

Q4

LIFE OF JESUS

Building On a Rock

4th-5th

PursueGODkids.org**Lesson Overview**

In today's lesson, we're going to learn about a story or parable that Jesus taught. Jesus would often use stories to teach the people an important life lesson. In this parable, he compared building a house with how we should build our lives. Jesus painted this picture: imagine building a house on solid rock. When a storm comes and the rains and wind start blowing hard, the house will stand because the house was built on a good foundation. But, if the house is built on sand and the same storm hits, the house will fall because the sand will just be washed away underneath it. If you've ever been to the beach, you've probably seen how quickly water wipes away your sand castle. Sand is weak but rock is strong. So, the life lesson was about having the right foundation. Jesus was saying that he is the rock and so is his word the Bible. Building our lives on those things will make us strong. When hard times come, we can survive it because Jesus will give us strength and the Bible will guide us. But, if we put our trust in worldly things like popularity or stuff, our lives will fall apart when hard times come. So kids, remember to build your lives on the rock which is Jesus and the Bible.

Big Idea

Wise kids build their lives on the Bible.

Key Question

How does the Bible help us?

Memory Verse

Matthew 7:24 "Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock."

Classroom Agenda

1. (5 min) **Let kids start working on Activity Page #1.**
2. (5 min) **WARM UP: Describe the coolest thing you've ever built whether with legos, blocks or with sand at the beach.** (Tip: It's fun to build cool stuff like a tall tower or a cool castle but the foundation is important or it won't stand. We need to build a good foundation for our lives which is Jesus and the Bible)
3. (5 min) **PREVIEW: Write out the Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Key Question on a whiteboard.** Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1 (if applicable).
4. (20 min) **LARGE GROUP: Gather for songs and videos with other kids.** Then return to class to finish this guide.
5. (2 min) **RECAP: Read the Lesson Overview (see above).**
6. (3 min) **KQ: Answer the Key Question.** (Answer: **The Bible tells us what's right and wrong.** (The Bible is our instruction manual for life. God gave us the Bible to tell us what is right and wrong, what honors him and what makes him sad. Our job is to obey what the Bible says.)
 - **Bonus Questions:** How does the Bible help us? Name 3 things the Bible tells us we should do. **4-5th** Why is it important to obey what the Bible says? What happens when we choose not to obey?
7. (5 min) **EXPLORE: Read 1 Corinthians 3:10-11. This is Paul talking about his job as an apostle teaching the people about Jesus. What are some things we should be careful not to build our lives upon? Who is the only sure foundation for our lives?**(Answer: We shouldn't care more about stuff or fitting in with friends at school than we do about God. God created us so he knows what's best. Our job is to trust him and obey the Bible.)
8. (10 min) **PLAY: Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.**
9. (5 min) **CLOSE: Share prayer requests and pray as a class.** Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents - and remind them to go online to pursueGODkids.org to find this week's lesson video.

Teacher instructions: Choose an activity for your classroom.

OPTION 1: BUILD A COOL STRUCTURE GAME

Instructions:

- Divide the class into groups of 4. Give each group plastic cups or blocks.
- When you say, "Go!", give the kids 5 minutes to build a structure with their building materials. Encourage them to make it as tall and as unique as possible because the teacher will be the judge of the winner at the end.
- Remind the kids the importance of building with a strong foundation or else it will fall. The Bible is what we should build our lives upon if we want to withstand the storms of life.

Supplies needed: Plastic Cups/Blocks

OPTION 2: BUILD YOUR HOUSE ON A ROCK CRAFT

Instructions:

- Give each kid a paper plate, Bible template (page 5) and craft sticks.
- Have kids glue the Bible in the middle of the plate and the Big Idea at the top. Then have them use the craft sticks to build a house on top of the Bible. Have them glue the sticks on the plate and to each other as they go.
- As they work, read the parable from Matthew 7:24-27. Remind the kids that they should build their lives on what the Bible says and not on what the world says.

Supplies needed: Paper plates (1 per kid), Bible template (pg. 5, pre cut, 1 set per kid), Craft sticks, Glue

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Jesus knew a thing or two about building houses and how to build a great life.

Key Points:

- 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 _____.

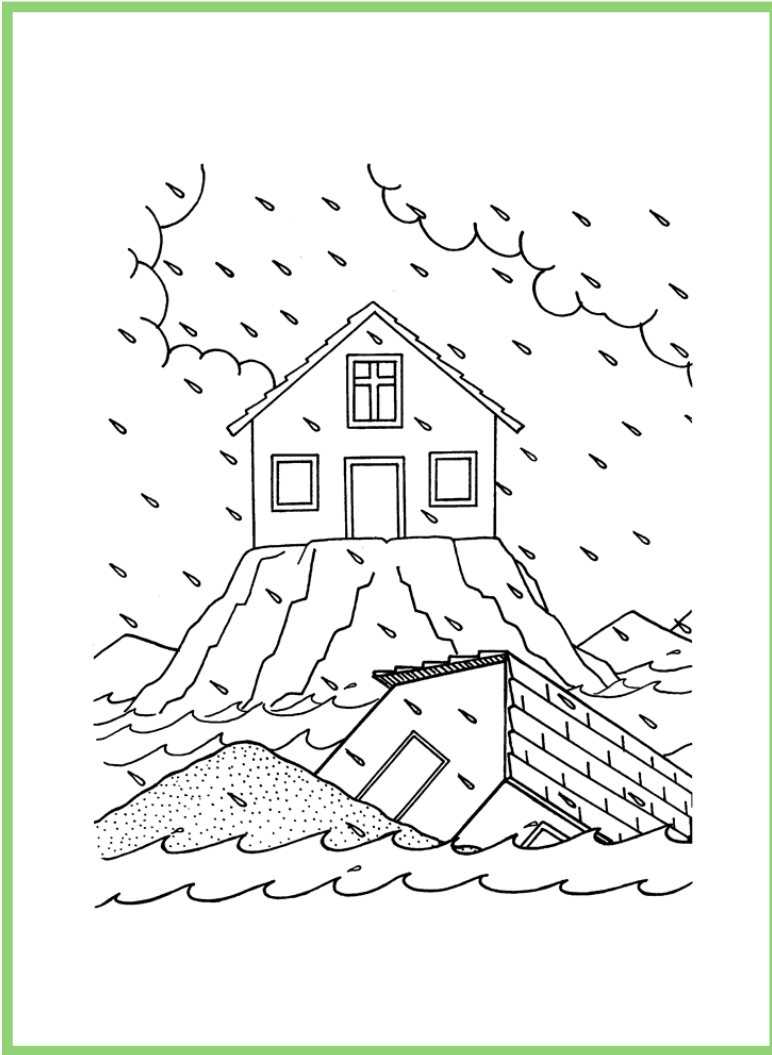
Memory Verse:

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Talk About It

1. *What's your favorite part of the video? What's one thing you learned from it?*
2. *Describe the coolest thing you've ever built whether with legos, blocks or with sand on the beach.*
3. *Why is starting with a good foundation important when building a structure? What is likely to happen if you don't start with a good base?*
4. *Why do you think Jesus used a house as an example for how to build or lives? What book provides the best foundation?*
5. *Read 1 Corinthians 3:10-11. This is Paul talking about his job as an apostle teaching the people about Jesus. What are some things we should be careful not to build our lives upon? Who is the only sure foundation for our lives?*
6. *How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?*

Instructions: Color the picture and complete the challenge.



Big Idea

Key Question

Memory Verse

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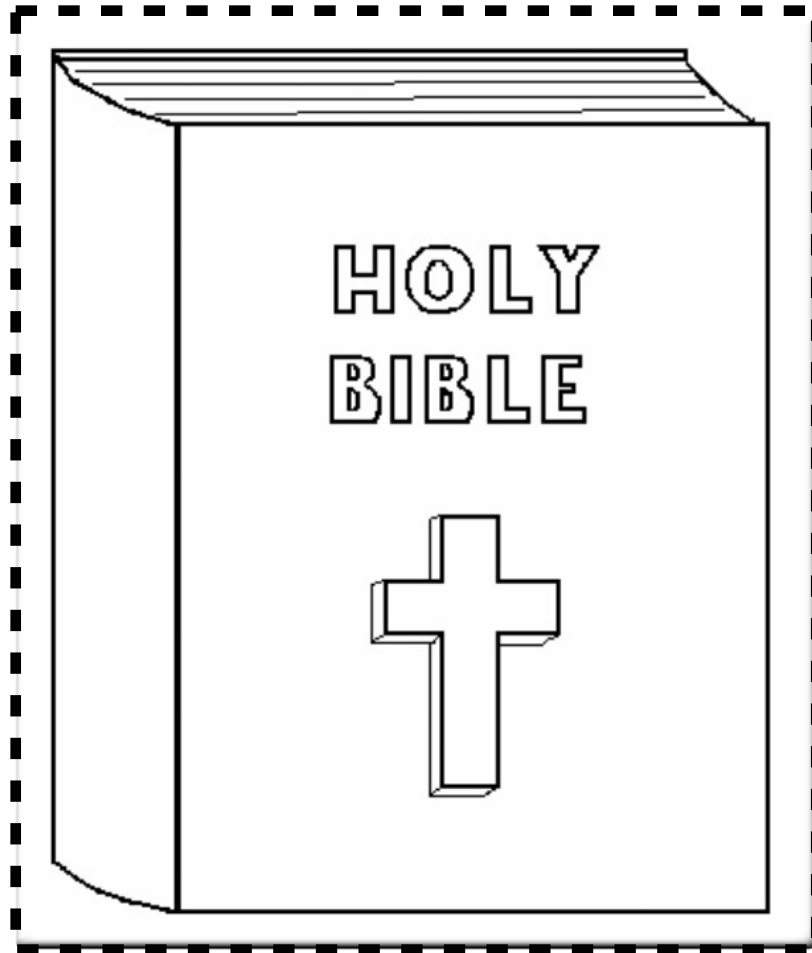
NAME 3 BOOKS IN THE BIBLE

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