

Chattabox
session
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Parable of
the Wise &
Foolish Men

Welcome

Hi guys,

Even though we can't meet at church like we normally do, we can still have Chatabox!

There are some things here for you to do, and we would love you to share them with us after.

To share what you've been getting up to, please email children@newburybaptistchurch.org

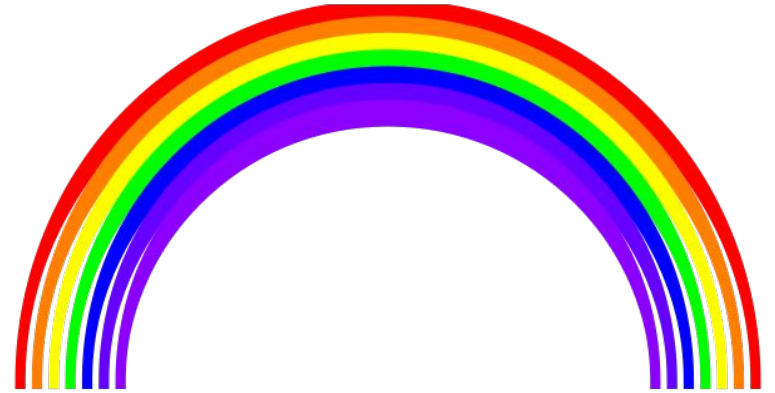


Last Week

Do you remember what happened last week? Noah and his family kept trusting in God even though they didn't know what was going to happen next and they had to wait for months and months and months.

How did you do trusting God last week?

Have you seen any rainbows?



Let's Sing

This week we're going to sing an old favourite that we haven't done for a while. [Click here](#) to go to the video and sing along.

Those of you doing Chattabox with your grown ups make sure you teach them the actions & see if they get it right at the end!

Getting Started

Today's we're looking at one of the parables Jesus told.

A parable is a story that teaches us something.

Today's story is about building a house, but what it teaches us is about being friends with Jesus.

Let's start by thinking about building things.

Two ways to build

You will need some building blocks, you can use anything to build your houses but lego works best.

You'll also need the biggest book you can find.

House 1

Put the book flat on the floor, closed.

Build your house on top.

Was it easy to do?

House 2

Have the book on the floor but open to a page somewhere in the middle.

Build your house on the open page.

Was it harder to do than the other house?

Story Preparation

This week as you read or listen to the story we need some sound effects.

Come up with sounds effects for the words below and then make sure you listen carefully for them in the story!

Wise

Foolish

Foundation

House

Jesus



Story Time

Jesus travelled around with his friends the disciples, teaching, healing, and telling stories.

Sometimes he told parables to people.

One day Jesus told a parable about two people who each decided to build a house. One was wise. One was foolish.

The two of them went out looking for the perfect place to build the house.

Where would you choose to build yourself a nice new house?

Story Time

The first man was very wise. He talked with his family about the kind of house they wanted to build. They agreed that they wanted a house that was strong. If strong winds or heavy rains came, they did not want the house to break up or wash away. This wise man knew that the most important part of a house is the foundation. The foundation is the first thing that is built. It is the bottom of the house. The foundation must be sturdy and strong to make the house sturdy and strong.

The wise man looked everywhere and then he found the perfect place.

Story Time

He found a huge flat rock. The rock could be the foundation for the house. The wise man worked and worked to dig around and chip away at the rock until it was the perfect size for his house.

Then he built his house on the rock.

After he had finished, he and his wife and children lived in the house. It was perfect. They were safe. Well done!

What about the other man that built a house?

Story Time

This man was foolish.

He did not think carefully about the kind of house he should build. He just found a nice flat place and started building. Unfortunately, this flat place for his house was on sand. You can imagine what happened. The foundation kept slipping and sliding but the foolish man did not care. He just wanted to build a house as quickly as he could, so he and his wife and children could move in.

After he was finished, he and his wife and children lived in the house. It was not perfect. They were not safe. Oh dear!

Story Time

Jesus continued the story.

After a while, the storms came. The winds blew and the rains lashed down on the houses.

The wise man and his family sat comfortably in their house. He did not worry about the storms because he had built his house on a rock. The foundation was strong.

Guess what happened to the foolish man when the first storm came? The winds blew and the rains came down and the foolish man's house fell apart! It fell apart because it did not have a strong foundation.

Story Time

After Jesus told the parable he explained to the people what the parable really meant. He said that the wise man was like someone who listened to Jesus' instructions and then followed the instructions. Jesus' instructions are always right, in the story they are the strong foundation.

The foolish man in the parable was like someone who listened to Jesus' instructions but then did not follow them, the weak foundation.

The people were amazed at the parable that Jesus taught. They were happy that he made things very easy to understand. His parable helped them want to listen to more things that Jesus had to say. The parable also made them want to follow Jesus' instructions.

What Next?

If you want to read the story in the Bible it's Matthew Chapter 7 verses 24 to 27. Jesus is saying that you have to work hard at being his friend. Like the wise man did building his house. The foolish man thought building on sand would be quicker but it just meant his house didn't last very long.

We have to work hard to do what Jesus asks us to and to be his friend. Think of your friends at school; was it difficult to stay friends when you could not see them every day? We have to put time and effort into our friendships and it's the same to be friends with Jesus. We take time to read the Bible, to pray and to church where we learn and help each other.

But the time and work it takes to do all these things is worth it because being friends with Jesus is the best thing ever.

Let's pray

Dear God

*Help us to be like the wise man
and work to get to know you
better.*

*Thank you that we have
Chattabox to help us learn more
about you each week.*

Amen

First, let's say this prayer together then you pray for something you want to say to God.

Is there a friend at school you could tell this story to? Or maybe you want to pray for your teachers now you can go back to school.

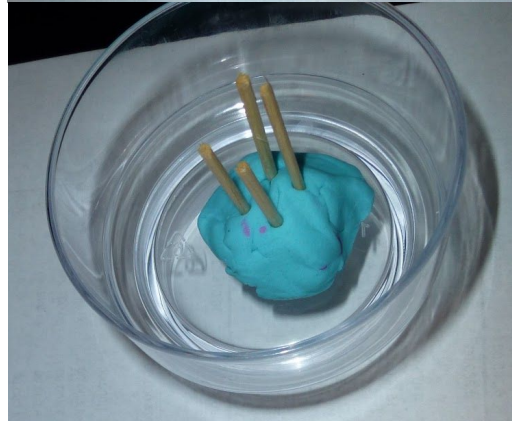
Remember God will always listen to you when you pray.



Science experiment

You need:

- A grown up to help
- 2 bowls
- Some cocktail sticks
- Some sand OR flour
- Some playdough OR blue tac
- Some water



Step 1: put your flour/sand in one bowl & the playdough/blue tac in the other.

Step 2: stand some cocktail sticks in each bowl

Step 3: carefully pour water into both bowls

Step 4: watch what happens to the cocktail sticks!

Wordsearch

Can you find all the words?

BUILDER
FOOLISH
FOUNDATION
JESUS
PARABLE
RAIN
ROCK
SAND
STORMS
WIND
WISE

N	B	U	I	L	D	E	R	N	P
D	O	T	S	K	C	O	R	H	N
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A	W	B	O	I	C	N	H	S	S
R	Y	F	I	M	N	O	U	Z	U
A	K	L	A	F	E	X	I	O	S
P	F	G	M	L	S	S	S	G	F

Foolish Snacks

You will need

- A grown up
- bowls (one bowl per person)
- Angel Delight OR Jelly OR Yoghurt
- Rich tea biscuits



Foolish Snacks

Step 1: Put your Angel delight/jelly/yoghurt in each bowl. Leave to set if needed

Step 2: crumble some rich tea biscuits up and pour on top to represent the sand

Step 3: Use a bigger piece of biscuit and prop it against the side (don't worry if it doesn't stand up - it's the foolish man's house!)



Step 4: Get a spoon & Eat it all up :)

Next Week

I hope you enjoyed Chattabox today!

Be Wise this week :)

Remember to send in pictures of what you've been getting up to or if you want to ask any questions about today's story you can email children@newburybaptistchurch.org

We'll be back next week!

From the Chattabox team :)

