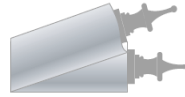




CHURCH EDUCATION

The Holy Bible
The Book of Mormon



'...and they shall become one in thine hand.' Ezekiel 37.17

LESSON TITLE	TEACHER NOTES
Sure Foundation: Building Our Lives Upon the Rock of Christ	1- 30-minute lesson
UNIT 1 - Heavenly Authority	
GRADES Preschool – Kindergarten	To prepare for this lesson, study the scriptural references listed in
HOLY BIBLE 1 Corinthians 3:11, "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."	OBJECTIVES.
BOOK OF MORMON Helaman 5:12, "...It is upon the rock of our Redeemer, who is Christ, the Son of God, that ye must build your foundation ...which is a sure foundation, a foundation whereon if men build they cannot fall."	Q = Teacher asks question
OBJECTIVES The student will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Consider how to build a life upon Jesus.● Consider that Jesus has great love for all people, John 15:13.	Note: The Church of Jesus Christ uses the Authorized King James Version of The Holy Bible and The Book of Mormon published by The Church
ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Why is Jesus our friend?● How do you know that Jesus loves you?	
MATERIALS <i>Holy Bible</i> (KJV) and <i>The Book of Mormon</i> Video: pertaining to building on the Rock, e.g. The Wise Man Built His House Upon The Rock Object Lesson: 1 – small smooth rock per student. One 3" smooth stone, double stick tape, a small plastic house (such as from the Monopoly game), and a clear plastic food container about 7" square. Picture: a building on a mountain/cliff (Google search. e.g. Holy Cross Church, Sedona, Az.), optional Task: 1 - sheet of white paper/ child and colored pencils, Option: Select coloring page of Jesus, e.g. "Jesus Loves Little Children." Permanent marker	

PROCEDURE

Motivation/Introduction (5-7 minutes)

Prior to class: Write - **J E S U S** on the board.

In class:

1. Point and cue students to say aloud the letters in Jesus's name.
2. Point and cue students to make the sound for each letter in Jesus's name
3. Cue students to say, "Jesus."

Object Lesson:

1. Hand each student a small rock and tell them to describe its properties, e.g. strong, hard, solid....
2. Place a piece of double stick tape or a tape doughnut on the bottom of a toy house and attach it to the smooth rock.
3. Tell students to observe. Put the rock inside the clear plastic container and shake the container, making the rock slide back and forth. Compare this to a storm, e.g. wind blowing, rain coming down. The house should remain intact on the rock.
4. Explain that the house on the rock did not fall because it was firmly attached to the rock.
5. Explain: Jesus is the rock and we are the house. We must be firmly attached to Jesus to protect us from storms of life.
6. **Video:** Show a related video, e.g. The Wise Man Built His House Upon The Rock.

Goals: Consider how to build a life upon Jesus. Consider that Jesus has great love for all people.

Lesson Development (15-20 minutes)

1. Describe how Jesus is a Rock and explain how to build a life upon Him, Luke 6:47,48 ("Come", "Hear", and "Do"). (For guidance see Teacher's Supplement below.)
2. **Song:** Teach a song (Lyrics and video links in Teacher's Supplement.)
3. Discuss Essential Questions (Page 1).
4. **Task:** Students draw a picture depicting how Jesus loves them. Option: Give students a page to color.
5. **Task:** Write JESUS on students' rocks with a marker, and tell them to keep building their lives upon Jesus.
6. **Task:** Play "Follow the Leader" to reinforce concepts of listening and doing, time permitting.

Key Words: Heavenly Authority, Redeemer

Teacher's Supplement

Describe how Jesus is a Rock and Explain How to build upon Him.

1. **Q:** What happens to the rock when you squeeze it? What happens when you pull on it? How strong is a rock? Can you describe how the rock feels?

Rocks are hard and last a very long time. Rocks are strong. They can support heavy things.

- Show a picture of a building on a mountain and help students to understand that the building is being supported/ held up by the mountain.
2. Do you know why Jesus is like a rock?
 - a. Jesus came to earth to teach God's way to live (Solid).
 - b. Jesus died on the cross and came back to life to save all people (Powerful) , so we can go to heaven to live with Him.
 - c. Jesus did all this because He loves people and cares for us (Support).
 3. People will be saved/go to heaven (a happy place) when they **come** to Jesus, **hear** Jesus, and **do** what Jesus says...
 - a. We **come** to Jesus by believing that He is God's Son. Do you believe that Jesus is God's Son?
 - b. We **hear** Jesus by learning what Jesus says. Do you listen to lessons about Jesus? Do you learn about keeping God's commandments?
 - c. We can **do** what Jesus said by:
 - Loving God. Loving Jesus. Loving people.
 - Praying to God in heaven.
 - Praising God and Jesus in song.

By doing these things, we are building our lives on Jesus – our Rock!

Song Lyrics

"The Wise Man Built His House Upon the Rock"

*The wise man built his house upon the rock
The wise man built his house upon the rock
The wise man built his house upon the rock
And the rains came tumbling down*

*Oh, the rains came down
And the floods came up.
The rains came down
And the floods came up.
The rains down
And the floods came up.
And the house on the rock stood firm.*

*So build your life on the Lord Jesus Christ,
So build your life on the Lord Jesus Christ,
So build your life on the Lord Jesus Christ,
And the blessings will come down.*

*The blessings come down as the prayers go up.
The blessings come down as the prayers go up.
The blessings come down as the prayers go up.
So build your lives on the Lord.*

"Jesus Loves Me"

*Jesus loves me this I know
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong
They are weak, but He is strong!*

Chorus

*Yes, Jesus loves me
Yes, Jesus loves me
Yes, Jesus loves me
The Bible tells me so!*

"Jesus Love the Little Children"

*Jesus loves the little children
All the children of the world!
Red and yellow, black, and white,
They are precious in His sight.
Jesus loves the little children of the world!*