploads/print-this.php?printable=house-cut-out.png>
4. Build a house out of lego, duplo, wooden bricks or any other construction toy you have at home.

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The Wise & Foolish Builders Word Search



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BUILT
DEEP
FELL
FLOODS
FOOLISH
FOUNDATION
HEARS
HOUSE
MAN

PARABLE
RAIN
ROCK
SAND
STOOD
STREAM
WIND
WISE
WORDS

NAME: _____

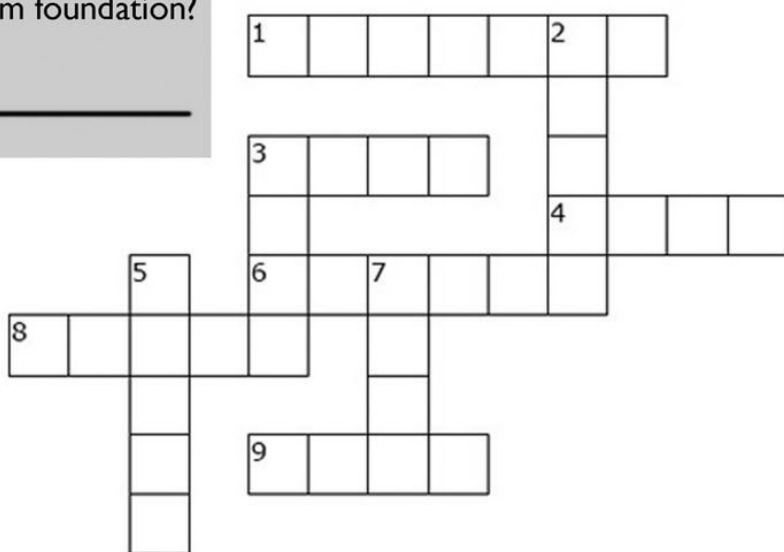
Wise or Foolish

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. Matthew 7:24 (NVI)

Based on Matthew 7:24-27



Who is my firm foundation?



ACROSS

1. Not very clever
3. The natural movement of air
4. A large stone
6. A small river
8. A building where a family lives
9. Loose soil which is found on beaches

DOWN

2. A sudden or violent condition in nature
3. Someone who exercises good judgment in his daily life is _____
5. To make or form something such as a house
7. Water that falls from the sky

HOUSE
WISE

FOOLISH
STREAM

BUILD
RAIN

STORM
SAND

WIND
ROCK