

In God's Big Story

Jesus explains to the crowd that following His teachings is like building a house with a strong foundation. He shows them that, even though the world presents other options for living, it's His words that matter.

Wonder Truth: Jesus' Words Matter

Scripture: Matthew 7

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THE WISE AND FOOLISH BUILDERS

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WORD OF WONDER

Work together this week on memorizing this verse!

ELEMENTARY:

'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Love him with all your strength and with all your mind.' And, 'Love your neighbor as you love yourself.'

—Luke 10:27 (NirV)

EARLY CHILDHOOD:

Love the Lord your God with all your heart.

—Luke 10:27a (NirV)

WONDER ABOUT IT!

- What is one thing you are learning about God and the wonder of His big story?
- How do you see God's story as part of your own story?

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FAMILY CONVERSATIONS

Families, use this to prompt conversations at the table, in the car, and anywhere else your family experiences life together.

- In God's big story, Jesus taught a lesson using an imaginative story (called a parable) about the wise and foolish builders. Try retelling the story to your family!
- What do you think it means to put Jesus' words into practice?
- When you put Jesus' words into practice, you are like the wise builder in Jesus' parable! How can you live your life like the wise builder?



HANDS ON

A Firm Foundation

In God's big story, Jesus tells a parable about a man who built his house on rock and another who built his house on sand. Let's do some building of our own! We'll build towers two different ways—I wonder which one will stand?

First, you will build your house on the "sand." Fill a large bowl or the kitchen sink with water. Then place an aluminum pan or plastic tray in the water. Place two disposable cups on the pan face down. Lay a paper plate on top of the cups. Then add another layer of two disposable cups and another plate. If your tower is wobbly, talk as a family about why the tower isn't sturdy. Once the tower falls, begin a second tower on the "rock."

For this tower, place two disposable cups face down directly on a table or flat surface. Then add a plate. Repeat this pattern of two cups and a plate. Observe that you can build a taller tower this way. **Jesus' words matter, so when we listen to His words and put them into practice, we are like this sturdy tower of cups that was built on a firm foundation!**



LIFE CONNECTION

Loving Our Neighbor

Jesus said that when we put His words into practice, we are like wise men who build their houses on rock. The Word of Wonder for this series gives one way to put Jesus' words into practice: to love our neighbors as ourselves.

As a family, brainstorm ways that you can love your neighbors. Is there someone who lives next to you who could use help with yard work? Does someone live alone who might enjoy a surprise note or a plate of cookies? Have fun coming up with your list together; then commit to doing at least one item from the list this week.