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Learning From The Questions Jesus Asked

“Questions, Questions, Questions” - LESSON 1

“Why Do You Call Me Lord...?”

Main Focus:

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Power Verse:

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- John 14:15



Watt's Up:

“If I'm Gonna Follow Jesus, Gotta Do What He Commands!”

LEADER'S INFO

Many Christians know what the Bible teaches. They know what Jesus has commanded us to do, but they just don't want to obey Him.

Jesus addressed this problem in Luke chapter 6. He asks His followers a very important question. He asked, “Why do you call me Lord, but don't do what I say?”

This is a tough question. Basically, Jesus is asking, “How can you say that you are my follower when you won't do what I say?”

Today, the children are going to learn from that BIG question He asked His disciples. They will learn through the story of “The Wise Builder And The Foolish Builder” how important it is not just to KNOW Jesus' commands, but to OBEY them.



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“First Grade Mayhem”



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Skittles teaches “Watt's Up?”



Character Skit

“The Inquisitor”



Offering Time



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“Simon Says”



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CHARACTER SKIT

Character: “The Inquisitor” (he’s not really a villain, but he does love to pester people by bombarding them with the silliest questions he can come up with. Dress him in crazy styles - using question marks, a black cape, and fake moustache as his costume, if possible.)

INQUISITOR: (leaps out onto the stage, covering his face with his cape) WHAT-HO! Who goes there?

Leader: Hold on – who are YOU?

INQUISITOR: No one questions...(flourishes with his cape, revealing his face) THE INQUISITOR! (does a goofy laugh and twirls his mustache)

Leader: The Inquisitor?? Who’s the Inquisitor?

INQUISITOR: (zooms in close to the leader’s face) The Inquisitor is I! I hear you little ones are asking QUESTIONS! QUESTIONS QUESTIONS QUESTIONS! I LOVE questions! I love them so much that I travel across the land, QUESTIONING people until their BRAINS turn into JELLY! Now - Prepare yourself for TRIVIAL BOMBARDMENT!

Leader: What is “Trivial bombardment”?

INQUISITOR: I ASK THE QUESTIONS HERE, SWEET SUZIE!

Leader: (pauses, confused) Um, my name is -

INQUISITOR: NO MATTER!! QUESTION TIME! (does his goofy laugh and twirls mustache) Why is the sky blue? Why are green beans GREEN? If I make a face like this (makes a weird face) Will it get stuck that way?

Leader: Um...I don’t think -

INQUISITOR: (interrupts) Why does swiss cheese have holes? Do owls have an identity crisis? (goes “WHO-WHO” like an owl) If a pig eats bacon does it feel guilty? IS THIS GETTING ANNOYING YET??

Leader: A little bit, yeah!

INQUISITOR: (laughs maniacally) VICTORY! Oh questions are so positively ANNOYING! What’s the GOOD in asking questions? I LOVE IT!

Leader: Now hold on Mr. “Inquisitor” – that’s not true at all! Questions can do us a TON of good! You just have to ask the right ones – like Jesus did!

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CHARACTER SKIT

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INQUISITOR: Jesus asked questions? But he knew EVERYTHING!

Leader: Of COURSE he did! And it wasn't because he didn't know something – He used questions to teach lessons! He did some of his BEST teaching by asking people certain questions! And today's question is-

INQUISITOR: *(interrupts)* TODAY'S QUESTION is how many cheeseballs can a rabbit STUFF into its nose?
(goofy laugh, twirls mustache)

Leader: *(sighs)* No. What I was GOING to say is – Today's question that Jesus asked is “Why do you call me Lord, but don't do what I say?”

INQUISITOR: What kind of SILLY question is THAT??

Leader: It's not silly! It's actually really important! There are some people that say they are a Christian, but they don't always act like it! They only obey SOME of Jesus' commands, but not all of them! They may pray to Him, but they don't love others! OR they're forgiving, but they don't respect authority.

INQUISITOR: Soooooo? What's your point?

Leader: The POINT is that if you're going to love God – TRULY love God – you HAVE to obey all of His commands! And it's not something that just happens – you have to CHOOSE to obey God's commands – EVERY SINGLE DAY!

INQUISITOR: Tell me THIS! What good could it POSSIBLY do to obey every single little thing Jesus said?

Leader: It's simple – Jesus gave us all of those commands for a REASON. They are there to PROTECT us! If we follow them, we'll be able to live the life that He plans for us!

INQUISITOR: *(twirls his mustache)* This question has intrigued me! I shall tarry off and PONDER this for a fortnight!

Leader: What does THAT mean?

INQUISITOR: I'm gonna go backstage and think about it for a little bit. BUT BEFORE I DO – I have one final question for you...PREPARE YOUR MIND! *(goofy laugh and twirls mustache)* Is the word “fish stick” ...the opposite...of the word...”bird ball”?

Leader: *(pauses, dumbfounded)* Say WHAT?

INQUISITOR: *(flourishes his cape wide)* NO ONE QUESTIONS THE INQUISITOR! *(laughs maniacally, covering his face with his cape. He jumps around the stage for a moment, laughing, then run offstage as his theme music plays)*



GAME ON!

“Simon Says”

Items Needed For Game:

none

Preparation:

Either play the game with the entire group OR choose an even number of boys and girls to compete in this game.

How To Play:

This is the classic game of “Simon Says.” Instruct the children to listen closely to what you say. When you say, “Simon says...” before any instruction, they are to obey that instruction. However, if you give an instruction without saying, “Simon says...”, they are NOT to obey that instruction. Those that obey the instruction when you did not say, “Simon says...”, are out of the game.

The last child left in the game is declared the winner.

After The Game, Say:

“Did you notice something in this game? It wasn’t enough for you to just HEAR the commands. You had to DO what Simon said, right? In other words, you had to OBEY what Simon said or you were OUT. In the same way, in our lesson today we are learning that it isn’t enough just to hear and know God’s commands. We must OBEY His commands if we are going to show that we are His followers.”



Bible Story

“The Two Builders”

Materials Needed:

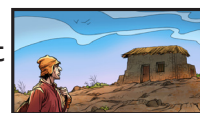
The Data Disc; the PowerPoint presentation for Lesson 1; begin with the slide that says “Bible Story”; follow the instructions below, changing the slides to follow along with the story (*as shown*)

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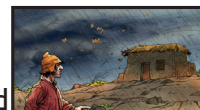
Familiarize yourself with the story in Luke 6:46-49; have your open Bible in your hands as you tell the story

The Story:

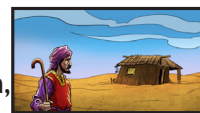
Today, I want to share a story that Jesus told in Matthew chapter seven. He told this story right after He asked today’s BIG question, “Why do you call me Lord, but do not do what I command?” Jesus told of two men who planned to build a house. If you have ever seen a house being built, you know that it is a very difficult thing to do. It requires a lot of preparation and planning. Jesus said that one of the men was wise and the other was foolish. Let’s see if you can tell which was which.



One man was searching for the perfect place to build his house. He found what he believed was the perfect spot. It was a large area with lots of solid ground. He felt that this would be a great spot to build his house. So, that is exactly what he did. (*show pic*) When he was done, he looked at his home that was built on solid rock and felt that it was good.



One day, there was a MAJOR storm that brought high winds and tons of rain down upon the house. It was a terrible storm, but do you know what? (*show pic*) Even in the midst of the storm, this man’s house stood strong on a solid foundation.



The other man searched for the perfect spot to build his house. He found a spot that was a beautiful area covered in sand. (*show pic*) He built his house on the sand and was very happy with how it turned out. It probably felt a lot like a beach house.



Do you remember the storm we talked about? This same storm came upon the house of the man who built on sand. (*show pic*) His house didn’t stand up so well. After all, he had built his house on soft sand. When the rain and winds came, they caused his house to begin to shift and shake. When the sun came up the next morning, (*show pic*) this man’s house was nothing more than a pile of rubble.

Now, which of these men do you think was the “wise” man that Jesus talked about? That’s right! The “wise” man was the one who built his house on a solid foundation - the rock.

Jesus said, “The wise man is like the person who hears my commands and OBEYS them. The foolish man is like the person who hears my commands, but does NOT obey them.” Today in your lesson, you are going to learn that if we obey Jesus’ commands, He will help our lives stay strong. If we disobey Jesus, then our lives will crumble as bad as the “foolish” man’s house. Listen carefully! It could change your life!



Call To Action

“Time To Obey”

Materials Needed:

The Data CD; a greeting card that communicates “I Love You” (like a valentine card or something like that)

Preparation:

Open the PowerPoint presentation on the Data Disc titled “Lesson One,” begin with the slide titled “Time To Obey”

The Message: (title slide)



Today we began a brand new series, “Questions, Questions, Questions.” Jesus asked a lot of very tough questions to people when He was on Earth. The purpose of those questions weren’t to trick people or confuse them. Instead, the purpose of those questions was to teach them very important things and make them really think about their lives and actions.

The question we are learning from today is, “Why do you call me Lord, but don’t do what I say?” That’s a tough question. Jesus is saying, “Sure, you say that you love me and that you are my follower, but you don’t even pay any attention to my commands. You just do whatever you want, then claim to love me and follow me.” Here is what Jesus was saying...

If You Truly Love God, You Will Obey His Commands (slide)



(Hold up the greeting card) You see this card? This is a card you would send to someone to let them know you love them. People buy these cards, write their feelings down, then give them to someone that they really love. They do this so that the person that receives the card will REALLY know that they love them.

Want to know the best way show God that you love Him? It’s not by sending him a card. It’s not even by singing Him a worship song or telling Him, “I Love You.” Those things are great, but they are not the BEST way to tell God you love Him. Jesus told us how to tell God we love Him in our PowerVerse today. He said, “If you love me, obey my commandments.” That’s it! OBEY Him! That’s the best way to show God you love Him.

Too many people want to pick and choose the things in the Bible they want to obey. They say, “Yes, I love God, but I am not going to tithe 10% of my money to Him. That’s just asking too much.” Or, they say, “I love God, but I am not going to obey His command to honor my father and mother. Sometimes I just want to be rude because my parents don’t let me do the things I want to do.” Well, they may never say those words out loud,

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Call To Action (Continued)

but their actions communicate exactly that. God doesn't want us to just SAY we love Him, we have to SHOW that we love Him by obeying what He says. How can we do that? After all, it is not easy to obey. The only way that will happen is if we...

Choose To Obey Every Single Day *(slide)*



It won't just happen on its own. We have to make a conscious CHOICE to obey God. You have to decide ahead of time that “Whatever happens today, I am going to obey God.” If we wait until temptation comes to make the choice, we may make the wrong one. That would break God's heart.

So, every day you must start the day off saying, “Today, I am going to obey God. I love Him, and I am going to show my love for Him by following His commands.” Why is it so important to obey God's commands? It's important because...

If You Obey God's Commands, You Will Make It Through Life's Storms *(slide)*

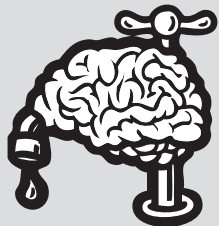


Remember the two builders in our Bible Story? The one who built their foundation on the rock, their house survived the storm. The other builder lost his entire house when the storm came. The builder who built on the solid foundation represented those who hear God's words and obey them. When you obey God's commands, you are able to make it through life's storms.

Life is full of storms - sickness, pain, suffering, disappointment, and more. If you want to make it through those tough times, you have to learn what God's Word says and follow His commands. When you trust and obey God, your life is built on the solid foundation of Jesus Christ. He will help you through life's toughest times. It's time for all of us to choose to obey God's commands. He wants what is best for us. He will help us through the storms of life.

ALTAR RESPONSE: *(play soft music)*

Pray for the children to obey God every single day. Allow those who admit they have not been obeying God in EVERY area of their lives to pray a prayer of forgiveness. Then, pray for strength for every child to obey God no matter the circumstances. Pray that God will help them build their lives on the strong foundation of God's Word, so they can make it through life's storms.



BRAIN DRAIN

Materials Needed:

The Data Disc; The DVD

Preparation:

Play the “Brain Drain” Video Intro off the DVD; Open the PowerPoint presentation on the Data Disc titled “Lesson One,” begin with the slide titled “Brain Drain”; there is a slide for each question

1. Watt’s Up today?

Answer: “If I’m Gonna Follow Jesus, Gotta Do What He Commands!”

2. What was the name of the teacher in our intro video today?

Answer: Mr. Perriwinkle

3. Whose questions are we studying in this series?

Answer: Jesus

4. What did the “wise man” build his house on in our Bible Story?

Answer: Foundation of Rock

5. What did the “foolish man” build his house on?

Answer: Sand

6. What happened to the foolish man’s house when the storm came?

Answer: It Was Destroyed

7. According to our lesson today, “If You Truly Love God, You Will _____ His Commands.”

Answer: Obey

8. According to our lesson today, “_____ To Obey Every Single Day.”

Answer: Choose

9. According to our lesson today, “If You Obey God’s Commands, You Will _____ Life’s Storms.”

Answer: Make It Through

10. Where was our Power Verse found?

Answer: John 14:15

Small Group Experience

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SUPPLY LIST:

- * “Team Solid & Team Sand” Print Piece (*provided; print one set or enough so that each kid gets one piece*)
- * Paper sack

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS:

Before small group begins, print and cut the “Team Solid & Team Sand” Print Piece and place all of the pieces in the paper sack. Once small group begins, have each kid choose a piece from the paper sack. Do not allow them to look when choosing! The kids who draw sand print pieces will be on team sand. The kids who draw stone print pieces will be on team solid. Each team must act out their part of the Bible story. Give them a few minutes to come up with a plan and then begin. Fill in any gaps in the story line as needed.

Say - “I am so glad to see you all today! We are going to divide into two teams. I have a sack full of pieces of paper. Each of you should come choose a piece. The paper that you choose will determine your team assignment. No peeking while you choose!”

-Allow kids to choose a print piece paper from the paper sack-

Say - “Alright, all of you who chose piles of sand are officially on Team Sand. Everyone who chose pieces of rock are Team Solid. Your team must act out your parts of the Bible story. Team Sand will act out the events of the man who built his house on sandy ground. Team Solid will act out the events of the man who built his house on a firm foundation. I will give you a few minutes to come up with a plan. If you have any questions about the story, I am here to help!”

-Allow time for the teams to come up with their plan-

Say - “Let’s begin with Team Sand. Act out your story for us please.”

-Allow Team Sand to act out their storyline-

Say - “Now for Team Solid, act out your story for us please.”

-Allow Team Solid to act out their storyline-

Say - “You all did a great job reviewing the story. Thanks for your help!”

Ask - Why do you think Jesus told this story?

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Game/Activity

SUPPLY LIST:

- * “Solid” Print Piece (provided; print one per team)
- * “Build It” Print Piece (provided; print one per team)
- * Scissors (several pair for the group to share)
- * Glue (several for the group to share)

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS:

Divide the group into teams. Give each team a “Solid & Build It” Print Piece, scissors, and glue. Have the teams cut out the stones from the “Solid” Print Piece. Ask the review questions. If a team thinks they know the answer, they should raise their hands. If they answer correctly, allow them to glue one “Solid” Print Piece as foundation for their home on the “Build It” Print Piece. Continue on this way until all of the questions have been asked. The team with the most foundation pieces in place wins.

Say - “Each of your teams is being given a page with pictures of solid foundation stones. Cut out the stones and place them in a pile.”

-Allow time for the teams to complete this task-

Say - “The house in the picture is missing something - a foundation! It also looks like a storm is looming in the distance. Your team’s job is to build a foundation for your home before the storm strikes. I am going to ask some review questions. If your team thinks they know the answer, raise your hands. For every correct answer, your team will get to glue one foundation piece in place. The team with the most foundation in place wins.”

Q. Where did the wise man build his house?

A. Solid ground

Q. Where did the foolish man build his house?

A. Sandy ground

Q. True or False, Both houses survived the storm?

A. False

Q. Jesus said, “The wise man is like the person who _____ my commands and _____ them.”

A. Hears, obeys

Q. The foolish man hears Jesus commands but does not _____ them.

A. Obey

Q. True or False, Obedience is a choice we should make every single day?

A. True

Q. What is the power verse?

A. “If you love me, obey my commandments.” John 14:15

Q. True or False, We should pick and choose which of God’s commandments we want to obey?

A. False

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- Q.** Why is it important to obey God's commands?
A. *Obedying God builds a solid foundation in our life*
- Q.** Who will help us make it through the storms of life?
A. *God*

Group Sharing

SUPPLY LIST:

- * “Storm Stories” Print Piece (*provided; print one per kid*)
- * Pencils or Markers

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS:

Before small group begins print and cut the, “Storm Stories” Print Piece. Once group sharing begins, give each kid a “Storm Stories” Print Piece and something to write with.

Say - “Life is full of storms. The storms we are talking about today aren’t necessarily the kind with wind and rain and bad weather. The storms we are talking about are tough stuff that you have to go through. Life is full of tough stuff and sometimes tough times strike without warning, just like a storm.”

Ask - Have you ever been through one of life’s storms? Write your storm story on the blanks beside the storms on your paper.

-Allow time to complete this task-

Ask - Would anyone like to share what they wrote? You don’t have to share, only if you feel comfortable.

-Allow time for the kids to share with the group-

Say - “Now I want you to think about those tough situations. Was God with you in the storm? Did your firm foundation keep you strong? If so, write about it in the blank beside the solid foundation. Maybe you didn’t have a solid foundation in place when tough stuff came and your life was sort of wiped out for awhile. Write your thoughts on what could have helped you have a better foundation in place.”

-Allow time to complete this task-

Ask - Would anyone like to share what they wrote?

Say - “I love learning from Jesus. His lessons are so important for our lives! The story of the wise and foolish builders lays it out very clearly for you and me. We must obey Jesus commands if we want to make it through the storms in life.”

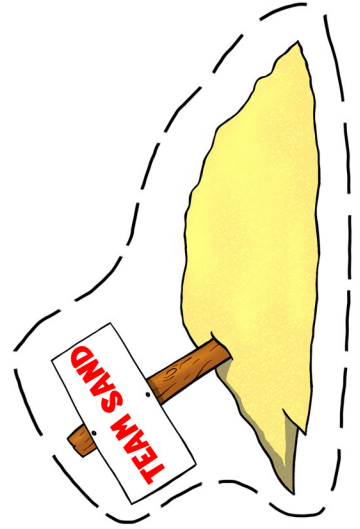
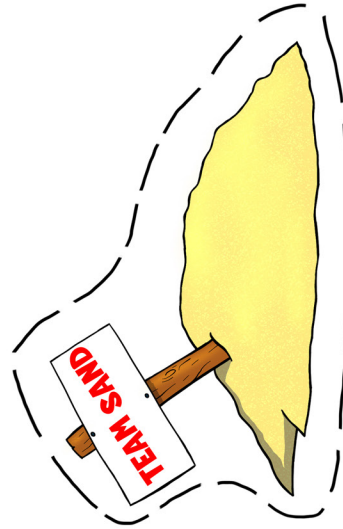
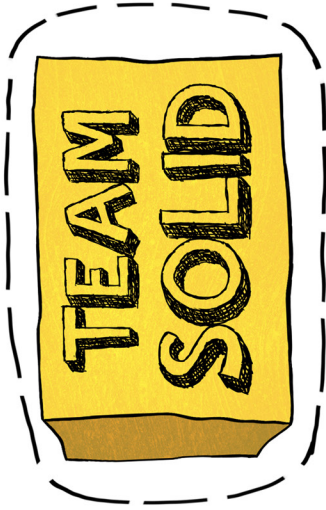
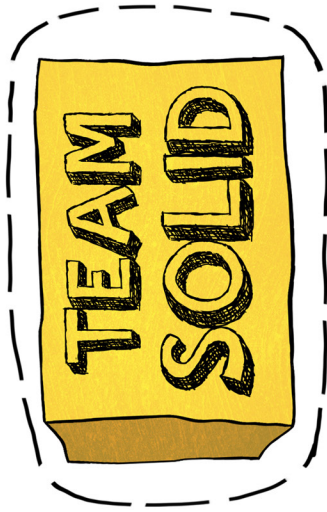
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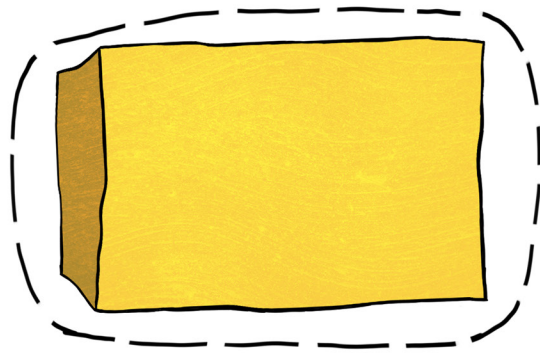
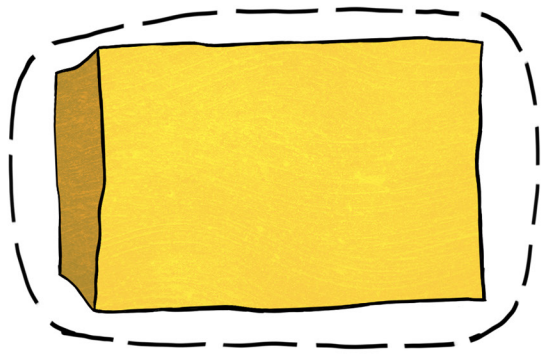
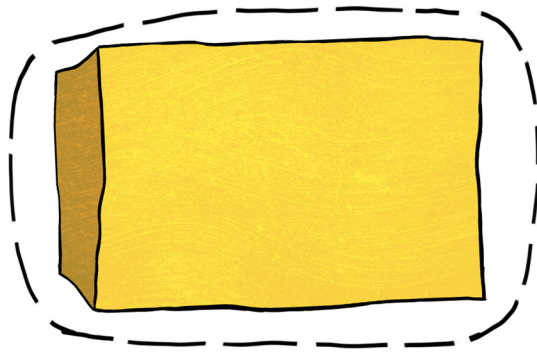
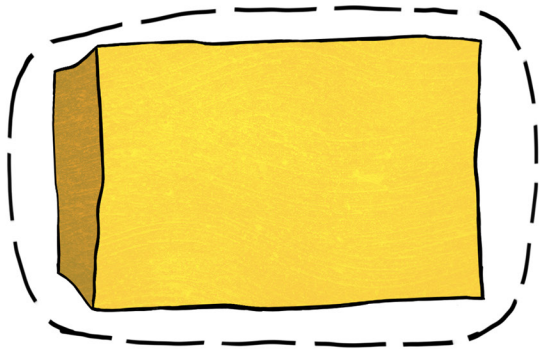
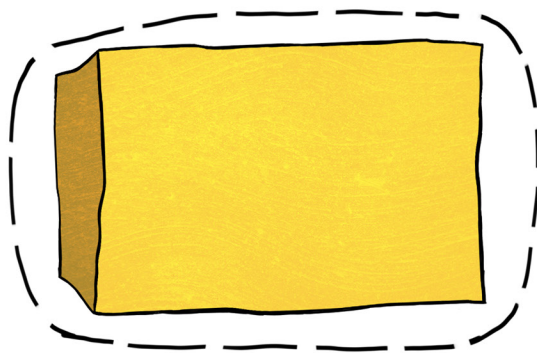
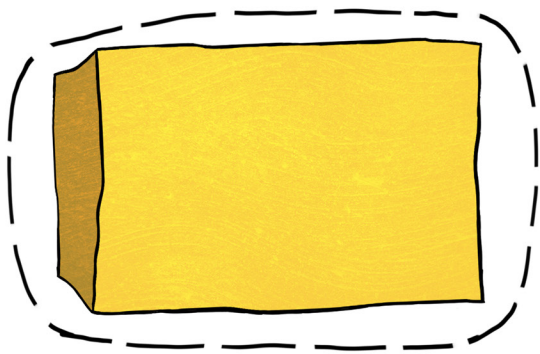
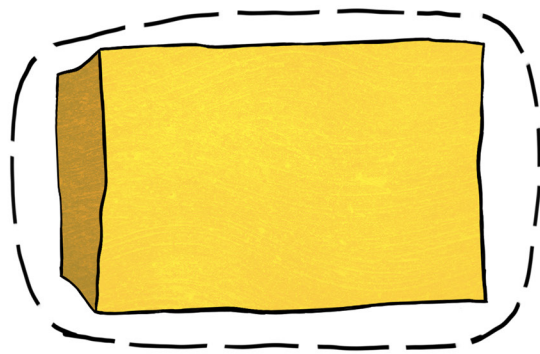
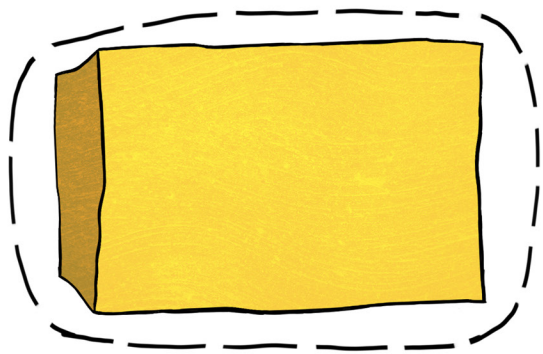
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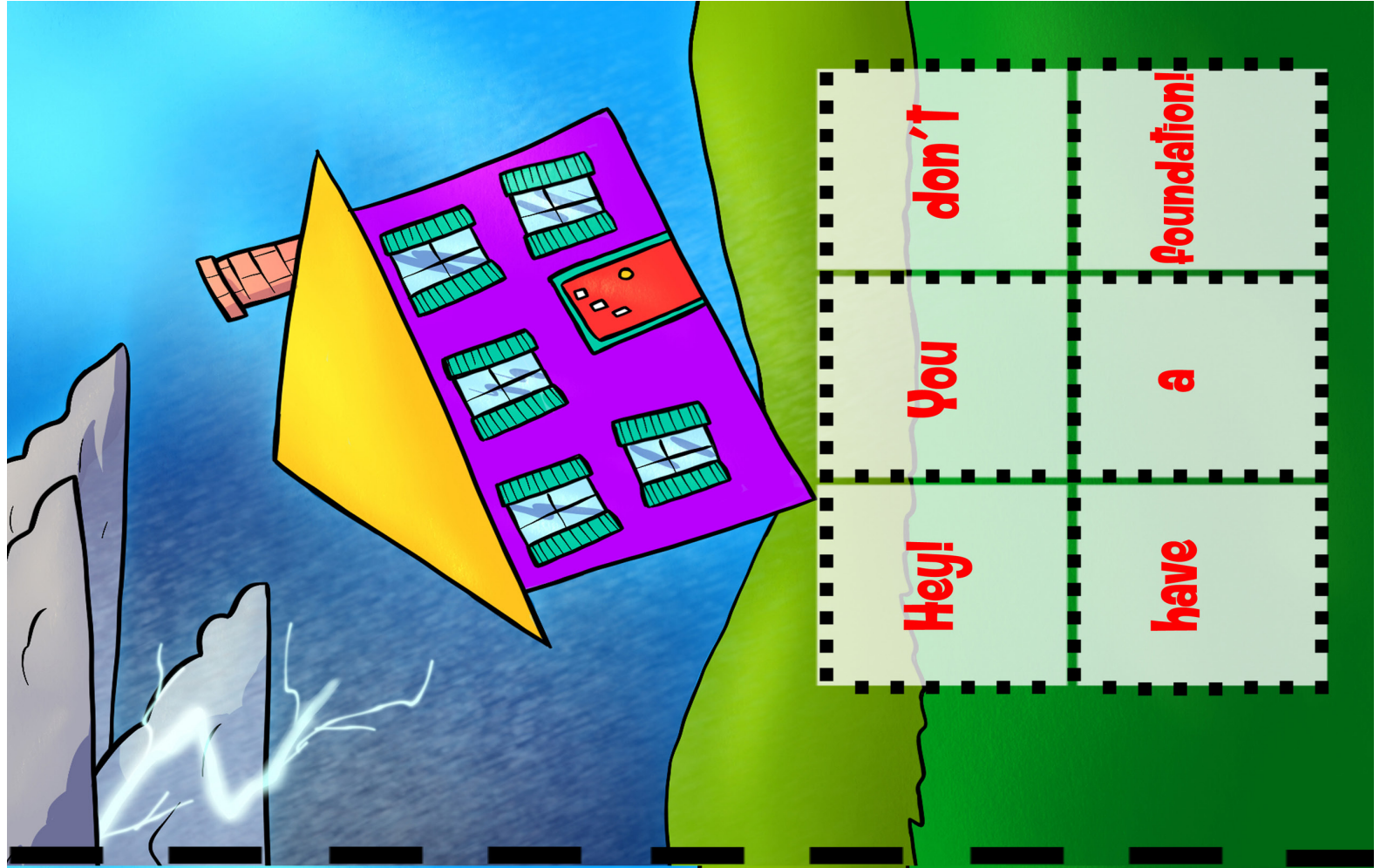
Say - “Obedience is a choice that we should make every single day. Let’s pray and ask that God would help us to make the choice to obey him daily.” (PRAY)

Closing

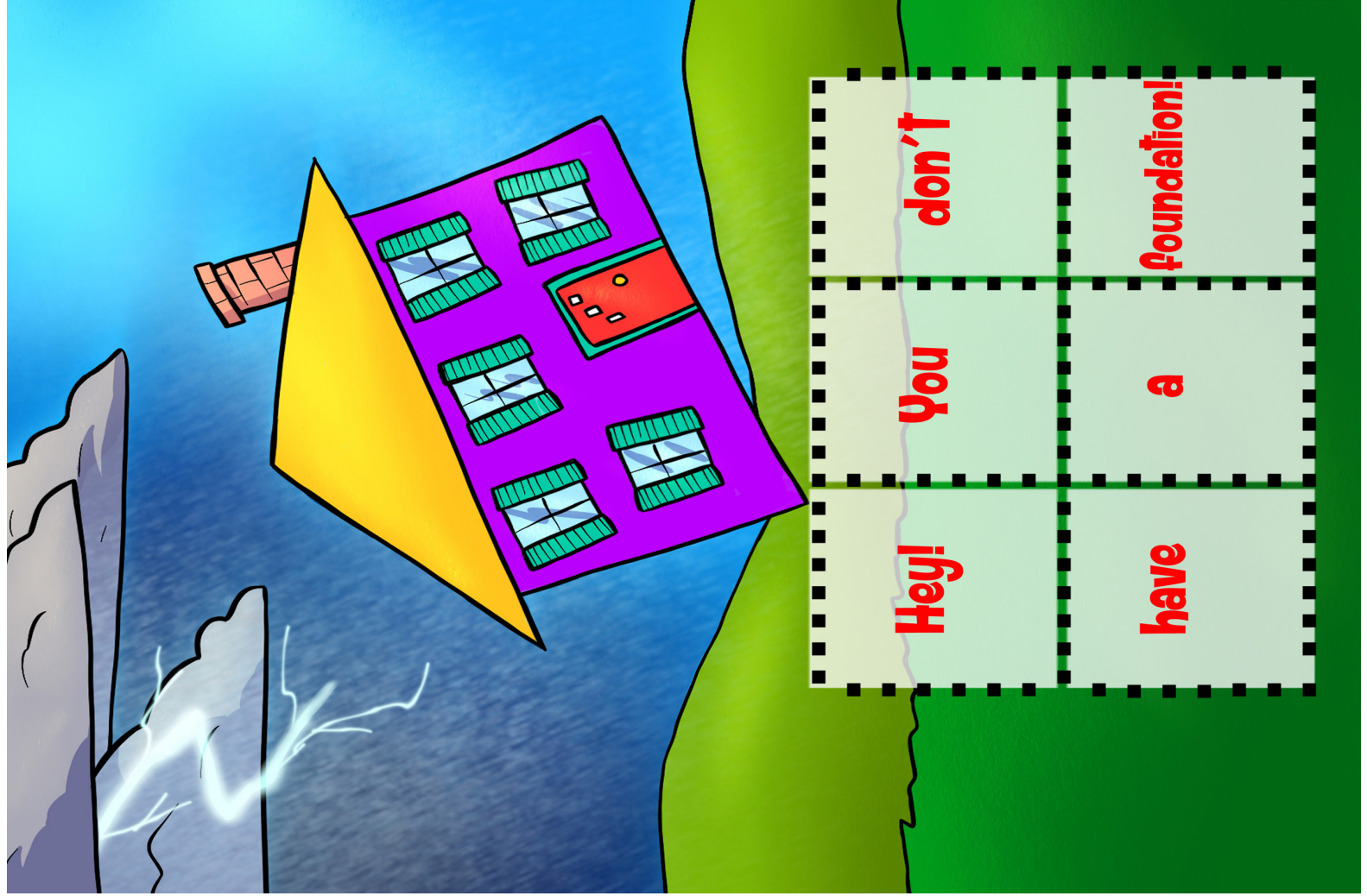
Say - “The man who built his home on the sand probably wouldn’t have called himself foolish. I am sure he picked out the nice sandy patch of land because it was easy. It was comfortable, what he wanted, and liked best. He would have probably never called himself foolish, until after the storm. Too often, we make choices because they are nice and easy. They are comfortable and what we like best. We wouldn’t think of our choices as foolish, until after a storm. Obedience isn’t always the easiest choice, but it is always the best choice. When we choose to obey God we build a firm foundation that won’t be moved by the blustery troubled times that come our way. Think about the choices that you make this week, and choose to obey God! I am proud of you guys! I’ll see you all next time.”





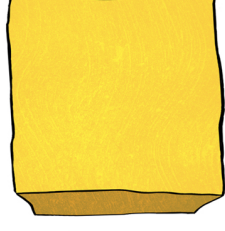
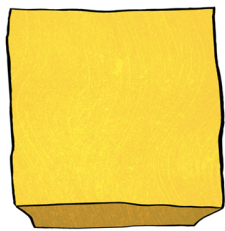
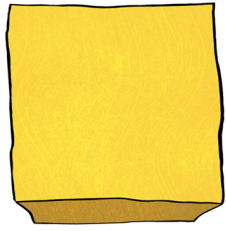
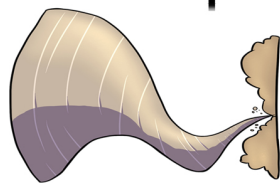
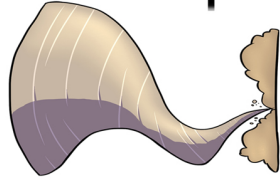


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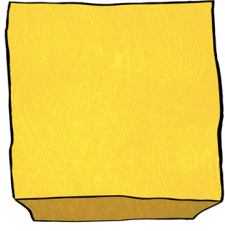
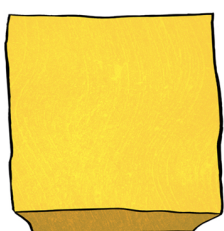
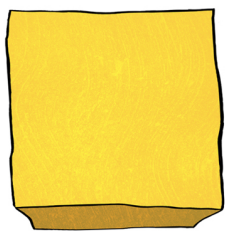


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Family Devotion

“Why Do You Call Me Lord...?”



Watt's Up:

“If I’m Gonna Follow Jesus, Gotta Do What He Commands!”



Power Verse:

“If you love me, obey my commandments.” - John 14:15

Jesus asked a lot of questions, and by studying those we can learn the same lessons He was teaching His disciples and His other followers.

Read:

Luke 6:46-49

Ask:

- What question did Jesus ask at the beginning of this story?
- In this story, what does Jesus compare us to?
- Why is it important we build our “house” on a solid foundation (Jesus)?

Say:

Jesus asked the question, “Why do you call me Lord, but not do what I command?” That’s a simple question, but one that can be hard for us to understand. Jesus wants us to obey ALL His commands. BUT, in order to do that, we have to know what He has told us to do!

Activity:

As a family, use a piece of paper or poster board to write out some of the commands that Jesus has given us. *(You can use the 10 commandments or things we know like tell others about Him)* Let this be a time to work together to make a good list of things we should be doing together to follow Jesus. There are no right or wrong answers. This is an opportunity for everyone to share ways to follow Him!

Say:

That was good, and fun! Jesus wants us to call Him Lord, but He wants us also to follow His commands! That’s the big question we learned about today- and if we can do that- then following Jesus can be an easier walk for all of us.

Pray:

Pray that every family member will take the right steps to follow Jesus and do what it takes to follow His commands!