

At Home Lesson On the Solid Rock (Matthew 7:24-27)

Gather your family together. Start off in prayer. Pray for each other, the church, the leaders around the world, and people who you know are in need. Ask God to teach your family something during this time together. Tell the Bible story and discuss. There's a video link under the passage with children telling a shortened version of the story. Stay open and make sure kids are invited to participate however, they are comfortable.

BIBLE STORY

Today's lesson comes from Matthew 7:24-27. You can read the story from the bible you have at home, or read the New International Readers Version (NIRV) below:

Jesus said, "So then, everyone who hears my words and puts them into practice is like a wise man. He builds his house on the rock. The rain comes down. The water rises. The winds blow and beat against that house. But it does not fall. It is built on the rock. But everyone who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man. He builds his house on sand. he rain comes down. The water rises. The winds blow and beat against that house. And it falls with a loud crash."

Watch the video on <https://jcbc.org/jcbc-kids-online/> and then discuss using the prompts below. You can also watch [this video!](#)

CONNECT AND DISCUSS

Ask these questions and explain these things to your children. Break it down on their level and adapt to their age group. The older your kids are, the more they can explain and think outside the box. Instead of defining words, ask them what it means. For younger kids, make sure to explain in the simplest terms. No matter the age, let them answer before you do. Accept their answers and make sure they know you are proud of how hard they are thinking, even if they don't get the "right" answer.

- What is a parable?
 - *a story that didn't really happen, but can still teach us real lessons*
- What did you learn from this story?
 - *Share what you learned too.*

- What do you think are Jesus' most important teachings?
- How can we put Jesus' teachings into action?
- What can we do to make sure our foundation is strong, like rock?
 - *Read Bible, pray, go to church, help others, etc.*
- Think of ways that you as a family can live out your faith together this week. Examples might be: watching the sermon online, listening to worship music while you do chores, collecting canned goods and donating to our missional partners, or making cards or crafts for neighbors and friends.

CLOSE IN PRAYER

Pray for God to be the foundation of your life. Ask Jesus to keep teaching you the right way to live and how to live like you believe in Him. Thank God for keeping your family safe, and pray that God heals the world from the Corona Virus.

FUN REINFORCEMENTS

- Sing and dance along to some of our kids' favorite songs!
 - [My Lighthouse](#)
 - [Alive](#)
 - [This is Amazing Grace](#)
- Do something kind & missional this week!
- Use the color pages (below).
- Build some houses and castles (ideas below)!

Which house will last?

This activity can be used for kids of ALL ages! Use more difficult and creative materials (like a deck of cards, or straws and marshmallows) for older kids.

- 1) Gather whatever you have that be used for building – Legos, Duplo, Jenga, blocks, Lincoln Logs, etc. You can even get creative and use pillows, books, a deck of cards, or sticks and items you find outside. If you have a sandbox at home, make some sandcastles!
- 2) Have kids try building houses out of the different materials. Ask your kids, “What do you think will make the strongest house?”
- 3) Test the houses and see what materials hold up against different “elements.” Try blowing a house over, tapping it with your finger, etc.
- 4) Talk about how we need to build our lives on Jesus. The more we trust and act like Jesus, the stronger our lives will be!
- 5) Post pictures of your different houses and buildings on our Facebook group or send to Pastor Annie!

[Here's a fun idea](#) using Jenga blocks and different “foundations.”

The Three Little Pigs

This is great for Pre-K through Early Elementary School!

Read the story of the *Three Little Pigs*. Ask your kids what similarities they find between this story and the parable Jesus told. Talk about how we need to be wise when we make choices in our lives so that we can stand firm during times of struggle.



**THE
WISE
MAN
BUILT
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ROCK**

NAME: _____

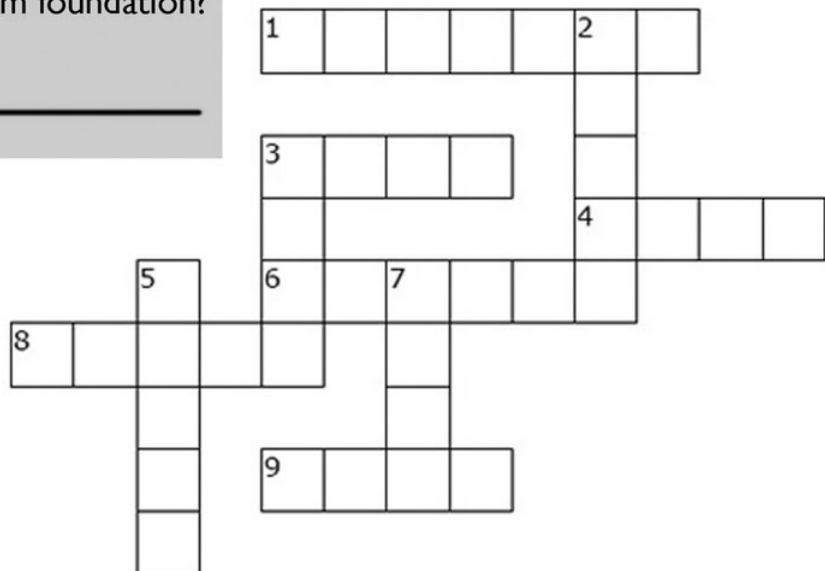
Wise or Foolish

"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

