FOLLOWING JESUS VBS · DAY 2 · GRADES 1-3

My Bible Lesson

Jesus Teaches Me: Hear and Do! | The Sermon on the Mount and the Wise and Foolish Builders (Matthew 5:1-16; 6:9-13, 33; 7:12, 24-29)

Read it in your Bible: Matthew 5:1-16; 6:9-13, 33; 7:12, 24-29

The Sermon on the Mount and the Wise and Foolish Builders

Crowds of people followed Jesus everywhere. One day Jesus went up on a mountain, sat down, and began to teach them (Matthew 5:1-2). This teaching is called the Sermon on the Mount.

Jesus taught that God blesses people who are humble, kind, and pure in heart (Matthew 5:3-9). He said, "You are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14). He wants us to shine by doing good things so people will praise God (Matthew 5:16).

Jesus taught us to love even people who are mean to us (Matthew 5:44). He taught us how to pray to our Father in heaven (Matthew 6:9-13). He told us not to worry but to "seek first the kingdom of God" (Matthew 6:33). He taught us to treat others the way we want to be treated (Matthew 7:12).

At the end, Jesus told a story. A wise man built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the floods came up, and the wind blew hard. But the house did not fall, because it was built on the rock (Matthew 7:24-25).

A foolish man built his house on the sand. The rain came down, the floods came up, and the wind blew hard. The house fell with a great crash (Matthew 7:26-27)!

Jesus said the wise man is like a person who hears His words and does them. The foolish man is like a person who hears His words but does not do them. The people were amazed, because Jesus taught with authority (Matthew 7:28-29). When we listen to Jesus and obey, we are building on the rock.

> "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock."
> Matthew 7:24 (NKJV)

Big Idea

Following Jesus means listening to His words and doing what He says.

Think about it

1. Where did Jesus sit to teach the people?
2. What is the difference between the wise man and the foolish man?
3. Jesus said, “You are the light of the world.” How can you shine?
4. What is one thing Jesus taught that you can do this week?

This week I will obey Jesus’ words by: