

SUMMER FRIENDSHIP GATHERINGS

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OBJECT LESSON, DAY 3 – A Firm Foundation

- The theme for this summer is, **“UNSHAKABLE!”**
- **Object Lesson – Day 3:** In this object lesson we will demonstrate that when our lives are built on the solid foundation of God’s Word we will be unshakable!

Supplies:

- A large Bible or several Bibles laid together to form a foundation
- A white or tan bed sheet, curtain or cloth
- Bricks with words on them (Connection Ministries will supply the bricks and words)
- One 6-8 foot table or two smaller tables to build the houses.

- Arrange the sheet/cloth on one side of the table. Then put the large Bible, or several Bibles to form a foundation on the other side of the table.

Object Lesson Script

- We are going to build two walls for our houses on a foundation. Do you remember what a foundation is? **(Give friends a chance to answer the question.)**

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- A foundation is the solid structure that holds up a building and keeps it steady. Without a solid foundation, a building can easily collapse when big storms come or when an earthquake makes the ground unsteady.
- The best foundation to build our lives on is God's Word. **(Hold up a large Bible.)** This represents the rock in the parable Jesus told. He said when we hear His words and build our lives on His teaching, putting them into practice, we will be like the wise builder who built his house on the Rock.
- But if we hear His words and don't put them into practice, we will be like the foolish builder who built his life on nothing but sand. **(Show the sheet of sand)**
- Here are a bunch of bricks to start our building project. Each brick has words on it. **(Hold a brick with the words)** Some are wise words and some are foolish. I would like you to choose which foundation they should go on. Let's start building!
- **Have friends take turns building the wall either on the strong foundation or a foundation on sand.** (God's Word, Pray, Going to Church and Friendship Group, helping others, praising God, sharing Jesus with others, shining for Jesus, don't worry but seek God, etc.) (watching too much TV, arguing with others, skipping church/Friendship, refusing to help others, laziness, complaining, gossip, etc.)
- **Build both walls until you get it about 8-10 bricks tall and using all the bricks with words. Talk about each word and how they can either build a strong foundation or weak foundation.**
- Which foundation is the firm foundation? The foundation built on sand or the foundation built on the Bible? **(Invite the friends to answer the question.)**
- Let's see what happens when the wind blows on our walls."**(Invite the whole group to blow on the walls from where they are sitting)**

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- You or another volunteer tug on the sheet until the bricks on the sand fall.
- What did you notice about the two houses?
(Invite a few friends to answer the question.)
 - They looked the same.
 - One was built on the **foundation** of God's Word, the Bible.
 - The other was built on a foundation of sand. It was very weak and not strong enough to hold up the house during a storm.
- If we want to stand strong during difficult times we need to build our lives on the strong foundation of God's Word.
- At the beginning of the parable Jesus says that both builders heard His words, but only one put them into practice—only one chose to apply His teaching and obey.
- Which builder heard Jesus' teaching and chose to put it into practice? (Invite the friends to answer the question.)



Foundation of Sand &
Foundation of God's
Word – the Bible



Two houses look the same.



House on the sand went crash!