

# CWS TOOLS

## Children's Activity



### SCRIPTURE

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*"Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I tell you? I will show you what someone is like who comes to me, hears my words, and acts on them. That one is like a man building a house, who dug deeply and laid the foundation on rock; when a flood arose, the river burst against that house but could not shake it, because it had been well built. But the one who hears and does not act is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the river burst against it, immediately it fell, and great was the ruin of that house." – LUKE 6:46-49 NRSV*

### MATERIALS NEEDED:

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- Sand
- Sand castle materials (buckets, scoops, etc.)
- Legos (may prefer Duplo depending on age of children)
- Mini-Pool/Sandbox\*
- Cups filled with water
- Small Paper Lunch Bags
- Markers

*\*can be anything to contain the children's structures. These would be if you did the example all in the same tub, but you can also use large bowls and just give one to each child, or simply do the activity outside if weather permits!*

### LESSON:

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Pass out building materials to each child or group of children and have them construct a house using their specific materials (you will have some houses built of sand and others built with Legos- or if it's easier, one of each). When the children are done constructing, hand out a cup filled with water to each of them and have them pour the water onto their houses. Those made from sand should start to deteriorate if not completely disintegrate while those made of Legos won't change at all (other than getting a little wet).

Read the scripture above to the children about Jesus' parable of faith being built on solid foundation. Let the children know that being in places like Sunday School (or wherever this activity is being done) are how we can make sure that we have faith built on a strong foundation! With that strong faith, we are called to help those in need.

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One way we can help those in need is by helping people build ACTUAL houses on really strong foundation! Our neighbors in Haiti have a need for this kind of help. One dad named Roger Doris has a wife and four kids just like you! A couple of years ago, a big storm called Hurricane Matthew hit their home and damaged it similarly to how the house/s made from sand was/were damaged when we poured water over it/them. An organization we support called Church World Service helps provide tools and training to families like Roger's to help them rebuild stronger houses like the one/s built with Legos! And guess what? Roger is already rebuilding his house!

YOU can help at home too! Everyone is going to get a small paper bag that you can decorate (and don't forget to put your name on it). You'll have a Lego placed in that bag before you leave to remind you of the strong foundations we're helping to build. Go around your house and collect some change and bring it back with you on CWS Tools Sunday. If we collect \$15 as a class/group, that can help provide concrete blocks for house construction like Roger's!

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