

Home church - younger families - House on the Rock

LJP01

Bible Verses: Matthew 7:24-27

The aim of this session is to see that we should follow what Jesus says so that we can go through life with firm foundations.

Lego House

Warming Up

10 mins

Competition

Either individually or in teams, let the children build Lego houses. You might like to set categories – the largest house, the smallest house, the most colourful house and so on.

The Point: Just for fun.

Equipment

Lego, large quantities.

Video story time

10 mins

Show your child this clip from youtube which explains the story of the two builders or search saddleback kids house on rock

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l6S3cRVLMFQ>

songtime

3 mins

Sing the song of the wise man builds his house upon the rock together with actions by following this clip <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zAjEjxX-DhA>

Storytime

10 mins

Say that Jesus once told a parable about people building houses. Ask your child if they know what a parable is? Explain that a parable is a story that you tell which has a meaning for us to learn from.

In this story, Jesus talked about two men building houses. One man built on a rock. He dug foundations and worked really hard to build his house strongly. It took a long time. The other man built his house close to the river, on the sand. He didn't build foundations, but just built the house up from the ground. He was finished very quickly.

Using lego with your child build a Lego house on a Lego board, and then build a brick house on a tray.

When the houses are built, say that Jesus went on to talk about the houses. He said that one night there was a terrible storm. What happens in storms? The wind blows and it rains very hard.

When the wind blew, the house that had been built on a rock was okay – it didn't break, it stood there, firm and safe. (shake the lego house that is on the lego board which stands firm)

(Pick up a the house on the tray and shake the tray) When the wind blew, the house built on sand fell down.

Say that when Jesus told a story, it always had a meaning. The houses are pictures of us and what we believe. The storm is a picture of what happens to us when difficult times come.

So there are two types of people – people who listen to Jesus and believe him, and people that don't bother to listen to him. Ask your child which type of house do they think the people who believe in Jesus are? And the people who don't believe him?

Explain further. Sometimes we go through difficult times in life. People who believe in Jesus and what he says can hold on to him and say, "Yes, God loves me. Yes, God knows what is happening. Yes, I trust God to help me. It's hard right now but God will help." And when the difficult time is over, they can get on with life, feeling a bit stronger and a bit braver.

People who don't listen to Jesus are saying something like, "Help! Everything's going wrong! I don't know what to do! Arghhhh! I give up!" And when the hard time is over, they are feeling weak – they don't know what to do or where to go. They are lost and confused.

craft and prayer time

10 mins

Equipment
Stones, paint.

Give your child a stone and help them to paint the word "Jesus" on it. They can paint the background as well if they like or paint a smiley face on it to show how happy they are when Jesus is in their lives.

Holding the stone - say a prayer thanking God for being the rock that keeps us safe in any story
