



SCRIPTURE: Matthew 7:24-27; Romans 5:12; 5:18-19; 1 Corinthians 3:11

KEY VERSE:

1 Corinthians 3:11—For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

KEY THEMES:

- † Wise men listen to and obey the words of Jesus; foolish men do not listen to and obey the words of Jesus
- † Those with a solid foundation are safe and live; those with a sandy foundation will perish
- † Standing on a good foundation is very important
- † Everyone is born in sin on a sandy foundation
- † Jesus is the only sure foundation

THIS WEEK:

Notice “foundations” with your child—watch a building being built and talk about how strong the foundation must be; as he climbs on something to reach an upper cupboard, comment on how important it is for him to have a sure foundation; see if you can find some unsure foundations. Talk about the importance of a good foundation.

Talk about foundations in life—what a person trusts. Talk about different things that people trust. You may want to give your child some examples. Talk about how every foundation other than Jesus fails eventually and help your child to think of examples of this. (A person trusting in good health will eventually die; a person trusting in money although he may never lose his fortune, cannot buy happiness, good health, or good relationships, etc.) You may want to illustrate this with the life of someone you know.

Help your child notice this week what he trusts. **NOTE:** It is not wrong for a child to trust in parents, but ultimately you must point your child to Jesus as the only sure, eternal, never-failing foundation. Share with your child the life of someone you know who has died and trusted in Jesus as his sure foundation. Explain to your child some of the hard things this person has experienced and how Jesus was a solid foundation for him.

Make sure your child understands that everyone is born with a sandy foundation and remains on that foundation unless he is trusting in Jesus as his Savior. Explain how you moved from a sandy foundation to a solid foundation. Encourage your child to ask other Christians he knows how they came to trust in Jesus as their solid foundation. (You may want to suggest people your child can ask about this and arrange the opportunity for your child to do this.)

Start reading *THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE* by C.S. Lewis with your child.