



Unit 6, Lesson 21

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY: WISE AND FOOLISH BUILDERS

MATTHEW
7:24-29

THE STORY @ HOME

Hearers and doers are wise. Our Epic story today is in Matthew 7:24-29. A master storyteller, Jesus shares a story about two builders. Jesus says that everyone who hears His words and does them is like a wise man building his house on the rock. And in rough weather that house stands firm. But everyone who hears His words and ignores them is like a silly man who builds his house on the sand. When the weather is forceful, the sand shifts, and the winds blow over his house. Jesus is really saying that people must build their lives on the strong, dependable rock of the Word of God. It never changes. Are you building your life on Him?

PARENTS & KIDS QUESTIONS:

- What do you think the word wise means? How are you wise?
- Using your imagination, tell a made-up story about building a house.
- Everyone has choices. I wonder what you will choose today.
- Do you hear and do what your parents say to you? Why or why not?

TOGETHER @ HOME

To help drive in the point of hearing and doing God's Word, play a Simon Says game. Gather the family in a room and appoint one member as Simon. When the others hear, "Simon says to" and they obey, then they're safe. When they hear a direction without "Simon says" then they must not move or obey the direction. If a family member moves without Simon giving permission, that person is out. This game improves children's active listening skills. Speed up the directions to have fun, and confuse family members into moving when they're supposed to remain motionless.

BIBLE MEMORY @ HOME

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness," is our month's memory verse found in 1 John 1:9. This single verse sums up the simple yet profound plan of salvation. Discuss this verse with your children and repeat it together.