

GAMES | DAY 2

Bible Story: The Wise and Foolish Builders • Matthew 7:24-27

Bottom Line: You can HEAR from God.

Memory Verse: "Let us keep looking to Jesus. He is the one who started this journey of faith. And he is the one who completes the journey of faith." Hebrews 12:2a (NIV)

GET READY

Prepare ahead of time for the Games Rotation for VBS:

1. TOWER UP

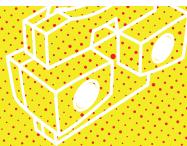
- Cups or blocks; at least 15 for every 10 kids
- Floor tape
- Timer

2. NEXT CUP UP

- Cups; one for each kid
- Buckets; two for each group
 - Fill half of the buckets with water.
 - On the rest of the buckets, draw a line around the inside of the bucket about halfway up.

3. HAMMERS AND HACKSAWS

- Rope, floor tape, or anything that can make a line
 - Use the tape or rope to make a line down the middle of your space. If you are outside (or in a large inside space), make another line about 20 yards from the center line on both sides.



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1. TOWER UP

What you need: Cups or blocks; floor tape; timer

What You Do:

- Divide kids into groups of 8-10.
- Tape a start line on the floor for the teams to line up behind.
- Place a stack of cups or blocks at the start line for each team.
- Give a determined amount of time for this relay, depending on how many kids or blocks/cups you have.
- On your "Go," the first kid on each team will grab a cup or block and then run down and place their block or cup to start building a tower.
- When the first kid places their cup or block, they must call out, "Next," so the next kid can come down and place their cup or block. Once a kid calls out, "Next," they can return to the end of the line. The next kid will do the same and this will continue until the time is up.
- Each kid must wait until they hear, "Next," before they can go.
- If the tower falls, the team can rebuild it using the same rules to go through the line.
- The team with the tallest tower at the end of the time limit is the winner.

What You Say:

"Today we are talking about how listening to God makes us wise. In our game today, we had to wait to hear someone tell us to go before we could go and add to the tower that had been started. You had to focus on hearing your teammate, so you could build the tower.

"The same is true when it comes to hearing from God. When we wait to HEAR from God, then we make wise decisions. The amazing thing is that **[Bottom Line] you can HEAR from God.** You can hear from God through reading the Bible, praying, and even talking with other people who follow Jesus. **[Make It Personal] (Talk about a time when you heard from God, whether it was through the Bible, prayer, or wisdom from others.)** Just like in our story today, when we listen to God's Word and obey, we can be like the wise builders who built on the rock."

2. NEXT CUP UP

What You Need: Cups, prepared buckets

What You Do:

- Form teams of 8-10 kids and line up the kids within each team so they're shoulder to shoulder. Give each kid a cup.
- Place a bucket full of water at one end of each team's line. Place an empty bucket at the other end of the line.
- On your "Go," the first kid will take her cup and fill it by scooping from the bucket of water.
- Then she will pass the water to the next kid by pouring the water into his cup. This will continue down the line.
- When the water reaches the end of the line, the last kid in line will pour it into the empty bucket and yell, "Next!"
- As soon as the kid calls out, "Next" (and not before), the kid at the front of the line will fill her cup again and pass it down the line just as before.
- If someone spills or drops all of the water at any point in the game, they can just yell, "Next," so the first person knows to scoop more.
- The first team to fill their bucket to the line wins.

What You Say:

"Have you "Today we are talking about how listening to God makes us wise. In our game today, we had to wait to hear someone say, 'Next,' before we could scoop more water. You had to focus on hearing your teammate, so you could work toward getting that bucket filled.

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3. HAMMERS AND HACKSAWS

What You Need: Prepared playing field

What You Do:

- Divide the kids into two equal teams and send each team to opposite sides of the center line.
- Assign one side of the room to be "Hammers" and the other side to be "Hacksaws."
- Stand in the center so all players can see and hear you.
- Call out, "Hammers!"
- Kids on the "Hammers" team will race across the center line while trying to reach the wall or line on the other side of the center line. Meanwhile, the "Hacksaws" will try to tag them.
- If anyone on the "Hammers" team is tagged, they switch sides and become "Hacksaws" team members.
- Send all remaining "Hammers" back to their side of the center line. (They cannot be tagged while doing this.)
- Then call out, "Hacksaws!" and repeat the process in the other direction.
- Continue playing in this way until one team has all the players or until your time has run out.

What You Say:

"Today we are talking about how listening to God makes us wise. In our game today, we had to focus on listening to what the Leader called out, and then you had to act on it. The same is true when it comes to hearing from God. When we wait to HEAR from God, then we make wise decisions. The amazing thing is that **[Bottom Line] you can HEAR from God.** You can hear from God through reading the Bible, praying, and even talking with other people who follow Jesus. **[Make It Personal] (Talk about a time when you heard from God, whether it was through the Bible, prayer, or wisdom from others.)** Just like in our story today, when we listen to God's Word and obey, we can be like the wise builders who built on the rock."

Travel Time

As you travel to the next track, use the following questions to keep the conversation going and to keep kids thinking about what they're learning!

- What do you think it sounds like when you HEAR from God?
- Why do you think the Bible story today talked about building houses on rock and sand?
- Where do you hear from God the most?