



MADE TO CREATE

an activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, bottom line, or memory verse by creating a craft to take home



5. FOLDING HOUSE

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Folding House" Activity Page; cardstock; scissors; crayons or washable markers; glue sticks; and a permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Folding House" on cardstock and cut out, one per child. Write child's name on their paper. Option: Pre-fold each paper at the solid lines.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to fold their paper at the thick lines. Paper should be folded so the house design is on the outside of the fold. The words will be on the back of the house. Have children decorate the outside of their house then draw their family on the inside of the house.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "In our Bible story today, Jesus taught us how to live. We heard about two men who built houses, one on the sand and the other on the rock."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "I have a house for you to make and decorate. Fold your paper at the solid lines. (Pause.) You should be able to see the roof and outside walls of your house. (Help re-fold as needed.) Decorate the outside of your house with the [crayons/markers]. (Pause.) Open your house and draw your family inside. (Pause.) You did a nice job of building your house and showing your family in it."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Both houses looked great but then it started to rain, harder and harder. The house built on the sand fell down because the rain washed the sand away. But the house on the rock was still standing. The rain couldn't wash away the rock. Jesus told us this story so He could teach us how to live and be strong like the house built on the rock. We can love everyone like God loves us and treat them like they are important to God. We can share and help, just like Jesus teaches us to do. I'm so glad we have a friend like Jesus to teach us important things. **Who teaches me important things? Jesus teaches me important things."**

BIBLE STORY

Jesus teaches us how to live.

HOUSE ON A ROCK
MATTHEW 7:24-27

MEMORY VERSE

"The crowds were amazed at his teaching."

MATTHEW 7:28, NIV

KEY QUESTION

Who teaches you important things?

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus teaches me important things.

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.



MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that encourages personal application and prayer



6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Paperclipped "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible; journal; fun-shaped pen; and rewards stickers or handstamp

BIBLE STORY

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how to live.

HOUSE ON A ROCK
MATTHEW 7:24-27

SGL: Now sit back down, and anyone who wants to try to say it can try. I have my [stickers/handstamp] ready! *(Give each child the opportunity to try to say the Bible verse.)*

"Yay, [child's name]! Here is your [sticker/handstamp]! *(Repeat with each child as they try to say the Bible verse.)* Okay everyone, when I count to three, I want you to stand up and show me your [sticker/handstamp]. One, two, three! *(Pause to look.)* Yayyyy! *(Give fist bumps to the children.)*

MEMORY VERSE

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at his teaching."

MATTHEW 7:28, NIV

"Now, let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. *(Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.)* Today, we'll make a list of some of the important things Jesus teaches us, like sharing, helping, that God loves us, and that we are important to God. Then, when we pray, we can use our list to thank Jesus for teaching us important things! When I say your name, tell me one thing Jesus teaches us, and I will write it in our prayer journal. *(Say each child's name and write down what they say. Remember to print the names so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)*

KEY QUESTION

Who teaches you
important things?

SGL: "Wow! Jesus teaches us a lot of important things! Let's use this list when we pray. Would anyone like to pray before I pray?"

(Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.)

PRAYER

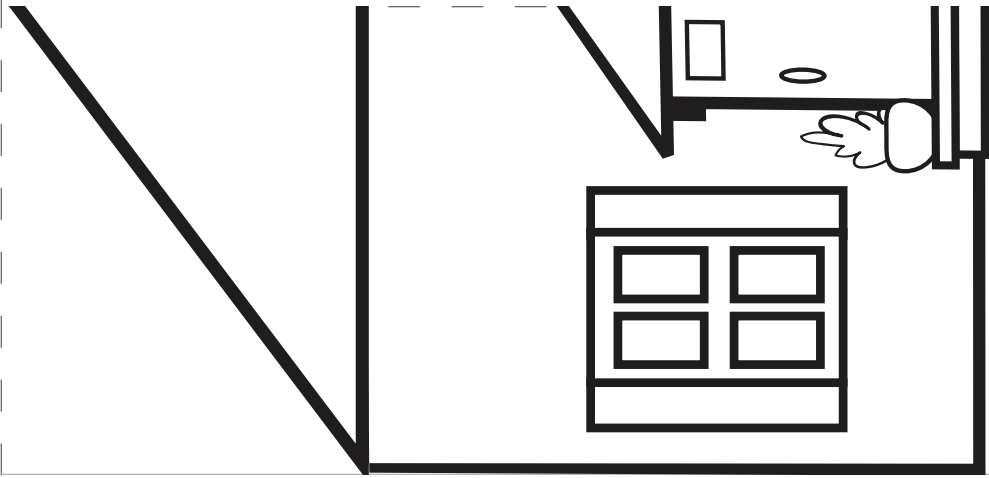
SGL: "Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to be our friend forever and teach us important things like *(read the list the children made)*. Help us remember the things Jesus teaches us and do what He says. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."

BOTTOM LINE

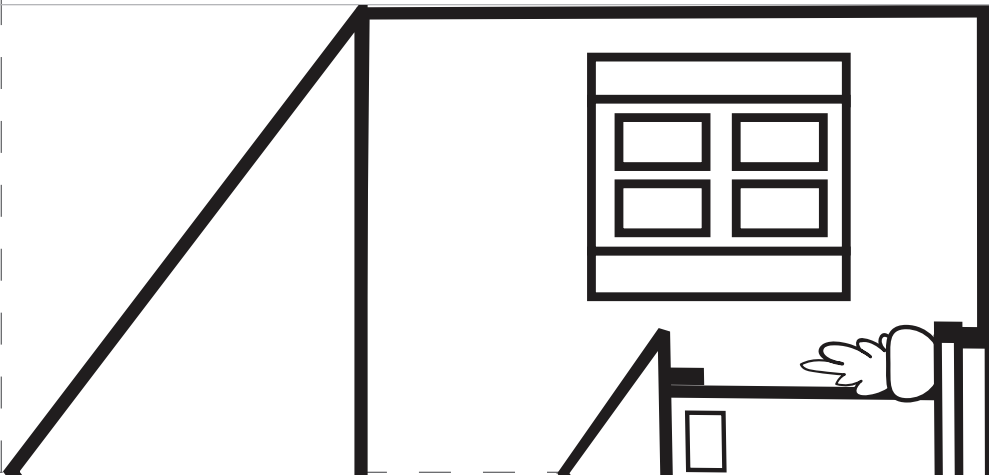
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Copy on cardstock and cut on dotted lines. One cutout per child.