

## *We Believe Workshop objectives*

### **Jesus Teaches: Build on This Foundation!**

Matthew 7:24-29

The **Art Workshop** explores Matthew 7:24-29 through creative art experiences.

#### **Objectives of the Workshop**

The children will have the opportunity to:

- Draw rocks, a foundation for a house.
- Hear the Bible story about the person who built a house on rock.
- Talk about actions they do or could do to build a strong foundation of faith in God.
- Draw chalk pictures of faith practices on a paper house (“Faith Foundation House”).
- Place the “Faith Foundation House” on the rock foundations.

The **Audiovisual Workshop** explores Matthew 7:24-29 through audiovisual media that is heard, viewed or made.

#### **Objectives of the Workshop**

The children will have the opportunity to:

- Name people in their lives who teach them and what they taught.
- Hear the parable of the foolish and wise builders from the Bible.
- See the *Matthew* DVD of Matthew 7, a portion of the Sermon on the Mount that includes the parable.
- See *The Animated Stories from the New Testament: Built Upon the Rock* DVD (*optional*).
- Name some of the teachings of Jesus from Matthew 7.

The **Computer Workshop** explores Matthew 7:24-29 using computers.

Sometimes computers are used to tell the story and sometimes they are used to respond to it.

#### **Objectives of the Workshop**

The children will have the opportunity to:

- Make a “Faith Cube” showing different ways they have been taught or have learned about their faith.
- Read and/or hear the story of the person who built a house on rock as told by Jesus.
- Make a comic strip illustrating the story of the house built on rock using *Kid Pix Studio Deluxe 4.0* or *3rd Edition* software.
- Experience the story from the Sermon on the Mount using *Discovery’s Life of Christ* software (older children).

The **Drama/Storytelling Workshop** explores Matthew 7:24-29 by retelling the story in ways that help children remember it.

#### **Objectives of the Workshop**

The children will have the opportunity to:

- Hear Jesus' parable of the two houses.
- Explore the story through puppet drama.
- Create props to accompany the story.
- Imagine what it means to build a foundation for their lives.

**The Games and Puzzles Workshop** explores Matthew 7:24-29 by having children play biblically related games or puzzles.

#### **Objectives of the Workshop**

The children will have the opportunity to:

- Play several building games to consider the importance of a house having a firm foundation.
- Compare the idea of a house having a firm foundation to our lives having a firm foundation in God's Word and faith in Christ.

**The Music and Worship Workshop** explores Matthew 7:24-29 through music and makes the connection to worship in PC(USA) congregations.

#### **Objectives of the Workshop**

The children will have the opportunity to:

- Build a house of cards without and with some "foundation" materials.
- Hear the story Jesus told about the wise man who built his house upon the rock and the foolish man who built his house upon the sand.
- Choose a word that represents something that is foundational in their lives and write that word on a river stone.
- Learn the song "The Wise Man Built His House upon the Rock" and create motions for the song.

**The Bonus: Cooking Workshop** explores Matthew 7:24-29 with activities that help children learn how the foundations of cooking can be compared to the foundations of our lives.

#### **Objectives of the Workshop**

The children will have the opportunity to:

- Learn proper hand washing.
- See and try out kitchen tools.
- Follow a recipe to make cupcakes.
- Hear the Bible story.
- Learn and experience spiritual practices to use as tools in building their faith.
- Eat cupcakes!