

Activity Tie-in: House repair/ carpentry

Bible verse: 1 Corinthians 3:10-15

According to the grace of God which was given to me, like a wise masterbuilder I laid a foundation, and another is building on it. But each man must be careful how he builds on it (1 Cor 3:10).

Lesson- Repairing a weak foundation with God's Word

INTRODUCTION

1. Talk about the process of a home repair project. (If you've done something at your own home, talk about that.) Example: Finishing a basement. The builder has to put up the drywall and get new flooring into the house. Also must make sure that the foundation was still in good shape. If there is a crack in our foundation, it would need to be repaired before putting drywall or other outer surface on the wall.
2. Has anyone ever built anything that has fell down? Maybe like a house of cards or a sand castle for instance?

LESSON SUGGESTIONS

1. We need a strong foundation to keep things upright. Without the foundation or cornerstone, that sand castle will fall over.
2. To demonstrate we will make a human pyramid. With the lighter kids on the bottom. Then we will put the bigger kids on the bottom. The difference will be it was more wobbly with the younger kids on the bottom than the older kids.
3. God's Word is our foundation because he keeps us upright. His word is better than popular belief, and reason. Without God's word we would fall and suffer. In I Corinthians he says, *"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock."* (Matthew 7:24 NIV)

QUESTIONS FOR INTERACTIVE LESSONS

1. Quote the Bible verse
 - a. What is the danger of building a house on sand?
 - i. The house will topple over, sink, and it not a safe place to live
 - b. How does the Bible keep us upright and keep our foundations strong?
 - i. It provides us with structure because it lays out rules for us to follow. It also gives us things not to follow and consequences for that.
 - ii. When we feel down on ourselves, we can turn to the Bible and look back at how Jesus loves us, and how he died on the cross so that we may live with him in Heaven.

CLOSING PRAYER

Jesus, you and your word are the true foundation on which everything good is built. Keep us in your word when we fail to do what is good and bring us back toward your open arms of grace and mercy. Without you we will sink, and we will not be able to stand alone. Thank you for your word which keeps us upright and strong. In your name we pray, AMEN.