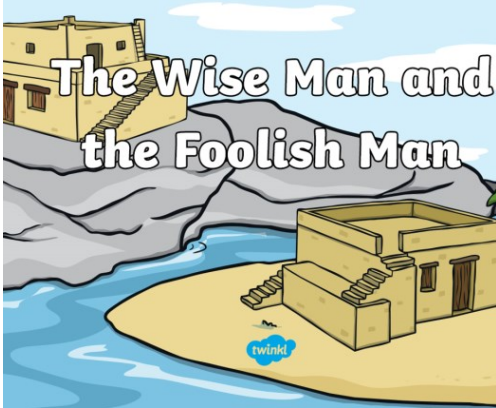


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Key message that the children need to take away
Values: Wisdom
Theme: The parables of Jesus – The wise and foolish builders

Gathering	<p>Music on entry. Children enter quietly</p> <p>Class children to bring up to the worship table and say together:</p> <p>Bible – God the Father Cross – God the Son Candle – God the Holy Spirit</p> <p>Candle is lit on the worship table</p> <p>All: Come to us Father, as we gather here today; Be with us Jesus, in our worship Stay with us Holy Spirit, now and always, Amen.</p>	<p>Image on display as children enter:</p>  <p>Matthew 7.24 – 27</p> <p>Relaxing Christian music RELAXING CHRISTIAN MUSIC Instrumental, Hymns, Soft Music, Prayer Time Anointed - YouTube</p>
Engaging	<p>Resources needed: Sand and a rock</p> <p>Hold up the container of sand in one hand and the rock in the other.</p> <p>With talk partners, think of adjectives which describe the sand and rock.</p> <p>If you were building a house, which one of these materials would you choose to build on and why?</p>	
Learning	<p>Use the Powerpoint to tell Jesus' parable of the wise and foolish builders.</p> <p>Remind the children that a parable is a story that Jesus told to teach an important truth.</p> <p>In the Bible, the important words come at the start of the parable:</p> <p>"Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like the wise man who built his house upon a rock."</p>	

	<p>Jesus is using a house as a symbol for 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.</p>
Reflecting	<p>Can you think of wise words that you have heard that Jesus told? For example, he said "Do to others as you would have them do to you."</p> <p>Why would putting these wise words of Jesus into practice be building your life on a rock rather than sand?</p>
Responding	<p>Prayer:</p> <p>I'LL BUILD MY LIFE ON SOLID ROCK</p> <p><i>By Bob Hartman</i></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Amen</p>

<p>Sending Out</p>	<p>Sending out prayer at the extinguishing of the candle Pupil: Known by Jesus and loved by Jesus, we go on our way, All: Carrying his love inside us through the day. Amen</p> <p>SHILL: Pupil/Leader: For the body is not one member but many. All: So today we will grow together and learn together.</p> <p>Music is played</p>
<p>Hymn</p>	
<p>Class follow-up</p>	<div data-bbox="370 583 873 997" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Matthew 7.24-27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can you remember what a parable is? • What did the wise man build his house on? Why do you think that was wise? • What did the foolish man build his house on? Why do you think that might have been a bit foolish? • In our lives, who do you think is our Rock? • What happens when we build our life on the rock? • How can we build our life on Jesus? What should we do?

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