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LOWER ELEMENTARY LEADER GUIDE



Each week we achieve our goal of reaching kids and their families for Christ by making programming for children Fun, Intentional, Scriptural, and Helpful.

FUN

The fun level of our activities should reflect the fun level of our God. 28nineteen™ KIDS teaches God's Word in a way that is attractive and memorable to the children. God is not boring, and neither are we! And, if children have a great time, they will want to return ... with friends!

INTENTIONAL

We are intentional about knowing these children's names and needs. God hand-picked the children who attend your church every weekend. They are precious to Him, and they are precious to us! The focus of 28nineteen™ KIDS is always on reaching children and their families for Jesus Christ.

SCRIPTURAL

curriculum. In other words, we stand on the Word of God. All of our Bible Study and Worship lessons come directly from the Bible and teach our children straight biblical truth.

HELPFUL

Our goal is to teach children to be "doers of the Word, and not merely hearers" (James 1:22). To do this, we teach practical applications of biblical truths in each lesson. The children should leave with a challenge or an action to live their lives for Christ.

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LOWER ELEMENTARY BIBLE STUDY

MAIN POINT

The Bible is so rich! Every time we read a Bible story, be it the first or the fiftieth time, God can teach us something new. To help everyone stay on the same page, 28nineteen™ KIDS narrows in on one main point from the Bible story. Everything we do intentionally teaches the Bible story and this one point.

LEADER DEVOTION

The goal of the leader devotion is to help your leadership learn the lesson personally first. Secondly, our goal is to help your leadership feel an empowerment and excitement to share what they have learned with their classes. For this reason, each lesson begins with the same devotion for all leaders on an adult level. Background information, be it historical, cultural, or biblical, is incorporated to make the study richer in meaning for your leaders as well as for your kids. Additionally, the leader devotion helps your leadership team, be they Bible study teachers, worship leaders, or classroom helpers, to be on the same page.

ACTIVITIES

Activities help kids stay engaged in the learning process while having fun. Each activity has a specific purpose and connects to the Bible lesson and main point for the day. Teachers can easily make this connection for themselves and their kids by reading the “Make the Connection” section below each activity.

- **Welcome Activities:** Many children find it difficult to walk into a group comfortably, thus it's helpful to have an activity that draws a child in and immediately gets them engaged. Welcome activities are designed to help all children feel they can confidently participate. These activities also serve as an introduction to the main point of the Bible lesson.
- **Crafts with Purpose:** 28nineteen™ KIDS does not have a craft for each lesson. Instead, crafts are included in lessons when they make sense and can be the most helpful to the kids as they learn.
- **Variety of Energy Levels:** Each lesson includes a variety of activities ranging in energy levels. Leaders can choose the activities that best fit the needs of their classes.

BIBLE LESSON

Bible lessons are clearly outlined into four sections: Intro, Read the Bible, Present the Gospel, and Application.



Intro: Short for “introduction,” this section helps leaders grab kids’ attention, quickly review past lessons, teach the overarching theme of the series, and get kids excited about the Bible story.



Read the Bible: Now we get to the good stuff! In this section, leaders encourage kids to read in the Bible as they discover God’s Word for themselves.



Present the Gospel: The Bible is one big story, and it is all about Jesus! Each lesson seamlessly ties the Bible story to the truth of the Gospel. Leaders teach the truth of the Gospel and encourage kids to respond. Because we never know how many opportunities we will have to interact with each child, we never miss an opportunity to talk about Jesus.

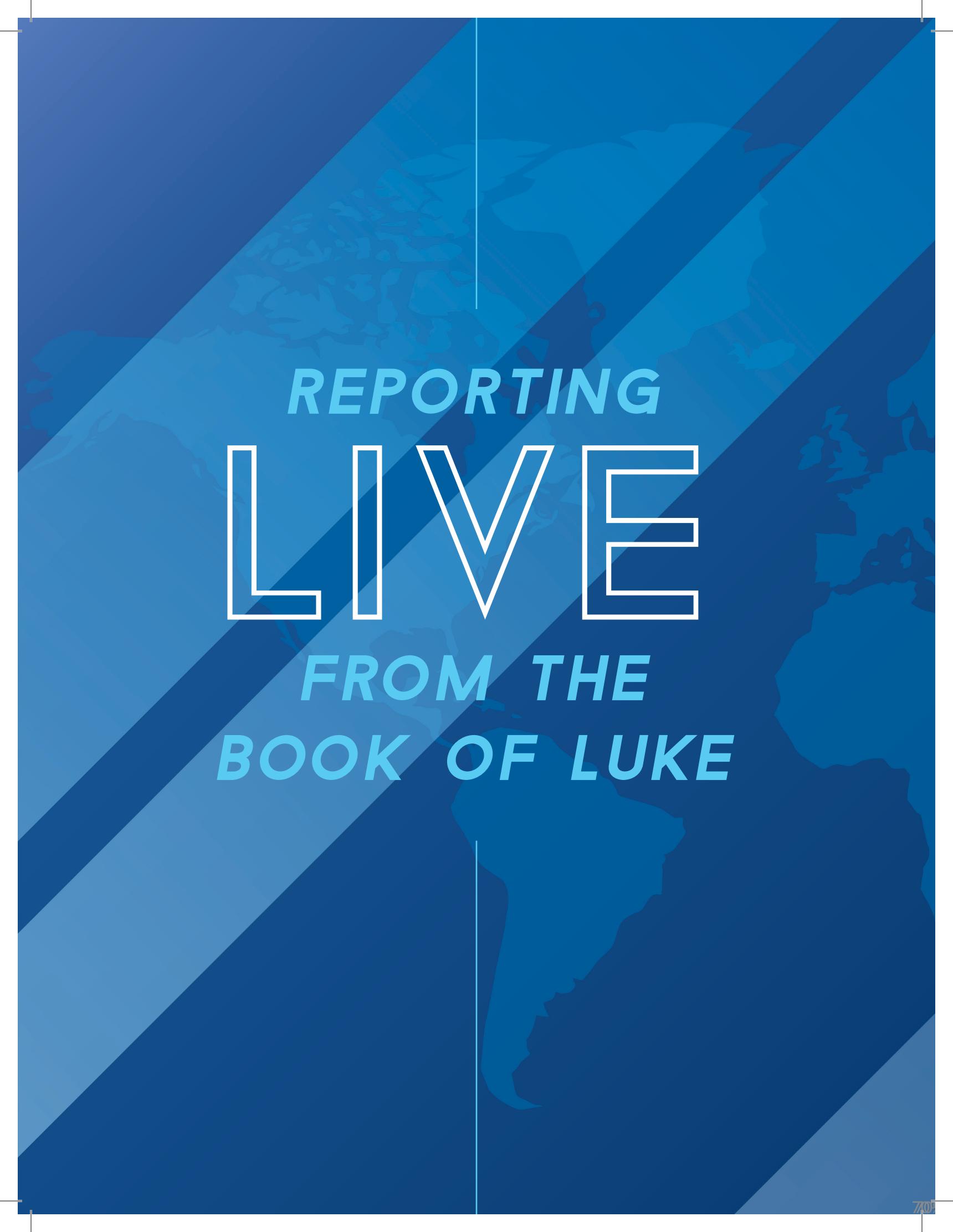


Application: Our goal is to teach children to be “doers of the Word, and not merely hearers” (James 1:22). To do this, we teach practical applications of Biblical truths in each lesson. The children should leave with a challenge or an action to live their lives for Christ.

MEMORY VERSE

The goal of the memory verse activities is long-term understanding and memorization of Scripture. For this reason, 28nineteen™ KIDS focuses on one verse or passage during each series. Throughout the series, kids are encouraged to memorize these verses in fun and interactive ways. Just like the activities, each memory verse section has a “Make the Connection” section to help teachers explain the meaning and practical applications of the verses kids are memorizing.





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REPORTING
LIVE
FROM THE
BOOK OF LUKE

LESSON 1

BIBLE LESSON

THE WISE AND FOOLISH BUILDERS

Luke 6:46-49

MAIN POINT

**WISE PEOPLE BUILD THEIR LIVES
ON JESUS.**

MEMORY VERSE

LUKE 4:18-19 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, and that the time of the Lord’s favor has come.”

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STATION **SUPPLIES**

ACTIVITY 1:

Straws, Tape, Cloth, Thick sheet or board

ACTIVITY 2:

Clear plastic bottle with lid, Sand, Various small items that fit inside the bottle, Paper, Hole punch, String, "Reporting Live from the Field" card (pages 95-96), Press badge (page 93), Toy microphone

SPECIAL REPORT FROM THE BIBLE:

None

ACTIVITY 3:

Painters' tape, Music player, Upbeat music, Pots and pans (optional)

ACTIVITY 4:

None

ACTIVITY 5:

Cups, Markers, Soft foam ball



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LEADER DEVOTION

READ

LUKE 6:46-49

"So why do you keep calling me 'Lord, Lord!' when you don't do what I say?" Luke 6:46

This is one of the most convicting questions Jesus asks His followers. In Luke 6, Jesus ends His sermon with this parable, reminding the disciples of the benefits in implementing His teachings and the folly of only listening. Interestingly, there are only two builders in the parable, indicating two choices in life: the choice to obey Christ and the choice to ignore Him. There is no builder who constructs half of his house on rock and the other half without a foundation. Indecision is not an option.

The wise builder laid a foundation on the rock, because he considered the long-term effects of his construction choices. He built a house that would last through any storm. The foolish builder, however, may have built without a foundation for any number of reasons: ignorance of possible storms, location, view, time constraints, financial concerns, etc. Picture the two houses in your mind. Do they look the same? For some reason, I imagine the house on the rock as a simple, practical house and the house without a foundation as an extravagant mansion. I imagine the foolish builder unwisely used his money to make his home more luxurious than sturdy. He focused on the short-term benefits of his construction choices.

God is often referred to in the Old Testament as the only Rock, the only Foundation who cannot be moved (1 Samuel 2:2; 2 Samuel 22:47; Psalm 62:2). Jesus is the Rock, because He is God. He will not change with the times. **Hebrews 13:8 says, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever."** Building our lives to be completely dependent on Christ ensures eternal victory through every storm life throws our way.

What is the foundation of your life? Is Christ so centrally important to your life that nothing would function without Him? If your answer is no, allow the Lord to completely wreck your life, so that you can rebuild on Him, the One who never fails. We must trust our Rock completely, building everything we are in this life on Him. Take time this week to thank God for being your firm Foundation throughout your life. Thank Him for His commands and ask Him to help you do what He says every day of your life.

LESSON 1 OUTLINE

I. WELCOME

- Activity 1
- Choose a Reporter.*
- Activity 2
Reporter asks Question 1.

II. SPECIAL REPORT FROM THE BIBLE

- Intro
Reporter asks Question 2.
- Read the Bible
- Present the Gospel
- Application

III. REINFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

- Activity 3
Reporter asks Question 3.
- Activity 4

IV. MEMORY VERSE

- Reporter reads through the memory verse with the class before the activity.
- Activity 5

* Choose a Reporter to “interview” class members throughout the class by asking the questions on the “Reporting Live from the Field” card (pages 95–96). Give the reporter a press badge (page 93) and a toy microphone to use while asking the questions and leading the memory verse.

WELCOME

WISE PEOPLE BUILD
THEIR LIVES ON JESUS.

ACTIVITY 1

STRONG FOUNDATIONS

MATERIALS: Straws, Tape, Cloth, Thick sheet or board

DIRECTIONS: Let kids build houses out of straws as they come into class. Encourage them to work in groups to build the strongest house possible with the materials they have. When the kids have finished, test the buildings' strength by waving a baking sheet or other thick, sheet-like object to create a strong wind. Then have kids place their buildings on a foundation of crumpled up cloth. Be sure that the cloth provides a very unstable foundation. Put kids' buildings to the same test to show the importance of a strong foundation.



MAKE THE CONNECTION:

You all built very strong houses, but the houses were only ever as strong as their foundations. The same is true of people. We can build ourselves into great, strong people, but we are only ever as strong as our foundation. Wise people build their lives on Jesus!

ACTIVITY 2

SEEK AND FIND CRAFT

MATERIALS: Clear plastic bottle with lid, Sand, Various small items that fit inside the bottle, Paper, Hole punch, String

DIRECTIONS: Have kids choose five to six items to hide in the bottle. Help kids intermittently pour sand and objects into the bottle. Do not fill the bottle all the way. Kids will need to move the sand around to find the objects they hid in the bottle. Have kids write on the paper which objects they hid in the bottle. Tie the paper to the bottle.



MAKE THE CONNECTION:

Sand is not a very strong foundation, because it is easily moved. It changes position every time you move the bottle. In life, we want to build our lives on a solid Foundation – Jesus. Jesus never changes. We can build our lives on Jesus by listening to His Word and doing what it says.

- **(Reporter Question #1)** Is sand the most solid foundation for a house?

SPECIAL REPORT

FROM THE BIBLE

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INTRO

For the next eight lessons, we will study the book of Luke. Luke is the third book in the New Testament and is one of the four Gospels. The word “gospel” means “good news.” The book of Luke tells us the Good News about Jesus. Luke was a doctor who traveled the world with Paul telling people the Good News about Jesus. In the first few verses, Luke explains that he wrote this book so everyone would know the true story of Jesus as told by eye witnesses, people who saw Jesus first hand. Luke understood Jesus is the best News the world has ever received. We should all tell the world about Jesus!

Today we are going to read a parable Jesus told in Luke 6. A parable is a made-up story that helps people understand big truths.

While you are turning to Luke 6 in your Bibles, (**Reporter Question #2**) has anyone here ever visited or seen a picture of the Leaning Tower of Pisa? The Leaning Tower of Pisa is a real building in Pisa, Italy that was originally built in the year 1173. The building was supposed to be very tall and hold very heavy church bells. There was only one problem: by the time the tower reached the second story, the building was already leaning significantly. The tower was built on water and silty sand and was beginning to fall over. It did not have a strong foundation.

Over the years, several different architects have tried to finish the tower. Almost one hundred years after the project began, Giovanni di Simone tried to finish the tower by building lopsided stories. He made each floor shorter on the side that was leaning in an effort to make the building stand up straight. Unfortunately, this did not work, and the tower began to lean even more.

Almost one hundred years after Simone, the project to finish the tower started again, and the people built the bell tower. The church bells were added, and the project was complete. Of course, the addition of the heavy bells and thirteenth floor made the building lean even more.

In the nineteen hundreds, engineers started to worry the tower was going to fall over and collapse. They were especially worried about the threat of possible storms or earthquakes. Engineers tried to drill holes in the sandy foundation to pour in concrete posts, but this made the tower lean even further. Finally, in the 1990's, the government decided to close the building to the public, fearing the building would collapse on the tourists. Engineers worked day after day to fix the problem permanently. They tied the building down with steel cables and started to dig the sand out from underneath the taller part of the foundation. After more than ten years of working on the foundation, the Leaning Tower of Pisa was leaning three feet less than before, but it was still leaning. The government reopened the tower to the public in 2001, believing the Leaning Tower of Pisa would not fall for at least another three hundred years.

This tower has been broken for almost a thousand years, and seems to be getting worse, because it has a faulty foundation. Engineers have done their best to make it work, but they have not come up with a permanent solution. In today's Bible story, Jesus talks about the importance of having a solid foundation not only for houses, but also for our lives.



READ THE BIBLE

Read Luke 6:46-49.

- What did the wise man use as the foundation for his house?
- What did the foolish man use as the foundation for his house?
- What happened to the houses when the storm came?

When the storm came, the house with no foundation fell flat, but the house with a rock foundation stood firm. The houses in this story are like our lives. Jesus wants us to build our lives on Him, because He is the firm Foundation we need. He is the Rock.

1 Samuel 2:2 says, "No one is holy like the Lord! There is no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God."

Psalm 62:2 says, "He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress where I will never be shaken."



PRESENT THE GOSPEL

Is Jesus the Foundation of your life? In other words, have you decided to put Jesus in charge of everything you do? The Bible tells us in Romans 3 that everyone who has ever lived has sinned except for Jesus. Our sins, our wrong choices, separate us from God. When we choose to sin, to disobey or ignore what God wants us to do, it is like building a house on silty sand with a storm on the way. Romans 6 tells us the punishment for our sins is death. That is a really bad thing, but Jesus came to save us from the storm, from the punishment for our sins. Jesus chose to take our punishment for us. He died on the cross, then came back to life three days later! Because Jesus is alive, we can choose to put Him in charge of our lives, to make Him our solid Foundation. If you have never made that choice before and would like to know more, please talk to me or one of the other adults here before you leave today. We would love to tell you more about Jesus. After all, Jesus is the best News the world has ever received, and we want you to know Him personally.



APPLICATION

If you have decided to put Jesus in charge of your life, take time to think about the question Jesus asked in **Luke 6:46**: “**So why do you keep calling me ‘Lord, Lord!’ when you don’t do what I say?**” Once you have made Jesus the Lord, or Boss, of your life, Jesus teaches you more and more each day how to live like He did – without sin. I challenge you this week to spend some alone time with Jesus. Ask Him to show you the things in your life that need to change, so He can be in charge of every single part of your life. After all, no one wants to build a Leaning Tower of Pisa for their life, something that could come crashing down with the first storm or earthquake. Instead, choose to build your life on the Rock, Jesus Christ.

PRAY



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ACTIVITY 3

EARTHQUAKE!

MATERIALS: Painters' tape, Music player, Upbeat music, Pots and pans (optional)

DIRECTIONS: **Before Class**, tape down a cross that your class can stand inside.

During Class, have kids free dance to the music until they hear you pause the music and yell, "EARTHQUAKE." Then kids must run to get inside the cross to be "safe." Anyone who does not get into the cross within five seconds is out until the next round. Start the music and play again.

Note: For added fun, bring pots, pans, and spoons to make storm noises each time you yell earthquake. Making the noises might be a fun privilege for someone who behaved well during the lesson.



MAKE THE CONNECTION:

In this game, we ran to the cross during the storm. Wouldn't it be much better if we just stayed in the cross area? You would never have to worry about "getting out." The same is true in our lives. Lots of people wait until something bad happens to talk to Jesus. Instead, Jesus says we should build our whole lives on Him. He is our Rock!

- **(Reporter Question #3)** How is Jesus a safe place for people who trust in Him?

ACTIVITY 4

ROCK, WOOD, SAND

MATERIALS: None

DIRECTIONS: Have kids choose a partner and stand back to back. This game plays like paper, rock, scissors with a twist. Once kids are back to back, say,

"Rock beats wood, Wood beats sand,
Rock beats sand, If you tie, try again."

Play until kids realize choosing "rock" guarantees a win.



MAKE THE CONNECTION:

A few of you figured out very quickly you can never lose if you choose "the rock!" In the same way, building our lives on Jesus, by listening to Him and doing what He says, is a sure way to win! Wise people build their lives on Jesus.

ACTIVITY 5

MEMORY VERSE

MATERIALS: Cups, Markers, Soft foam ball

DIRECTIONS: Have kids form groups of four or five. Give each group a stack of 16 cups. Let kids write the first sentence of Luke 4:18, a few words at a time, on the cups. (OR write on the cups before class to save time.) Then let kids take turns stacking the cups and knocking them down by throwing the ball at the cups from a distance. Each time kids knock down the tower, they must all say the verse before re-stacking the cups to try again.

***"THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME,
FOR HE HAS ANOINTED ME TO BRING
GOOD NEWS TO THE POOR." LUKE 4:18A***



MAKE THE CONNECTION:

Today we learned we should build our lives on Jesus, the Rock. In Luke 4:18-19, Jesus tells us He is God's Good News, His chosen Savior. We all need Jesus to forgive us of our sins and teach us to live God's way. Jesus wants us to make Him our Foundation, to let Him be in charge of our everything. He is the only One Who can help us through the storms, or hard times in life.

