

THE CHURCH IN NEW YORK CITY
CHILDREN'S MEETING LESSON (Pre-K&K)

Lesson#70

Date:

SUBJECT: The Wise Man and the Foolish Man

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 7:24-27; Luke 6:47-49

AIM: To show the children that the Lord is the one who can keep them in difficulties.

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 89:26b "...You are My Father, My God and the rock of my salvation."

REVIEW: Do you remember what we call the stories the Lord told His friends? You know – The stories with a lesson in them? Right! Parables Remember The Runaway Boy (Prodigal Son), The Good Samaritan (The man who help the hurt man), and The Lost Sheep and last time you heard about a sower with seeds. There were different kinds of ground (hearts) where the seed (God's Word) could fall. We want to be like the good ground and have a good heart to take in God's Word.

INTRODUCTION: Today's story is something like the one with the seeds only the Lord uses a different picture – a different story.

Bring in a rock and some sand. Make the sand wet and build a house out of the sand or build a house of blocks on the sand. Blow on it and pour water on it to show the children what happens. Do not have to spend too much time on the positive – rock. Just let them see how strong the rock is compared to the sand. Ask the children if they have ever been at the shore and made sand castles? What happened when the waves come?

CONTENT: One day when the Lord Jesus was talking to lots and lots of people on a mountain, He told them that it was important to do what the Lord says and not just to hear His words. He said that whoever would hear His words and do them (obey them) would be like a man that builds a house. This man would put the foundation of the house on the rock. (Show the children pictures of houses in the process of being built, with foundations showing or explain what a foundation is.) This man would be wise (smart) because the rock is very strong – isn't it? When the house was built, it started to rain a lot and wind blew very hard and the flood came. (Like a hurricane maybe) The rain kept coming and the wind kept blowing hard and there was water all around the house and still nothing happened to the house. Everybody inside the house was safe because the house was on the rock. It was very strong and could not be blown away or fall down. This is like everyone who hears and does the Lord's words.

But everyone who only hears what the Lord says and does not do what He says – everyone who does not obey what the Lord says is like a foolish man (a stupid man). A stupid man would build his house on the sand. Even if you put the foundation of the house far down into the sand, it is still foolish. The rain comes, the wind comes and the flood comes and beats against the house. What happen to the house? Right! The sand is washed away and the house falls down – with a big bang! What would happen to the people in the house? They would be hurt badly or even die! Which house would you want?

APPLICATION:

The Lord Jesus says if we listen to Him and obey we are like the man who built his house on the rock. That means the Lord Jesus is the rock. He is strong as a rock!!! If we obey Him, we will be safe. Even if bad things happen to us (e.g. even if we get sick, maybe even have no home, no job, lose a friend, get laughed at etc.) we are like the house on the rock. These are all bad things like wind, rain and flood. If bad things happen to us we can trust the Lord (our rock) and be safe. If the Lord tells us He will never leave us – if something not good happens He wants us not only to hear those words but also obey them – not be afraid. If we only hear what He says and don't do (believe) bad times will knock us down like the foolish man's house. We will be discouraged, afraid, angry, etc. But, we want to have our house on the rock so we can keep standing when hard things come!!

CRAFT IDEA: Paste sand on one side and pebbles on the other side of the page. You can get sand in a craft store or plant store. Find pebbles in the back yard. Have houses cut out that can be pasted on the sand and on the rocks. If you want to be more elaborate you can paste waves and wind. You may just want to copy a stormy scene and paste a house and sand and rock, etc. on that background.

SONGS: #48 –The wise man; Trust and Obey; #65; #63; #66

48 THE WISE MAN AND THE FOOLISH MAN

1. The wise man built his house upon the rock, (3x)
And the rains came tumbling down.

(Chorus)
The rains came down and the floods came up. (3x)
And the house on the rock stood fast.

2. The foolish man built his house upon the sand, (3x)
And the rains came tumbling down,

(Chorus)
The rains came down and the floods came up. (3x)
And the house on the sand went smash.

TRUST AND OBEY (Hymns #582, verses 1&5)

1. When we walk with the Lord
In the light of the Word,
What a glory He sheds on our way;
While we do His good will,
He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.

(Chorus)
Trust and obey,
For there's no other way
To be in Jesus,
But to trust and obey.

5. Then in fellowship sweet
We will sit at His feet,
Or we'll walk by His side in the way;
What He says we will do;
Where He sends, we will go,
Never fear, only trust and obey.

65 GOD'S WORD

We must not forget God's Word,
That is where His voice is heard.
If we listen and obey,
We'll be happy every day.

63 BY HIS WORD

1. By His Word,
I have no fear in me,
By His Word,
Satan has no ground in me,
By His Word,
Sickness can't dwell in me,
By His Word,
Death cannot swallow me,
By His Word,
I walk in victory,
By His Word,
I am set free!

2. Change "By His Word" to "By His name"

66 GOD'S WORD IN MY HEART

In a good place,
For a good purpose,
I would hide God's Word in my heart;
That I might not sin,
But the vict'ry win,
I would hide God's Word in my heart.