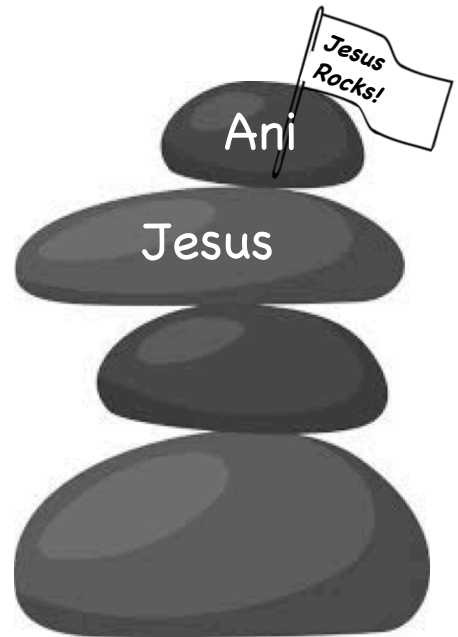


HOME is WHERE YOUR ROCK IS

Having the Wisdom to Build a Home on Rock



“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock.” Matthew 7:24

“And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand.” Matthew 7:26

Some people know a lot about Jesus and what he taught, and they put his teachings into practice in their daily life. Jesus said that those people are very **wise**. He said they are like a wise man who builds his house on rock so that when the storms come, their homes stand firm. Then, there are some people who know a lot about Jesus and His teachings, but they do *not* put them into practice in their life. Jesus said these people are very foolish. He said they are like a foolish man who builds his house upon the sand and when the storms come, their houses fall.

Every Christian home should be built on the foundation of Jesus’ teachings and the wisdom that we receive from using them in our daily lives. Today, let’s display our wisdom by make a Wisdom Rock Tower to represent that our homes are built on rocks, not sand. Build your Wisdom Rock Tower outside of your front door so that everyone who enters will know that your home is built on the foundation of Jesus’ teachings.

MATERIALS:

- Rocks (should fit in the palm of hand and be slightly flat so that they can be stacked.)
- Paint or Colored Sharpie Markers
- *Optional:* Decorations (Ribbons and lace, Pony Beads, Feathers, mini Pom-poms, Buttons, etc.)
- Glue
- Scissors
- Paint brushes (if using paint)
- Template, Matthew 21:9 - *to follow* (print and cut out)



DIRECTIONS:

1. Set out rocks in a large area so they can each be seen easily. Allow children to “go for a walk” to select 2 rocks each, 1 for themselves, and the other for Jesus. (*Rocks should be able to be stacked one on top of the other.*)

2. Set out a basin of soapy water so children may wash their rocks. Let rocks dry completely.

3. On their first rock, instruct students to write/draw/paint **their** name or initials, (depending on size of rock). Attach a copy of Matthew 7:24 to this rock. (*Template to follow.*) This will be the rock at the *top* of their Wisdom Rock Tower.

4. On the second rock, have student write/draw/paint “**Jesus.**”

5. *Optional:* Personalize your pet rock with a few finishing touches by adding decorations.

6. Lastly, stack the rocks creating a Wisdom Rock Tower, placing the rock with their Name and Bible scripture at the top and the “Jesus” rock on the bottom, serving as the foundation. Students should take rocks home and re-build the tower by their front door.



