

# LEADER'S GUIDE

## YOUNGER CHILDREN

### 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)

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

### CONNECT TIME

If you could build anything you wanted into your house what would you build? e.g. Water slide, bowling alley, roller coaster.

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

1. What happened in the story that Jesus told about the two builders?

There were two men, one built his house on a solid foundation and when the storms came and the waves crashed his house did not fall.

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

2. Where can we find God's wisdom?

In His Word, through 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.

3. What happens when we build our lives on the foundation of God's wisdom?

If we hear God's Word and do what it says, when storms come we will be like the man who built his house on the rock. God's wisdom shows us the way to go. It lights the path ahead as we walk and directs our steps. Every part of God's Word has wisdom that can teach us, transform us and help us to grow. 2 Timothy 3:16 (NIV) "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness." God's wisdom is the foundation for our lives.

### ACTIVITY SHEETS

Children complete the activity sheets in this time.

### 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, 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."

### 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)

Give each child a Big Word - Hidden Story page printed from the print material files. Children can read the story and circle any words hidden in the story that belong to the Big Word. Read the Big Word aloud together a number of times until everyone remembers it.

### GAME

Musical Chairs with a difference

Place the chairs in a circle facing outwards and remove one chair so you have one less than the number of children. When the music starts, everyone must jog around the chairs. When the music stops, the leader yells out a body part (for example ear, nose, foot). Everyone must race to touch that body part on the chair, limit of one person per chair. The person who doesn't get a chair is out. Keep going until only one person is left.

### PRAYER

Dear God,

Help us to build our lives 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.

### Supplies Needed:

Big Word - Hidden Story page supplied in print material files, pencils.

### Supplies Needed:

One chair per person and music to play.

Note: As you get further into the game you can make it more difficult by saying "Your bare foot" or removing extra chairs.