



BIBLE STORY

Jesus telling story of the Wise and Foolish Builders

Bible Base: Matthew 7: 24-27

Key Christian Belief: It is wise to listen to Jesus and do as He says.

STRATEGIES USED:

- Simple language
- Makaton signing for key words
- Use of repetition – telling the story 3 times
- Use of countdown 3...2...1...
- Use of proximal praise and positive comments (“*well done*” or “*that was great*”)
- Use of physical objects and sensory elements to story (to see, touch, smell etc)

WAY IN

In the Bible Jesus tells stories to help us understand Bible truths. We are going to tell one story 3 different ways:

First by rhyming

Second by singing

Third by story bag

STORY TELLING

1 – Rhyming Story - Matthew 7: 24-26

FIRST line by line THEN we will tell it together.

Each line is told and signed using Makaton for key words.

*Jesus told a story
Of houses built on land
One was built on rock
The other built on sand
Down came the rain
On the houses – splish, splash, sposh!
The house on the rock stood firm
The house on the sand went CRASH!*

2 – Singing the story

SONG: The Wise man built his house upon the rock

To help us remember the story we are going to TELL the story by SINGING

3 – Story Bag

Now we will TELL the story using the story bag. This could be during circle time.

- i) 2 MEN - **2 stick figures**
- ii) 2 Men
2 BUILDERS - **safety helmet / hard hat**
- iii) 2 men
2 builders - both men built a
HOUSE - **a house**



- iv) 2 men
2 builders – both men built a house
2 men, 2 builders, 2 houses,
Both men were very HAPPY – **happy face (cardboard)**
- v) 2 men
2 builders, 2 houses, 2 men very happy – THE SAME but ...
- vi) ONE DIFFERENCE - **rock + sand (on a plastic sheet)**

Two houses built on land

One was built on rock **touch rock**

The other was built on sand **touch sand**

The wind blew **blow on rock**

The rain fell **pour water on rock – if spraying water or splashing water, first check if each child is happy to have water sprayed.**

No matter how hard the wind blew it couldn't blow the rock away and no matter how much rain fell it couldn't wash the rock away. The house built on rock stood firm.

The wind blew **blow on sand**

The rain fell **pour water on sand**

The wind blew the sand away, the rain washed away the sand. The house built on sand had nothing left to stand on, it fell flat.

- vii) 2 men
2 builders
2 houses - no difference
ONE DIFFERENCE
ONE builder was WISE - He built on rock. **Happy face**
ONE builder was NOT WISE - He built on sand. **Sad face**

WAY OUT

We have told the same story three ways – with a rhyme, a song and with a story bag.

Jesus tells this story to teach you and me to be WISE.

We will be WISE when we LISTEN and DO what Jesus says.