

## THEME: Stories of Jesus

The Bible is full of wonderful stories which Jesus told; giving comfort and guidance to the people he met. These stories are still relevant to Christians today and Squirrels of all faiths will enjoy this Programme based on the house built upon the rock and the one built on the sand!

An introductory activity can be used as the Squirrels arrive at the meeting place – colouring or simple puzzles can keep children occupied until all the Drey arrives or use a ‘joining-in’ style game, such as ‘The farmer wants a wife’ or a circle format ball game.

Add snack time where necessary!

TIME (mins)	ACTIVITY	EQUIPMENT
5	Welcome, Register, Opening Ceremony, Introduction to Programme	
10	<b>GAME: Build a Tower</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Divide the Squirrels into small groups spaced around the hall</i></li> <li>○ <i>Place a pile of junk items in the centre and let them choose what they would like to use to try and build a tall tower</i></li> </ul>	Junk – boxes, cereal packets, ‘Pringles’ tubes
10	<b>STORY:</b> Read a simple version of this Biblical story by Nick Butterworth and Mick Inkpen taken from a collection in ‘Stories Jesus told – favourite stories from the Bible’ published by Candle Books ISBN 978 1 85985 58 8 1	Story book
10	<b>ACTIVITY:</b> The Wise Man Built His House Have fun with this action song, the Squirrels will love pretending to build the house and make the rains come down!	Song words
10	<b>ACTIVITY:</b> Colouring Fun The message of this story is reinforced in this simple picture to colour available at <a href="http://www.higherpraise.com/pdf/pdf/New/Curr187.pdf">www.higherpraise.com/pdf/pdf/New/Curr187.pdf</a> , print page 2 for a picture of the house on the rock and the house on the sand!	Printed pictures Art materials
10	<b>GAME:</b> Rock, Sand, Rain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Name one section of the hall ‘rock’, one ‘sand’ and one ‘rain’, make sure that the Squirrels know which is which</i></li> <li>○ <i>When a Leader calls out an area the Squirrels run to it</i></li> <li>○ <i>Extra actions can be added for fun – based on the song sung earlier!</i></li> </ul>	None
5	Closing, Home	



# The Wise Man Built His House

The wise man built his house upon the rock *(place one hand on top of the other, up & up)*  
The wise man built his house upon the rock *(place one hand on top of the other, up & up)*  
The wise man built his house upon the rock *(place one hand on top of the other, up & up)*  
And the rain came tumbling down! *(hold hands in air and bring down, wiggling fingers)*

Oh, the rain came down and the floods came up *(hands down and then up)*  
The rain came down and the floods came up *(hands down and then up)*  
The rain came down and the floods came up *(hands down and then up)*  
And the wise man's house stood firm! *(thump fist on top of outstretched palm)*

The foolish man built his house upon the sand *(place one hand on top of the other, up & up)*  
The foolish man built his house upon the sand *(place one hand on top of the other, up & up)*  
The foolish man built his house upon the sand *(place one hand on top of the other, up & up)*  
And the rain came tumbling down! *(hold hands in air and bring down, wiggling fingers)*

Oh, the rain came down and the floods came up *(hands down and then up)*  
The rain came down and the floods came up *(hands down and then up)*  
The rain came down and the floods came up *(hands down and then up)*  
And the foolish man's house went splat! *(clap hands once)*

## *(Optional verses)*

So, build your house on the Lord Jesus Christ *(place one hand on top of the other, up & up)*  
Build your house on the Lord Jesus Christ *(place one hand on top of the other, up & up)*  
Build your house on the Lord Jesus Christ *(place one hand on top of the other, up & up)*  
And the blessings will come down! *(stretch up hands and bring down with fingers splayed)*

Oh, the blessings come down as your prayers go up *(as above then praying hands upwards)*  
The blessings come down as your prayers go up *(as above then praying hands upwards)*  
The blessings come down as your prayers go up *(as above then praying hands upwards)*  
So build your house on the Lord Jesus Christ! *(hold arms above head and wave)*

