

Building On a Rock

DAY 1

Jesus knew about building houses. Did you know he was a carpenter till he was about thirty? His dad was a carpenter too and probably taught him how to do it. So it makes sense that when he was teaching people he used a story about building houses to explain things. He'd probably built a few houses himself!

Today let's just see if you can remember these things from the story:

Jesus told a parable about building _____.

If you build a house on _____ it will last a long time.

If you build a house on _____ it will crumble away.

Wise kids build their lives on _____.

The _____ teaches us how to build our life and live the way God wants us to.

Pray

Dear God,

I want to build my life on you. Holy Spirit teach me how to be more like Jesus, and show people around me who you are.

Amen

DAY 2

Bible Search

Can you find Matthew 7:24?

Matthew is the name of the book

7 is the Big number- that's the chapter.

24 is the little number in the writing. That's the verse.

Good job. It should say this:

Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock.

What do you think that means? _____

What is the coolest thing you've ever built with lego or with sand on the beach? _____

Why is it so important to make the bottom (the foundation) strong like a rock when you're building a building? _____

What will happen if you don't start with a strong bottom part? _____

What book teaches us how God wants us to build our lives and live? _____

Is there something wise you did today? How did you follow God's word today?

Is there something unwise you did today? How did you ignore God's word?

DAY 3

Bible Search

Can you find Acts 4: 10-12

ACTS is the name of the book

4 is the Big number- that's the chapter.

10-12 are the little numbers in the writing. That's the verses.

It should say this:

"You put Jesus to death on a cross, but God raised him to life. He is the stone that you builders thought was worthless, and now he is the most important stone of all. Only Jesus has the power to save! His name is the only one in all the world that can save anyone."

In this verse Luke (he wrote Acts) is describing the day Peter- one of Jesus' disciples- was talking to all the Jewish leaders. They still didn't believe Jesus was God. Jesus had already died, risen and gone back to heaven. Peter was used to hanging around with Jesus, so like Jesus he used another building story to teach them something.

What did he call Jesus? _____

What was the part of a building made with rock or stone? _____

How is Jesus like a stone? _____

What did the Jewish leaders do to Jesus? _____

What did God do? _____

Why is Jesus the most important stone? _____

How are you building your life on the rock or stone? _____

DAY 4

The most important stone to a builder back in Jesus' time was the big cornerstone. When builders start they put the cornerstone of the whole building in first. Then they made sure all the other parts lined up properly with the cornerstone. If your cornerstone was wrong the whole building would go wonky. But if you got the cornerstone right the building would stand up straight and strong.

Bible Search

Can you find 1 Peter 2:5-7

1 PETER is the name of the book

2 is the Big number- that's the chapter.

5-7 are the little numbers in the writing. That's the verses.

Good job. It says this:

For in Scripture it says:

"See, I lay a stone in Zion,
a chosen and precious cornerstone,
and the one who trusts in him
will never be put to shame."

Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe,

"The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,"

Peter is actually reading from the Old Testament- a long time before Jesus. Peter is saying this verse written all those years ago was actually about Jesus. He is saying that Jesus is LIKE a cornerstone.

A few times in the bible it describes Jesus as a cornerstone.

What do you think they mean when they call Jesus the cornerstone? _____

Peter was saying to all the Jewish leaders. Jesus is the most important part of faith. If you don't believe in Jesus then your whole faith will grow wonky.

What do you think it means that Jesus is the only one in all the world that can save anyone?

He is the only one who can save people and make it possible to go to heaven. Without Jesus we can't be with God.

If Jesus is the only way people can be saved, what should we do?

How will you do that in your life this week?