LESSON 2

THE TWO HOUSES



Aim: **To show the children that we need to listen to and obey Jesus' words.**

Scripture Reading: **Matthew 7:24-27; Luke 6:46-49.**

Memory Verse: **Matthew 7:24**
"[E]veryone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock."

PRESENTING THE LESSON

STARTING POINT

Have you ever seen a house being built? How do the builders choose the right place for the house? Do you know what is a good foundation?

MAIN POINTS OF THE LESSON

1. Jesus talked to the people about building houses. Perhaps when he was teaching them this, they saw some houses being built.
   Show Picture 1. Jesus told a story about two men who each decided to build a house.
2. **Describe how one man built his house with a very good foundation (Matt 7:24). It will be easier for you to tell the story and for the children to follow if you give him a name, eg Mr Negiit.**
3. **Describe where the other man – let's call him Mr Kaslaan – built his house (7:26).** He did not choose a good place, now did he?
4. **Describe the storm that came (7:25, 27).** These houses were square, not round, so the wind hit them very hard. **Show Picture 2 and talk about it. Get the children to tell you what happened by asking them questions. For example:** What happened to the house at the bottom of the picture?
5. Jesus said that people who listen to him and obey him are like Mr Negiit, the wise builder. Those who don't listen and don't obey are like Mr Kaslaan, the foolish builder. **Replace the builders' names with those you have chosen.**

INSTIL THE MEMORY VERSE

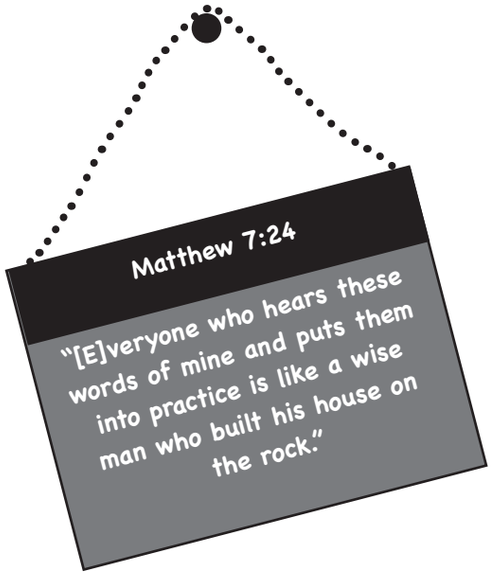
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Our Response to the Story

Kani was eight years old. His parents had told him not to go to the river without his elder brother. One Sunday he and his friend decided to go to the river, as it was so hot. Their parents thought they had gone to Sunday school. The water looked so cool and inviting that they decided to go swimming. It was lovely. After a little while the friend looked around to see where Kani was. Kani had disappeared! He was never seen again. He had drowned.

This is a true story. We learn to obey Jesus first of all by listening to and obeying our parents' instructions. At Sunday school we learn more about Jesus, and also how to obey him as we grow to know more about him.



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