



Sunday Kids!

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FIRM FOUNDATIONS: THE WISE AND FOOLISH BUILDERS. MATTHEW 7:24-29.

PLAY: Have you ever tried to build a den or a fort out of blankets and cushions? When you have everything right to make the fort, it will all balance and stay standing, but most of the time mine end up wobbling and sliding over and I'm just left with a pile of blankets and cushions. We never have that problem with our houses or our schools do we? Why do you think that is?



I thought I would do a little experiment... I tried to build two houses, one with bricks and one with cards. If you have either of these things, you can have a go for yourself! I think you might be able to guess what happened but the brick house stood up, and the card house collapsed before I even made it! Have a look at my pictures.



Sometimes we have to use strong materials to build a strong house, and we have to think about where we build a house, because it could be more dangerous in some places than others and Jesus told a story all about this!

MAKE: We're going to think about being like the wise man today, but first we need to make our craft which will help us! This morning we are making wise man, foolish man sticks like you can see in the picture. There's instructions of how you can make these for yourselves on the next few pages!

SINGING: I'm sure you've heard this song before... it's called "The Wise Man Built His House Upon The Rock". It's really helpful when we're trying to learn about this story Jesus told! I think that your grownups might even know this song and know the actions! Get them up singing and doing the actions with you! <https://youtu.be/lebcVIYLOao>

Is This Wise? Craft

Jesus told this story to teach his followers about how they should live their lives. He was comparing building a house on a firm ground (the rock) to following Jesus and building our lives on His Word. The wise man was careful in decision making and he listened to others.

We're going to think about being like the wise man today, but first we need to make our craft which will help us! Using whatever craft materials you have, we're going to make wise man, foolish man sticks like this!

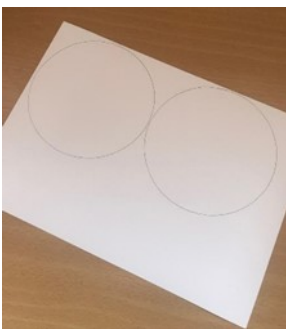
If you have a paper plate or something already round you can use that, or you can get some card and draw around a bowl, to make two circles. Ask your grownup to help you cutting out the circles.

With one of the circles, draw a wise man or a wise woman. I think the wise person will have a big smile and will be holding a Bible. What do you think your wise person might look like?

On the other circle, draw a foolish man or a foolish woman. I think that they will have a sad face because I am imagining how they would feel when the house built on the sand fell down. I drew mine to be shrugging their shoulders because we heard in the story that the foolish man didn't worry about what would happen and he did whatever he wanted.

I labelled the circles with WISE and FOOLISH and glued them back to back on a stick, but you can use whatever you have at your house.

You'll need your wise and foolish sticks for the next activity!



Is This Wise? Activity

Ask your grownup or if you have anyone else in your house to read the following statements and you can decide whether it's something that is wise or foolish by turning around your drawings to show the answer.

EXAMPLE: You have plenty of crayons. Your friend asks you if they can borrow one, and you say no. Is this wise? (The answer is of course no!)

You are so excited to play, but your mum asks you to finish your dinner. You wait at the table until you have finished your dinner and then play afterwards. Is this wise?

You ask your grownup for a biscuit and they said to wait until after dinner, but you ate one while they weren't looking. Is this wise?

You're upset that your friend isn't taking turns playing with the toy you both want to play with. You walk away and find a new toy to play with. Is this wise?

Your friend hurt your feelings. He apologised and you forgave him. Is this wise?

Your grownup asked you to help them with the tidying, but you decide to keep watching your TV show. Is this wise?

Prayer For Wisdom

Spend some time with your grownup praying and asking God to be with you this week to help you make wise decisions thinking about other people's feelings and acting like Jesus acted.



The Wise and Foolish Builders (paraphrased)

Jesus told the people many things about God and about how to act. As He was talking, He shared how important it was to listen and do the things that He said. Jesus shared a story to help the people know why it was important to obey God and do what He said.

There were two men who wanted to build new houses. They looked and looked for the perfect spot for their homes. One man was wise. This means that he thought about things before he did them. He was careful in making decisions and listened to the ideas of others. The wise man decided to build his house on the hard rock. He poured a foundation of concrete first, then built his house. He made sure everything was done correctly.

The other man was foolish. This means that he did not listen to what others thought. He did whatever he wanted and did not worry about what would happen. The foolish man loved the beach. He did not think about what would happen when a storm came if his house was built on sand.

One day, dark, grey clouds drifted in and suddenly, lightning bolted across the sky. The wind blew hard and rainwater collected and began to flood. Before long, the foolish man's house was flooded! There was nothing he could do! The winds blew harder and knocked the house down with a CRASH!

The wise man watched the storm come from his home. He had thought about having a safe, secure home. Now, when the storm came, he was safe.

Jesus told this story to help us see that we should be like the wise man. When we are doing things, we should ask God for help and listen for His answers. He will show us what to do and make sure we are safe. The important thing to remember is that we must do what God says.