

4-5-6 Small Group

LESSON 1 - "BUILD On The Right Foundation"



Whatchagaddaknow?:

"I Will Build My Life On Jesus!"



Bible Story:

Parable Of The Two Builders - Luke 6:46-49



Daily Focus:

MAKING GOOD CHOICES

Leader Instructions: Everything you need for the group will be provided.
Please ask Mindy or Amber if you have any questions.

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Bible Story Review:

- Using the *4 Bible Story Pictures, have your group help retell the story from tonight.

Picture 1 - Wise man - built his house on rock

Picture 2 - Storms came - house stood strong

Picture 3 - Foolish man - built his house on sand

Picture 4 - Storms came - house crashed

Say: "So, one man made a smart CHOICE, one man made a foolish CHOICE."

"Which man made a smart choice?"

-Allow answers-

"Yes! He built his house on solid ground!"

"Jesus taught that we have a CHOICE."

"A smart person builds their life on Him!"

"The foolish man did not choose wisely, he build his house on sand."

"That is like a person who does not CHOOSE Jesus."

"Their life will crumble and fall apart without Him."

Hands-On Activity:

Show kids the *Jenga game and have them help build a tower.

Ask the following questions, if they get it right - no blocks are removed.

If they get it wrong - pull 1-3 blocks.

Q1. Where did the wise man build his house?

A. Rock

Q2. *Where did the foolish man build his house?*

A. Sand

Q3. *Did both houses survive the storm?*

A. No

Q4. *Who made the best choice?*

A. The Wise Man

Q5. *Who can we build our life on?*

A. Jesus

Q6. *Whatchagaddaknow?*

A. I will build my life on the rock!

Q7. *Finish our Power Verse: "Everybody who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a _____ ?"*

A. Wise Builder

Q8. *Where is our Power Verse found?*

A. Matthew 7:24

Leader Instructions:

If the tower did NOT fall:

Say: *"Great listening tonight, you didn't let our tower fall!"*

"What happens when we don't build our life on Jesus?"

"Yes, it will crumble" (knock the tower down)

"Remember to CHOOSE Jesus and keep Him as your strong foundation your whole life!"

"Say with me: "I will build my life on Jesus!"

If the tower DID fall:

Say: *"Nice try on answering the questions, but we got too many wrong and our tower fell."*

"That is like what will happen when we don't build our life on Jesus, our lives will crumble!"

"Remember to CHOOSE Jesus and keep Him as your strong foundation your whole life!"

"Say with me: "I will build my life on Jesus!"

Prayer Time: (have group sit in circle)

Pray: “Dear God, tonight we ask You to help each of these kids to make wise life choices and help them to build their life on Jesus. Amen”

Extra Time Filler:

*Lego Power Verse Practice

Allow kids to help put the Power Verse blocks together correctly.

*Coloring Sheets



Power Verse:

“Everybody who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise builder...”

-Matthew 7:24 (CEB)

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LESSON 2 - "BUILD With The Right Materials"



Whatchagaddaknow?:

"I Will Build My Life With The Good Things of God!"



Bible Story:

Daniel Refuses The King's Food - Daniel 1



Focus:

BUILD WITH THE GOOD THINGS OF GOD

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Bible Story Review:

-Using the ***5 Bible Story Pictures**, have your group help retell the story from tonight.

Picture 1 - Daniel and his 3 friends with King Nebuchadnezzar - they were captured and forced to serve in the evil King's palace

Picture 2 - Table of meat - the King told them to eat the food he provided

Picture 3 - Daniel asking to eat what God wants - Daniel asked the King if they could eat the food God wanted them to eat

Picture 4 - Daniel saying "If we don't look stronger" - Daniel made a deal to eat God's food and see if they were stronger in 10 days

Picture 5 - King Nebuchadnezzar saying they look stronger - After 10 days the King was happy that they were stronger and healthier - He gave them better jobs in his palace

Say: "We can learn from Daniel to fill our lives with the good things of God"

"What happened to Daniel and his friends when they ate the good food God asked them to eat?"

-Allow answers-

"Yes! They got stronger and healthier!"

"We have choices all the time to pick the good things of God or the bad things of this world."

"A smart person chooses the good things of God!"

Hands-On Activity:

Show kids the *sponges

Say: "Sponges soak up liquids, like water or juice."

"You are like a sponge because you soak up whatever you see, hear or do."

"But what about when we make bad choices?"

"What are some BAD things we can put in our lives?"

Examples: Saying bad and mean words, telling lies, watching ugly TV shows, listening to angry music, hurting others, etc.

-dip the sponge in the dirty water-

"If we put those bad things in our lives, then the bad will fill us and come out!"

-squeeze the dirty water out-

"If you fill your life with the good things of God, like this clean water, then your life will be healthy and strong."

"What are some GOOD things to put in your life?"

Examples: Listening to worship music, praying to God, eating healthy foods, getting lots of sleep at night, reading the Bible and learning about God, etc.

-dip the sponge in the clean water-

"If you put the good things of God in your life, then good will come out!"

-squeeze the clean water out-

Say: "We have to say "NO" to sin and "YES" to the good things of God!"

"Which sponge does God want us to be like?"

"That's right! God wants us to be full of His goodness."

"Say this with me: "I will fill my life with the good things of God!"

Prayer Time: (have group sit in circle)

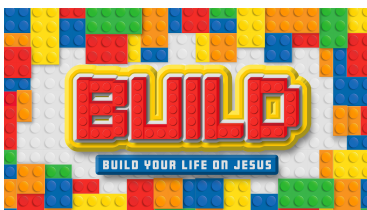
Pray: "Dear God, tonight we ask You to help each of these kids to fill their lives with the good things of You and to build their lives on Jesus. Amen"

Extra Time Filler:

*Lego Power Verse Practice

Allow kids to help put the Power Verse blocks together correctly.

*Coloring Sheets



Power Verse:

"Everybody who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise builder..."

-Matthew 7:24 (CEB)

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LESSON 3 - "BUILD With The Right Tools"



Whatchagaddaknow?:

"I Will Build My Life With Power Tools!"



Bible Story:

Peter Gets Power - Luke 22:54-62, Acts 2



Daily Focus:

THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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Bible Story Review:

-Using the **4 Bible Story Pictures*, have your group help retell the story from tonight.

Picture 1 - Women pointing at Peter - Peter was afraid

Picture 2 - Men praying - the disciples prayed in a room together

Picture 3 - Men with fire on their heads - the room shook and fire appeared on their heads - The Holy Spirit came to them

Picture 4 - Peter preaching - Peter was no longer afraid

Say: *"Before Peter had the power of the Holy Spirit, he was afraid to say that he knew Jesus."*

"After Peter had the power of the Holy Spirit, he told everyone about Jesus!"

"The Holy Spirit gave Peter power to do things he could never do on his own."

"The Holy Spirit was a gift for Peter and the Holy Spirit is a gift for you and me!"

"The Holy Spirit is God's gift to us, a helper that gives us power!"

Hands-On Activity:

-Show kids the **flashlight-*

Say: *"What is this tool?"*

"That's right, this is a flashlight!"

-have a student turn off the room lights, if possible-

Say: *"Flashlights help us to see in the dark by shining light."*

"Will this flashlight work if I take the batteries out?"

-Show kids the **batteries-*

Say: *“No! The flashlight needs power to work.”*

“Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to be our powerful helper.”

“The Holy Spirit is a POWER tool from Heaven!”

“The flashlight has power because it has the right stuff inside. The batteries!”

“We can have the right stuff inside to have POWER from Heaven. The Holy Spirit!”

“The Holy Spirit gives us POWER to pray!”

“The Holy Spirit gives us POWER to understand the Bible!”

“The Holy Spirit gives us POWER to share the good news about God!”

“The Holy Spirit is a POWER tool from Heaven!”

“When we ask the Holy Spirit to be in our lives, He will fill us with POWER from Heaven!”

“Say with me: “I will build my life with POWER tools!”

Prayer Time: (have group sit in circle)

Pray: “Dear God, tonight we ask You to be in the lives of each of these kids and fill them with the power of the Holy Spirit. And help them to build their lives on Jesus. Amen”

Extra Time Filler:

**Lego Power Verse Practice*

Allow kids to help put the Power Verse blocks together correctly.

**Coloring Sheets*



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LESSON 4 - "BUILD 4 Life"



Whatchagaddaknow?:

"I Gotta Build My Faith Every Day!"



Bible Story:

Jesus Teaches The Teachers - Luke 2:41-52



Daily Focus:

BUILDING OUR FAITH EVERY DAY

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Bible Story Review:

- Using the ***4 Bible Story Pictures**, have your group help retell the story from tonight.

Picture 1 - Joseph and Mary are scared - they lost Jesus!

Picture 2 - Young Jesus is talking to the teachers - the teachers were amazed at Jesus' questions and His answers

Picture 3 - Mary says "We've been looking for you!" - they tell Jesus how scared they were

Picture 4 - Young Jesus says "Didn't you know" - "I would be in my Father's house"

Say: *"Even though Jesus was young, that didn't stop him from learning from the teachers."
"And even though the teachers were old, they still learned from Jesus."
"They were building their faith in God together!"
"We should be like Jesus and the teachers and build our faith every single day!"*

Hands-On Activity:

Show the kids the ***Cups**

Say: *"Let's find out how these cups can help us learn about our faith!"*

"When I say "faith", I am talking about our friendship with God."

"What would happen if I asked these cups to build themselves into a tower?"

-point to cups and ask them to build into a tower-

Say: *“These cups can’t build a tower themselves!”*

“If we want to be closer to God, we have to build EVERY day!”

“What are some things we can do to build our faith in God?”

-say these things while having the kids add cups to the tower-

Examples: Reading the Bible, praying to God, going to church, sharing Jesus with others, spending time with friends who want to be close to God, making wise choices, etc.

Say: *“This is what it is like to BUILD our faith in God, every day.”*

“What can happen to our faith if we don’t fill our days with these building blocks?”

-knock the cup tower over-

Say: *“Oh no! That can tear down our faith!”*

“Growing closer to God is something we should do every day - for our whole lives!”

“Say with me: “I will build my faith every day!”

Prayer Time: (have group sit in circle)

Pray: “Dear God, tonight we ask You to encourage each of these kids to fill their days with building their faith in You. And help them to build their lives on Jesus. Amen”

Extra Time Filler:

*Lego Power Verse Practice

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*Coloring Sheets



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LESSON 5 - "BUILD The Kingdom"



Whatchagaddaknow?:

"I Will Build God's Kingdom And Share My Faith!"



Bible Story:

Andrew Brings Simon To Jesus - John 1:29-50



Daily Focus:

SHARE YOUR FAITH - BUILD GOD'S KINGDOM

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Bible Story Review:

- Using the ***4 Bible Story Pictures**, have your group help retell the story from tonight.

Picture 1 - John the Baptist telling others about Jesus - "This is God's Son!"

Picture 2 - Jesus teaching - Andrew listened and followed Jesus

Picture 3 - Andrew telling Simon about Jesus - "I have found Jesus!"

Picture 4 - Simon meets Jesus - Simon decides to follow Jesus too

Say: *"What if Andrew had never told his brother Simon about Jesus?"*

"If Andrew hadn't taken Simon to meet Jesus, he might never have had the chance to follow God!"

"Andrew shared the good news and we should too!"

"There are people all around us who aren't followers of Jesus."

"It is our job to build God's Kingdom and share our faith!"

"Say with me: "I will build God's Kingdom and share my faith!"

Hands-On Activity:

Put your ***Backpack** on and use the ***Binoculars** to pretend to look around.

Say: *"Let's imagine that we are on a hike in the woods."*

-Have all the kids stand up and follow you on a "hike"-

"We hike all day and see tall trees, splashing waterfalls, wild animals and big mountains."

Say: *"The sun is going down and it is getting dark!"*

"Oh no! We don't have a flashlight to see AND we forgot to bring a map!"

"We don't even have a phone to call for help!"

"WE ARE LOST!"

Say: *"Now, what if we split up to find the path home and when I find it, instead of coming back for you all, I decide to go on the path to safety and LEAVE YOU ALL BEHIND!?!"*

"Does that sound like the right thing to do?"

"We should never leave someone behind and in danger."

-Have the kids sit back down in a circle-

"There are people all around us who are LOST!"

"They are not lost in the woods, but they are LOST because they don't know Jesus."

"There are people who have never heard about God's love."

"It is our job to GO and tell people about Jesus!"

"When we share our faith, we BUILD God's Kingdom!"

"We don't need to leave other behind in danger of never knowing Jesus."

"Say with me: "I will build God's Kingdom and share my faith!"

Prayer Time: (have group sit in circle)

Pray: "Dear God, tonight we ask You to help each of these kids to share their faith with others to help BUILD Your Kingdom! In Jesus' name, Amen.)

Say: *"We have a fun way you can share your faith with others!"*

"Remember the cards you worked on in Crafts each night?"

"Each of you will get one tonight that someone else at VBS made this week."

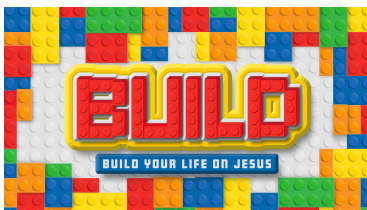
"You can write a note in it and share it with someone this summer!"

-Pass out a *card to each child-

Extra Time Filler:

*Snacks! - Pass out the snack bags to each child

*Power Verse Practice - See if each child can recite the Power Verse



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