Activity tie-in: Home Repair/carpentry
Object: building materials- some good, others obviously terrible OR "The Three Little Pigs" book
Bible verse: 1 Chronicles 22:2-19 OR 1 Corinthians 3:10-17
Lesson: What materials do we build God's house with?

INTRO IDEAS
-Read "The Three Little Pigs" and talk about the bad choice of materials versus good
-Tell a story of when you chose bad materials for a project and the result of the project
-show pictures of buildings that have had cheap materials used in them and what they look like (make sure the buildings look bad)
-Put kids in groups and have them build a small structure out of materials you give them. Have good and bad materials for them to choose. Make it a competition, if needed, so they put some thought into which materials they use. Then test the structures and see which stand. Ask the kids why they choose each material.

LESSON SUGGESTION
-Talk about the advantages of using strong materials. Why choose them?
-Read either Bible section and prime the kids to listen to the materials used. Have them write a list or ask them which they remember. Then, have them talk about the advantages of the materials and why they were chosen.
-Apply this to them and talk about spiritual building materials. What are they? How do we get them? Do we need them?
-Keep the focus on Jesus and the cross. If reading 1 Corinthians, make sure they know that the foundation for their spiritual temple is Christ. Even if bad materials are used, Jesus is still there and they will STILL be in heaven. If reading 1 Chronicles, ask them about what the purpose of the temple is and why David would use such great materials. (David is doing it because of the promises God has given to him, that he knows will be fulfilled -> much like the salvation won for us on the cross)

QUESTIONS
-What does Paul mean when he talks about the building materials?
    -These are the works we do after being saved. Spending time in the word, going to church, learning more about Christ, praying, etc -> they all strengthen the structure of our faith, by God's grace
    -REMEMBER: they are all on the foundation of Christ, which has been built already.
-What does it mean to be God's temple?
    -God lives in us and we are holy like the first Temple. He lives in our hearts because of what Jesus has done.
-What materials does David give to building the Temple?
    -Look for the list in 1 Chronicles
-Why does David use such expensive materials and give them from his own treasury?
    -God's grace, God has done so much for him that he can't help but show his thankfulness in this way
-How does David's story/Paul's message apply in our life?
    -Because of God's grace, we want to give him our best and build on what he has given us already. All this is because of God's grace.

CLOSING PRAYER

Dear Lord, you have given us so much in our lives already, the greatest of which is the death of your Son for our new life in you. Give us faith and trust in you to do your will here on Earth and work our best to use our best materials to build up ourselves in honor of you. Help us always to keep our eyes focused on your cross until we are with you in Heaven. In your Son's name we pray, Amen.