



BUILT ON THE ROCK!  
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## NOTE TO PARENTS from Ps Luke Aiasecca

Thank you for the privilege of ministering to your family through Kidmania Online. Today's Kidmania Online episode was **BUILT ON THE ROCK!**

This parent info sheet can be used by you at home to support your Kidmania experience WITH your children and help them to get the most out of it.

The 'main ideas' section of this parent info sheet has been designed especially for you to enter into meaningful discussion with your children.

To help your children really share what is in their hearts and minds with you, and so YOU can actively build faith and wisdom into them, when it comes to the 'Ask' points, take care to not rush them... give them time to think and respond and really show them you are listening and that you understand.

We are here to support you! If you have any questions you would like to discuss please contact your location Kidmania co-ordinator or email me at [luke.aiasecca@enjoy.church](mailto:luke.aiasecca@enjoy.church)

God bless you!

## Family Ice Breaker - Build-off

This is a fun way to introduce what you will be talking about as a family.

Today we saw Cam and Roman each build a tower as tall as they could, in 1 minute. They used Jenga blocks.

*You might like to have a family build-off at home*

You can use whatever you have. Encourage creativity.

You could declare a winner for the tallest tower, and a winner for the most stable tower.

Whatever you do - have fun!

## Today's Scripture References

1. *Read, repeat & recite* - now and this week at mealtimes

**Psalm 11:3 (AMP)**

"If the foundations [of a godly society] are destroyed, what can the righteous do?"

2. *Read out loud from here OR from your own Bible as it comes up in MAIN IDEAS*

**Matthew 7:24-29 (NIV)**

"Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; and it fell with a great crash." When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

[ check your kids understand the meaning of what is read - including:

\* before Jesus told this story about building on foundations, he had given them a lot of teaching. His instruction to apply all of His teaching referred to all that He taught on that day. We need to apply all of His teaching to our life.

\* the word that is translated 'foolish' really means 'stupid'. Jesus was being very direct in His teaching. The people were not offended because they knew it was the truth, and they wanted to be shown how to be wise. ]

## The Main Ideas for Family Discussion

### Discussion:

**Say:** Whether we're stacking LEGO® blocks, Jenga blocks, building sandcastles on the beach, or building something else, we're all builders at heart!

**Ask:** Have you ever built something on a hard, solid foundation (a flat and even surface like the ground, concrete, or a table, etc.)? **If YES, ask:** What was it?

**Ask:** Have you ever built something on soft foundations – like soft dirt or sand that moved as the wind blew (beach, sandpit, grass)? **If YES, ask:** What was it?

**Ask:** What did you notice about building on the different foundations?

**Say:** Ps Luke discovered that when he last made a sandcastle, the sand castle kept falling over once it reached a certain height, and it wasn't there when he went back the next day - it had been blown away in the wind and swept away by the water when the tide came in.

**Say:** Before we build a house, we build a foundation. Have you ever seen a block of land being prepared to have a house built on it? Before Ps Luke was a pastor, he worked as a concreter. The concreters are always the first people on a house-building worksite. They clear the land of all the boulders, rocks and junk. They build up the ground then pack it down really hard, and flat. They then make a very flat/level, very thick, very strong concrete slab, with steel inside it. It is hard as ROCK. Then, and only then, do the builders begin to build the house.

**Ask:** What do you think would happen if the concreters did not do their job properly (they skipped steps) or they did not do their job at all, before the builders did theirs? [ *it would be weak and crumble and everything on top of it would move, the walls would not be straight so the windows and doors would not fit in, the house would not be stable so it would move when it was windy, the house would not be strong and so the heavy roof could and fall in especially with heavy rain, the house would move and break when the ground became wet and soggy, etc. ]*

**Say:** Foundations are so important! Everything that is built needs to have a strong foundation...even people, and people's lives!

**Memory Verse Challenge & Bible passage reading:** [ turn the page over to **Today's Scripture References** ]

### Discussion:

**Say:** When Jesus told this story he was talking about a house - and as far as building a house goes Jesus has given us some very good advice. But, Jesus was giving us more than good house building advice, He was giving us excellent life building advice. He was telling us how He wants us to build/structure our life.

**Ask:** Are you going to build your life on the rock (which is Jesus) or are you going to build it yourself (your own way) and just hope for the best, and hope that the rains, floods, and storms don't come.

**Ask:** In the storms of life (when times are tough, bad things happen, etc.) who are you going to trust? What are you going to do? [ *I am going to remember what the Bible says and do what it says, pray, and trust God* ]

**Say:** When we read our Bible, pray, talk to wise people, do the right thing, and trust in God, then we are building good and strong foundations.

**Say:** Some of us build our lives on good things and some of us build our life on bad things. Tell me with each of the things I say if it is a 'good, solid foundation' or a 'bad, shaky foundation' (and why):

\* When you take things that aren't yours.

[ *Bad, shaky foundation - why? - it doesn't show respect for other people, so we won't be respected by them/others* ]

\* When you are generous with what you have.

[ *Good, solid foundation - why? - when we are generous we invite God to be generous to us* ]

\* When you don't tell the truth.

[ *Bad, shaky foundation - why? - when we break trust people won't trust us, or believe what we say* ]

\* When you let your friends talk you into doing something you shouldn't.

[ *Bad, shaky foundation - why? - when we give our power of choice away, we're still to blame when things go wrong* ]

\* When you care more about what is on the TV than what is in the Bible.

[ *Bad, shaky foundation - why? - we are rejecting Godly wisdom and learning foolishness instead* ]

\* When you care more about what the Bible says than the TV and other people's opinions

[ *Good, solid foundation - why? - we are keeping God/Jesus/Holy Spirit as our # 1 teacher and learning Godly wisdom ...He made us and knows what is best for us* ]

**Ask:** Can you think of some other examples of bad, shaky foundations in your life?

**Ask:** Can you think of some other examples of good, solid foundations in your life?

**Say:** Let's decide to build our lives on Jesus and His words and His ways.

**Let's Pray!** Dear Heavenly Father... thank You that You have great plans for us. Lord, You made us, and You know what is best for us. Help us to always look to You for wisdom (for how we should live our lives), and for courage, strength, and comfort when things are really tough...in the name of Jesus, Amen!

