

LEADER'S GUIDE

PRESCHOOL AND TODDLERS

BIG PICTURE:

PARABLES

BIG IDEA:

BUILDING ON THE ROCK

BIG POINT:

GOD'S WISDOM IS THE FOUNDATION FOR OUR LIVES

BIG WORD:

"AND WE KNOW THAT THE SON OF GOD HAS COME, AND HE HAS GIVEN US UNDERSTANDING SO THAT WE CAN KNOW THE TRUE GOD." 1 JOHN 5:20A (NLT)



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DOCUMENT PURPOSE

This document is the Leader's Guide for BIG Picture PARABLES. It contains an outline to prepare an impacting small group time for you and your children.

The BIG 'Psalms, Proverbs, Parables - Wisdom for Life' User Guide document contains all the service element information, including the large group segment of your service.

Make sure you read through and prayerfully study this material prior to your service to be fully prepared to minister to your children.

Learning Outcomes

At the conclusion of this lesson children will:

- Understand that parables are stories Jesus told to teach something important.
- Know that God's wisdom is the foundation for our lives.
- Learn that we should build our lives on God's Word.

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KIDS DISCIPLESHIP GROUP (KDG)

DOCUMENT PURPOSE

Use this KDG outline to prepare an impacting small group time for you and your children.

THE BIG QUESTION (TO DISCUSS IN YOUR KDG'S)

1. In today's story what happened to the house that was built on the sand?

The man built his house on the sand and when the storms came and the waves crashed, his house fell down.

2. What happened to the house that was built on the rock.

The house that was built on a solid foundation stayed standing when the storms came and the waves crashed.

3. Where can we find God's wisdom?

In His word, prayer and learning about Him from others. God's wisdom is the foundation of our lives. God's Word gives wisdom for our life, shows us how to live and how to love. A life built on this foundation can withstand any storm. The rain may come down, the streams rise and the winds blow but the person whose foundation is the wisdom of God will not fall. We are wise when we hear God's Word and do what it says.

THE BIG ACTIVITY

Purpose: To remember the parable that Jesus told about building on the rock.

Directions: Give each child a 'Building on the Rock' activity page printed double sided from the print material files. Children can colour in all the elements on the page and fold down the page along the dotted line to show the storms and the house built on sand being washed away.

Explanation: Jesus warned His followers that they should not just hear God's Word, but put it into practice. To build on that strong foundation or when storms come, they'll break and come crashing down. Matthew 7:24 (NIV) "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."

PLAYTIME LEARNING ACTIVITY

Leader's note: Ensure that children are always supervised around water.

Water play! Set up a large tub of shallow water and allow the children to play, using watering cans and toy buckets. Show the children how the water washes away the sand, but the pebbles/small rocks stay in place when the water hits them. Talk about today's Bible story, the wise man that built his house on the rock.

PRAYER

Dear God,

Help us to build our life on the right foundations. Thank You that You give us wisdom for our lives so that when storms come we will not be moved and can stand strong.

In Jesus name, Amen

Supplies Needed:

'Building on the Rock' activity page supplied in print material files, coloured pencils.

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Large tub of shallow water, toy watering cans, toy buckets, sand, pebbles/small rocks.