



BIBLE STORY

The Wise and Foolish Builders Matthew 7:24-27

MEMORY VERSE

"Let us keep looking to Jesus. He is the one who started this journey of faith. And he is the one who completes the journey of faith." Hebrews 12:2a (NIrV)

BOTTOM LINE

You can HEAR from God.



I M A G I N E

an activity that focuses on biblical application and empathy through role-play and re-enactment

WISE OR FOOLISH

WHAT YOU NEED: "Wise or Foolish Scenarios" activity page, paper "rock" and "sand" shapes printables

WHAT YOU DO:

- Briefly review the Bible story (Matthew 7:24-27) and the truth that when we hear God's Word but don't do what He says, we're like the foolish man who built his house on the sand; but when we hear God's Word AND do what He says, we're like the wise man who built his house on the rock.
- Lay the rock and sand shapes at opposite ends of your room and guide kid(s) to gather in the middle.
- Read a scenario from the Activity Page. If the scenario describes a wise (or good) choice, guide kid(s) to run to the "rock" and stand tall. If the scenario describes a foolish (or bad) choice, guide kid(s) to run to the "sand" and (gently!) fall to the floor.
- Guide kid(s) to return to the middle between rounds.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Jesus said that if we know what God says, but we don't do it, we're like the foolish man who built his house on the sand. Is a house built on sand strong? (*No!*) But Jesus ALSO said that if we know what He says AND do what He says, we're like the wise man who built his house on the rock. Is a house built on rock strong? (*Yes!*) Jesus told this story to teach us that it's not enough just to hear what He says. In order to be strong, we need to DO what He says, too.

[Make It Personal] (Tell kids about a time you heard and did what God said. Tell how God used your obedience to show you more about Him.)

"What are some ways that you can hear what God says? (I can go to church; I can read my Bible.) What are some ways you can DO what God says? (I can be kind to my brother; I can share; I can obey my mom and dad.) God wants you to hear AND do what He says because He loves you and wants what's best for you! So remember: [Bottom Line] you can HEAR (cup hand to ear) from God. And when you hear from God, be sure to do what He says, too. He loves you!"

- Your teacher tells you it's time to pick up. You stop and pick up what you're doing and then help someone else pick up, too.
- Your little brother starts messing with you when you're about to get to the next level in your favorite video game. You push him away and loudly yell, "Quit it!"
- At lunch you share your cookies with your friends. A kid who's sometimes mean to you is also sitting nearby. You offer him a cookie, too.
- When your mom tells you to clean your room, you shove everything under the bed.
- A kid at school pushes you, and you push back hard!
- Your mom tells you to clean your room. Right away you start putting things away.
- You're playing a game outside with your friends when your dad says it's time to come in. You whine back, "Aww, Daaaad. Not now! One more round!"
- You're playing in your room when your little sister comes in and starts pestering you like crazy! You politely ask her to leave and tell her that you'll play with her in a few minutes.
- Your friend gets upset and starts calling you names. You yell names back at him, too.
- When your church has a skate party, you invite all the kids in your class even the kids who aren't nice to you.



