

The Parables of Jesus



Joy



Wisdom



Peace



Dignity



Hope



Community



The wise and foolish builders





We have gathered together



to worship God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

and to think about the meaning of the

Parable of the Wise and Foolish Builders.



Today we are thinking about the value wisdom.



WISDOM



'BLESSED ARE THOSE
WHO FIND WISDOM.'

PROVERBS 3.13



Think of adjectives that describe sand and rock.

If you were going to build a house which of these materials would you use and why?



rock



sand

We will now hear one of Jesus' well known parables from the Bible. A parable is a story that Jesus tells to teach an important truth.

Bible Text: Matthew 7 24-27



“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.”

This cross was created by the children at Newnham School after listening to the parable that we have just shared.

Jesus is using a house as a symbol of our lives. He is saying that if we put his wise words (his teaching) into practice it will be like building our lives on rock and we will be able to stand firm when life's challenges come our way.



The important words in this parable come at the start:

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.

Can you remember any other parables that Jesus told?

The children at Newnham School were asked the same question. They created picture on the rock to represent some of Jesus' wise words and parables.



One picture is of a sheep to represent The Parable of the Lost Sheep.

Can anyone explain the meaning of the Parable of the lost sheep?

Which parable?



One picture on the rock shows a basket of seed ready to be scattered on to the soil.

The Parable of The Sower

Can anyone explain the meaning of the Parable of the Sower?



Finally there is a picture of two hands.

The boy who drew this picture was not thinking of a parable but some other

wise

words of Jesus:

Do to others as you would have them do to you. Luke 6 ³¹

Reflecting


These words:

Do to others as you would have them do to you

are sometimes known as the Golden Rule.

Why do you think this is?

Why would putting these wise words of Jesus into practice be building your life on rock rather than sand?



"For the LORD gives
wisdom; from his
mouth come
knowledge and
understanding."

PROVERBS 2:6

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Responding

I'LL BUILD MY LIFE ON SOLID ROCK *By Bob Hartman*

When I'm up and when I'm down,
When I'm sitting on the ground,
When I run and when I walk,
I'll build my life on solid rock.

When I laugh and when I cry,
When I smile and when I sigh,
When I'm silent and when I talk,
I'll build my life on solid rock.

When my life is nice and easy,
When I'm worried, stomach queasy,
When I'm peaceful, when I'm shocked,
I'll build my life on solid rock.

When I want to do what's wise,
But foolish thoughts buzz round like flies,
I'll stop. And pray. And then take stock.
And build my life on solid rock.



The Wise Man Built His House

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Dear God

Thank you for our amazing school
and all the opportunities we have to shine.



Thank you God

Thank you for the church and school community that helps us to anchor
our lives in faith and our confidence to shine brighter.

Thank you God

Help us to show the light of Christ in everything we think, say and do.

Help us God

Help us to have the strength to be positive and
spread happiness to everyone we meet.

Help us God

Let your light shine through us.

Amen



