

Topic: Church foundation

Object - church building

Bible Verses – Matthew 7:24-27, “24 ‘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. 25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. 26 But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. 27 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.’”

Lesson – God and his word is our foundation.

INTRODUCTION IDEAS

- You could talk about how a building sits on a solid foundation and without that foundation, the building would not be standing.
- You could ask the students what a building looks like when it has a weak or zero foundation.
- You could show them pictures of rubble laying on the ground to demonstrate what buildings do look like without a solid foundation.

LESSON SUGGESTIONS

You can use this as a lead in to Church Structure (other than the building itself)

- Move from the introduction and talk about why we need a foundation. The reason that we stand tall like a big building.
- Object lesson: Have the kids push against the church to try to have them knock it down and tell them that it won't budge no matter how hard you push because it is built on a solid foundation.
- Apply demonstration to passages: Just as the church is built on a solid foundation which keeps it standing, we are built on God's word and will keep standing through Satan's temptation and trial.

QUESTIONS FOR INTERACTIVE LESSON

- When you quote the Bible verses, you could ask students to make the application:
 - “In what ways is there present the wind and rain that tries to knock us off our foundation?”
 - Many different temptations are present in the word which tries to make us like the foolish man?
 - “How do we know if we are built on a solid foundation?”
 - Study God's word and pray.

CLOSING PRAYER

Jesus, you are our foundation. Help us to stand against the temptation of the devil and this world. Help us to study and stay in your word from now until we are with you in heaven. Amen.