

Family Time



Main Idea:

Where Have You Placed Your Foundation?



Key Verse: Matthew 7:24

Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.



Pray: Lord, thank you for our family. Speak to us right now from your word and help our family grow closer to You through our time together. In Jesus' name, Amen.



Read Matthew 7:24-27

²⁴ Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain fell, the rivers rose, and the winds blew and pounded that house. Yet it didn't collapse, because its foundation was on the rock. ²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and doesn't act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. ²⁷ The rain fell, the rivers rose, the winds blew and pounded that house, and it collapsed. It collapsed with a great crash.



Talk About It:

As Christians, we live life by following the words of God and Jesus as written in the Bible. When we want to know how God wants us to treat others, what to do with our money, and what to do with our time, then we look to the Bible. The Bible is the foundation for how we live.

What is a foundation? It is the base of something. Our house has a foundation – the part that holds up the rest of the house. Jesus tells us in the book of Matthew that

families who follow the Bible will have a strong foundation for their lives. Jesus also says that those who do not follow the Bible will have a weak foundation for their lives.

Jesus says that families who follow the Bible are like those who build a house on the rock. The rock represents a solid foundation. The rock also refers to Jesus. When a storm comes, the rain, rising stream, and wind will not knock the house down. The storm represents hard times in life—when things don't go the way we hope. Jesus says that families who do not follow the Bible are like those who build a house on sand. The sand represents a weak foundation. When a storm comes, the rain, rising stream, and wind will knock the house down. We are a Christian family who seeks to live life by God's Word—the Bible. In hard times—like the storm—we will remain standing like the house built on rock.



What are some principles we can learn from the Bible that will contribute to a strong foundation for our family?



You might have children think on their own or use the following Bible verse to help.

- James 1:19–20 *“Slow to become angry.”*
- Philippians 2:14 *“Do everything without complaining or arguing.”*
- Proverbs 12:1 *“He who hates correction is stupid.”*
- Proverbs 6:23 *“The corrections of discipline are the way to life.”*
- Matthew 5:9 *“Blessed are the peacemakers.”*
- Romans 12:10 *“Honor one another above yourselves.”*
- 1 Corinthians 13:5 *“It (Love) is not rude, it is not self-seeking”*

WEEK 1 – TWO FOUNDATIONS