

2018
Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp
“The Lord’s Church”
Elementary Class Material
Monday Lessons 1 & 2
“On This Rock
I Will Build My Church”

ON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH

Monday Lesson 1

Wise and Foolish builders

Scriptures: Matthew 7:24-28; Matthew 16:17-19

Memory verse: 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

Key people: Jesus speaking to a crowd, Wise man and Foolish man.

Props to tell the story: dishpan of sand ½ full, 2 houses (milk cartons or Styrofoam blocks), 1 rock flat on one side (Place in pan of sand), pitcher of water

Parts of the story:

1. Two men are building houses.
2. One man chose to build his house on the sand. Set a house in the sand.
 - A. Maybe he wanted to be close to the water's edge and just step out of his house and put his toes in the sand. Kind of like living on the beach.
 - B. It is quicker to build the house on the sand, without a foundation.
3. The second man also wants to build a house on the sand.
 - A. While looking for a place to build, the man sees a flat rock.
 - B. He decides to take his time and build his house on this rock. Glue house to rock.
 - C. He can still enjoy the sand, but likes having a nice sturdy foundation under him.
4. Soon after both houses were built, a mighty storm came.
 1. The rain started.
 2. The streams rose and the winds came.
 3. Pour water over the houses. The house not secured should move or flip over.

Read Matthew 7:24-28.

Read the memory verse. Try to say together.

Discussion:

What is a foundation? It is the beginning, the base, it is what you build on.

What is our foundation? Our foundation is built on Jesus. We have his word, the Bible to read. If we read his word and put it into practice we build a strong foundation.

1. A strong foundation helps us to resist temptation and sin. When we follow God's word we are like the wise man in the story. Just as he had a rock for his foundation, God's word is our rock. God's word makes us stronger and helps us stand up and make the right choices.
2. Without a foundation, we are weak and easily swayed to do as the world does. This makes Satan happy. We have nothing to support us and temptation and sin can creep in and destroy us.
3. The sand in our story represents the World. The world is Satan's way.
4. The rock in our story represents the Bible, God's word. The Bible is God's way.

God wants to build a strong church. By studying and reading God's word we can remain strong to fight Satan in our lives. We will not be tempted by him and he cannot gain a way to creep in. Which way will you choose?

Activities to choose from:

Oops! You built on the sand game. Use 3 x 5 cards or cut 5 x 5 squares of construction paper. Print Sand Permit on 2 of the cards. On the rest of the cards print Rock Permit. You will need 1 card for each chair depending on the number of students you have.

You will need a chair for each student. Tape a Permit on the front of each chair. Place the chairs in two rows, back to back. A Sand Permit in each row. Have the students circle the chairs until you say Rock Permit. The students should try to find a Rock Permit chair. The Sand Permit students are out and must say the memory verse together. Remove two Rock Permit chairs after each round. Start next round circling until you say Rock Permit. Sand Permit students are out and added to the Sand Permit students. After each round all Sand Permit students must say the memory verse together. Continue till only two students are left.

Bible Verse activity sheet. Find and read Matthew 7: 24, 26. Fill in the missing words.

The Wise Builder Choose a Word Quiz activity sheet.

Rocky or Sandy. Give each student a grey and a brown circle and one popsicle stick. Have students write Mr. Rock on the grey circle and Mr. Sand on the brown circle. Glue one on each side of the popsicle stick. Ask students the following statements letting them turn their sticks to the person the statement fits.

I did not take time for a foundation.

I built my house strong.

I built on a rock foundation.

I built right on the sand.

The flood did not shake my house.

I was foolish in how I built my house.

The wind did not harm my house.

My house was completely destroyed.

The wind beat my house down.

My house survived the storm.

The flood washed away my house.

I listen to and obey Jesus.

I was wise in how I built my house.

I hear Jesus' stories but don't obey.

Sing "The Wiseman built his house upon the rock."

Bible Verse

Find and read Matthew 7:24, 26.
Fill in the missing words.



Everyone who _____
these things I say
and _____ them is like
a _____ man.

The _____ man built
his house on rock.



But the person who _____ the things I teach
and does _____
_____ them is like a
_____ man.

The _____ man
built his house on _____.

Matthew 7:24, 26



The Wise Builder

Choose a Word Quiz



Matthew 7:24-27

Jesus used parables or stories to help people understand more about God. This story of two builders shows how important it is to love God's Word and follow its teachings. When sad things happen or hard times come, we can feel safe and secure in God's care.

Read about both the wise and the foolish builders. Then complete the quiz. Write the correct letter beside each statement. Fill in the blanks at the bottom of the page with the first eight letters to complete the sentence.

- ___ 1. Name the two kinds of men in this story.
- ___ 2. Name the two kinds of foundations on which the men built their homes.
- ___ 3. What does the Bible say first descended on both houses after they were built?
- ___ 4. What happened to the house on the rock during the storm?
- ___ 5. Which kind of person does the wise builder of the house on the rock represent?
- ___ 6. What happened to the house on the sand during the storm?
- ___ 7. Which kind of person does the foolish builder of the house on the sand represent?
- ___ 8. Would you rather be a person who believes or refuses God's Word?
- ___ 9. Is a person who listens to Jesus and obeys Him wise or foolish?
- ___ 10. Where did the wise man build his house?
- ___ 11. Is a person who listens to Jesus and does not obey Him wise or foolish?
- ___ 12. Where did the foolish man build his house?
- ___ 13. What are the other two things that hit both houses after they were built?
- ___ 14. Who is telling this parable story?

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| A. on the sand | H. rock and sand |
| B. winds and floods | I. rain |
| C. wise and foolish | J. on a rock |
| D. one who believes and follows God's Word | K. wise |
| E. foolish | L. it remained standing |
| F. Jesus | O. One who hears God's Word, but refuses it |
| G. it fell | |

I am a _____ of _____.



For the Teacher: Duplicate the page for each child. Explain how to complete the quiz by writing the correct letter beside each statement and placing the first eight letters in the blanks at the bottom of the page. The answers are on page 95. Talk about the difference between being wise or foolish in daily thoughts and actions. Write two headings on the board: Wise and Foolish. The children may list descriptive words or situations for each heading. See how many they can name.

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Monday Lesson 2

Jesus is the cornerstone

Scriptures: Ephesians 2:11-22 and Ephesians 2:19-22 (for younger children)

Memory verse: And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his spirit. Ephesians 2:22

Props: a block or brick, pictures of cornerstones of buildings, Bible.

Lesson:

Read Ephesians 2: 19-22.

Verse 19 of Ephesians 2, tells us that we are no longer separate people, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household. Ephesians 2:20 says that the church (God's household) was built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets with Jesus as the chief cornerstone.

- A. The apostles and the prophets were the teachers telling and spreading the word about Jesus and God.
 - 1. This is the foundation that the early church was built on.
- B. Jesus, his life and death were the chief cornerstone.
 - 1. A cornerstone is the first stone set in the construction of a masonry foundation. This stone plays an important part since it helps to determine the position of the entire structure. (Show the kids a brick or a block).
 - 2. Although the apostles and prophets were the foundation of the early church, Jesus was the chief cornerstone.
- C. Ephesians 2:21, tells us that in Jesus the whole building (the church) is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord.
 - 1. Jesus is that important stone that determines how the church should be.
- D. According to verse 22, we are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his spirit.
 - 1. The people make up the church. We are the dwelling (the building in which God lives).
 - 2. The church building is not the church, but a place we go to worship.

3. We can worship anywhere. It does not have to be in a physical building.
4. Jesus, as the chief cornerstone is the foundation on which we construct and build our faith. If we are strong in our faith, it will show in our lives.
5. If our foundation and chief cornerstone are built on Jesus and God's word we will be able to stand up against the world and Satan.

Activities to choose from:

Foundation Build. Gather 5 – 10 shoe boxes of different sizes for each team. Purposely stack them with a smaller box on the bottom and bigger ones on top. Let them tumble. Discuss why they fell. Then stack the boxes with a larger box on the bottom. Discuss why the stack stood firm. Let the kids take a turn seeing which team could build the fastest stack to stand firm.

Bean bag Tic Tac Toe

Divide the class into two teams. Give each team a set of five bean bags. (I purchased my bean bags from Hobby Lobby. But they are also very easy to make.) A board can be made by using a poster board or foam board. (Both available at the Dollar Tree.)

Ask the teams questions, going head to head against each other. The first team player to answer correctly gets to throw a bean bag onto the Tic Tac Toe board. Each team tries to be the first to get three squares in a row or line.

Questions:

1. Who was the foundation according to Ephesians 2: 19-20? The apostles and the prophets.
2. Who was the chief cornerstone? Jesus
3. What important part does a cornerstone play in building a building? It is the first stone set and determines the position of the entire structure.
4. According to Ephesians 2:21, In Jesus the whole building is joined together and rises to become what? A holy temple in the Lord.
5. If we are strong in our faith, where will it show? In our lives
6. What is not the church? The building we worship at.
7. Who makes up the church? The people.
8. Where can we worship? Anywhere.

9. What was the strong foundation in the story of the wise and foolish builders? The rock.
10. Who used the sand as their foundation? The foolish builder.
11. What can we do to have a strong foundation? Read God's word and do what it tells us to do. Build our foundation on Jesus.
12. What were some of the stories Jesus told called? Parables.
13. In the parable Jesus told, what came up after the houses had been built?
A storm.
14. What do we have if we read God's word and put it into practice? A strong foundation.
15. Should we follow the world? No, we want to follow Jesus.