

The Two House Builders

Theme: Build your life on firm foundations

Prayer: Draw a wall on a large piece of card and as the children come in, get them to write a prayer on a brick sized piece of paper and stick it to the wall.

Games:

Skittle relay: You will need a bottle with a little water in it to give some weight and some bean bags. Divide the children into teams of about five/six and have them standing in a line. In front of each line place a bottle a few metres away from them. The idea is each child takes it in turns to throw a bean bag at the bottle and once they have had a throw they go to the back of the line and wait for their turn to come around again. You will need someone at the other end to pick the bottle, throw back the bean bag and keep score. Continue for a couple of minutes.

Birdie on a perch: The leader calls out for everyone to get a partner. Then, once everyone has a partner, the leader begins to call out various orders:

"Hand to head!" (One partner then must put their hand on the others head)

"head to head!" (Obvious) "finger to ear!" (Usually gets them laughing). Go on giving orders (and obviously use discretion since many partners will be boy/girl)

Then, anytime the leader is ready, he/she yells out "Birdie on a perch!" This means one person must kneel on one knee and have the other knee up, which the partner quickly sits on. Make sure that you explain to the children not to jump onto their partner. Give points out to the pair who complete the commands the quickest.

Memory verse: *"What I am teaching you is good so remember it all." Proverbs 4 v 2 (GNB)*

Introduction: Have a competition to see which team can build a tower with paper cups or a house of cards. First they do it on an uneven surface i.e a cloth or towel on the floor. Then get them to try again on a firm surface. Keep it short, maybe a minute. If you have enough resources or a small group this could be done individually.

Story: Matthew 7 v 24 – 27 - The wise and foolish builders.

Application: In the parable of the wise and foolish builders, Jesus is teaching us about how to build our lives.

What happened to the house built on the sand? What does a house need to be built on in order to last? (Firm foundations, rock, solid ground...) Imagine our lives are like houses, what should we build on? Jesus is saying we should put our trust in Him. This means always thinking what Jesus would do in every situation. Let's think of some examples..... Do you always tell the truth? Do you stick by your friends? Do you put others first? These sort of things can make a big difference and can make the world a better place!

Prayer: "Dear God, thank you for showing us how to build our lives. Help us to remember to look at the example Jesus gave us, Amen."

Resources: Funsheet

Song: "The Wise Man Built His House Upon the Rock" Try singing this in a 'round'!

Extra game: Stand up. In pairs, sit back to back with elbows interlinked. Try and stand up. Now find another pair and make an interlinked quartet. Now try and stand up! Not so easy!!

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Word Search

Can you find these words in the word search ?

- BUILT
- DOWN
- FALL
- HOLY LIVING
- HOUSE
- OBEY
- SAND
- WIND
- POURED
- ROCK

H	R	O	C	K	X	P	N	O	D
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Join the dots to make the house

