



## Week 5

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With each section, there will be an 'age rating'. This is in no way meant to be a deterrent for trying it with kids who aren't in that age range. Please feel free to do any of the activities with any age group. This is just the general age in mind while writing that section.

Age Rating Guide:	Young: Lambs-TK	Middle: 1 <sup>st</sup> and up	Old: 3 <sup>rd</sup> and up
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**\*\*You by no means have to follow the order I put these activities/sections in. There's no right or wrong order to do them-I really have to rhyme or reason behind the order I listed them!**

### So & So Show Video: (all ages)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BdZEf6Y-L7o&t=20s>

Video Question: How do you know God?

Key Verse: Proverbs 2:6 "The Lord gives wisdom. Knowledge and understanding come from his mouth."

### Story: House on the Rock - Matthew 7:24-27

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MRjYbl9Wlx8>

Here's a video story if you'd rather watch it than read it from a Bible as this is quite a long passage

### Story recap: (all ages)

I always find that having kids try to retell the story after hearing is a great way to help them remember it. Try asking them to summarize!

### Discussion: (all ages/middle)

- What are some things you're good at?
- How did you get good at those things? Did you practice a lot or study or take advice or lessons from people who were already really good at that thing?
- Why do we try to learn things?
- What's the most recent thing you've learned?
- If we learn about something once, are we done? Or should we keep trying to learn more and more about it?

- What's something important to you that you want to learn more about?
- When or How do we learn about God?
- Who learns about God? Just kids or do is it parents and adults, too?
- Why should we learn about God?
- What do we do once we've learned about God?
- When are we 'done' learning about God? (Make sure to emphasize that we are not ever done learning about God with this one!)

## **Digging a bit deeper: (middle/old/could be all ages)**

- What do you think it means to build your life on a foundation? What might those foundations be?

We look at this question by looking a lot at our own identities. How do we define ourselves? What are we good at? Here's a quick experiment we can do...

I'm going to say a description, and I want you to think of or name, if you want, someone from your school who best fits that description.

- Sports Guy
- Music Girl
- Really smart person
- Teacher
- Farm kid

Were you able to think of someone who fit each description? Was it kind of easy? You see, the way we spend our time... the things and activities we surround ourselves with, that's often what we're known for. So if you're really into sports, if that's how you spend all your time-your building your life on sports. Maybe it influences what you wear (aka athletic clothes), maybe you spend all your free time practicing, or watching other sports, or talking about sports. It's what you know best.

What this Bible story is trying to tell us that while sports and school and all your activities are important, they shouldn't be your foundation. You can still be involved in every activity you're in now, but remembering that in all the things you do, you should be bringing it back to God in one way or another. Take a second to read 1 Corinthians 10:31 and Psalm 115:1 . These passage say that no matter what you're doing, no matter how good or great or bad you are at something, give God the glory. So when you do well in school, or you excel in sports, or maybe you're pretty alright at art.... These things are great! Keep doing them! But remember that God created you, God knows what's in your heart.

How can you glorify God when you do well?

How can you glorify God when you don't do well?

How do we keep God as our foundation and still do our best at the other things we're passionate about?

## **Songs (all ages)**

Wise Man Built His House Song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Eu5bBDRpzPM>

## **Activities: (young/middle/all ages)**

### **Foundation Rocks**

Need: Grab a medium sized rock from outside for each person in your family. Have everyone clean & dry their rock. You'll also need paint

-Go around and share what it is you are good at, what you like to do, what takes up a lot of your time. Then on the rock, paint those things.

-This will be a great reminder that while there are so many things-both good and not great- in our lives that call for our attention, Jesus is our rock and foundation.

-Keep these rocks somewhere by the door you walk out of most often on your way to work or school (even if we're not doing that right now), so when you go to leave the house, you'll see this reminder.

## **Coloring Pages: (all ages)**

If you are able to print, here is a link to some free coloring pages!

<https://ministry-to-children.com/build-your-house-upon-the-rock-matthew-724-coloring-page/>

## **Prayer: (all ages)**

It's important to always be praying- individually and together. Take some time to pray with and for each other. For more ideas on how to pray in different ways, click the link below or go to the children's ministry page on our website!

[www.3cross.org/children](http://www.3cross.org/children)

## **CHALLENGE! CALLING ALL FAMILIES!**

Having trouble figuring out what to do all day? Need something to help you be creative?

Why not make a video!

Choose a song or Bible story as a family and perform it! Maybe it's a song you guys really like and want to create actions for... Maybe it's a Bible story you love and want to act out as a skit. Maybe you want to make some sock puppets and do a puppet show!

Send me your videos and I'll work on sharing them with our Church on Youtube and who knows... maybe it'll even make it's way into one of our services! :)