



Vacation Bible School 2020
Grades 1-5
SESSION 5

**WISE AND
FOOLISH BUILDERS**

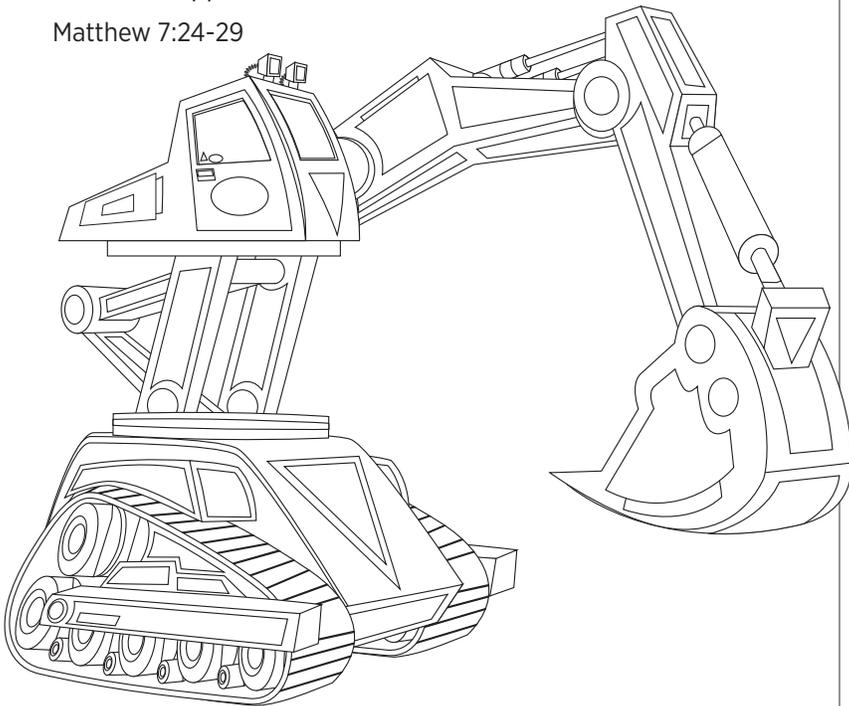
One day Jesus was speaking to a crowd of people. He told them a parable (a story Jesus told to help people understand the kingdom of God) about two builders to help them understand why it was so important to listen to His words and do what He said.

Jesus began by telling the crowd that everyone who heard the words He spoke and acted on them would be like the wise man who built his house on a rock. The house had a strong foundation, so that when the rains fell, the rivers rose, and the winds blew against it, the house did not collapse.

However those who heard Jesus' words but did not act on them would be like the foolish man who built his house on the sand. His house did not have a strong foundation, so when the rains fell, the rivers rose, and the winds blew against the house it came crashing down.

Jesus' teaching amazed the people who had been listening to Him. Jesus told this parable to help us understand that when we listen and obey Him, we will have a strong foundation for whatever happens in our lives.

Matthew 7:24-29



ACTIVITY

Build a House

(Application Activity #1—10 minutes)

Prep

- Building blocks (or boxes or anything that can be stacked to make a house)
- Piece of paper
- VBS Music for Kids CD

1. Form three small groups.
2. Provide each small group with an equal number of blocks. Assign one group a table on which to build its house. Assign one group the floor on which to build its house. Provide the third group a piece of paper and instruct them to build their house on the floor or on a chair, and make sure the piece of paper is on the bottom before building the house.
3. Challenge each group to begin building its house using the supplies provided. Play "Concrete & Cranes" a while kids work. Call time at the end of the song.
4. Allow groups to inspect each others' homes. Discuss which house the groups thinks is the strongest. Shake the table and see if the house falls. Pull the sheet of paper out from under the house built on the sheet of paper. Use your hand or foot to gently knock over the house built on the floor.
5. Ask: "What would have happened if you glued the blocks together? What would have happened if you were able to glue the blocks to the floor, table, or chair? Do you think the house would still be standing right now?"
6. Say: "The stronger the foundation of the house, the stronger the house would be."
7. Say: "Jesus' love is the foundation for your life. The more you know Jesus, the more you will learn about Him, and the better prepared you will be for living life."
8. Pray, thanking God for providing a strong foundation on which to build a life that is pleasing to Him.