

F.6 - Special Stories Jesus - Lesson 2 - House on the Rock

Context: In these lessons we are going to begin to look at what the Bible says about Jesus.

Essential core: Christians find out about what Jesus is like and how he wants people to live from the Bible.

Resources:

Video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EhIWtU9RbxY>

Vocabulary: - Disciple. Follower.

INTRODUCTION

Are you good at listening?

You might play a game of "Chinese Whispers". Make the Children sit in a circle and whisper a simple sentence to the first child that tells them to do a simple task. Will the message be changed by the time it gets to the last child? Will they do the task?

Explain that the only way we will know if everyone was really listening would be to see if the last person did the right thing.

STORY:

This is a story that Jesus told about listening. He told this story to show that it was not enough to listen. Jesus wanted people to **do** what he was saying.

You might enjoy telling this story as you demonstrate it's meaning in this way. Have two volunteer children, each with a tray with a lip. Both have wooden building bricks (not Lego or the house will not collapse on cue!) One child is to build their house on a house brick or similar block. Empty a bucket of moist sand like a sandcastle on the second tray for the second house to be built on that. Apply a jug of water at the appropriate point in the story and the house on sand will collapse (and you risk a wonderful mess on the floor) Enjoy!

The House on the Rock. Matthew 7:24 - 29.

Jesus said, '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. 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. 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. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.'

When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

GOING DEEPER:

Your children might enjoy singing this Christian song about the story and learning the actions. This is a suitable version for use in school.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zAjEjxX-DhA>

REFLECT:

What other times is it important not just to listen, but to do what you are told?
Road safety, school rules