

# Worship

*Today we are thinking about making wise decisions and think about the consequences of our actions.*

*Wise means Having or showing experience, knowledge and good judgement. Can you think of a time when you have made a wise decision?*

*You may have been lost in a shop. This experience should have taught you always to stay near to the grown-up you are with, or should have led to you learning exactly what to do if you get lost again.*

*You may have hurt your neck doing a forward roll and now know the importance of tucking their head under more firmly in future.*

*You could watch this video of the 'Wise and Foolish Builder' [Parable of Wise and Foolish Builder Sunday School Lesson Kids Bible Story - Bing video](#) or read the story on the next slides.*

## The Wise and Foolish builders



Jesus told a parable about two men who needed to build a house.

The two men looked for the perfect place.

The first man loved the beach and chose to build his house on sand. It was easy to dig.

He thought it was a great idea



The second man was very wise.

He also loved the beach, but knew sand would not make a good foundation.

The wise man chose to build his house on a rocky hill.

It was hard work to dig and took a long time, but he knew his house would be safe on the rock.



One day, there was a huge storm.  
The rain poured down and the winds blew  
with all their strength.  
Soon the land became flooded.  
The storm swept away the house on the  
sand.  
But the house on the rock was safe.



When Jesus finished his parable, He taught  
what it really meant.  
Jesus said, "If you listen to my word and  
obeys them. You are like the wise man.  
No matter which storms may come, you will  
be safe and secure."

*The foolish man didn't stop to consider the consequences of his actions, but zoomed ahead with his plans, giving the house-building project no proper thought. The result was a disaster.*

*The wise man thought about the best place for the house and the best way to build it. He took his time and considered the consequences of his actions. The result was a house that stood up to all the battering it got.*

*We need to be the sort of people who think about the things that we do. We need to realize that any decisions that we make can have a huge effect on our future. Ask the children if they can think of any examples of things that they might do now that could have an effect on their future lives.*

*- They could eat too much unhealthy food and be unwell in the future.*

*- If they don't try their best in school, they might end up doing badly, and be unable to do a job that they really want to do.*

*- They might be unpleasant to someone in the playground and end up without any friends.*

*Think about the decisions that you are going to have to make today. For example, you will be deciding whether to try hard in class, whether to play with someone at break-time, whether to be polite and whether to help someone in your home after school.*

*Remember that you have a choice to make: you can make good or bad decisions.*

### **Prayer**

*Dear God,*

*Please help us to be wise.*

*Help us to realize that there are consequences to everything that we do.*

*Please help us to make good decisions that will work out best for ourselves and for other people.*

*Amen.*