



## Family Worship Guide 15

Parable: The Wise Man and Foolish Man

### Look Up and Read Together

Matthew 7:24-27

### Video

Watch the 2-minute video called “The Parable of the Two Builders: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l6S3cRVLMFQ>

### Scripture Music

This is a fabulous song that’s straight scripture, and it will definitely stay in your head. Listen to and join in singing the JumpStart3 song: “House on the Rock.”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a8p56i3S2SM>

### Talk Time

- What is the difference between being foolish and being wise?
- What will help you make wise decisions?
- When have you been foolish?
- Describe a time when you were wise.

### Try This

You’ll need an empty pop can and a full can of pop (and some extra empty ones to do it multiple times). Your child will stand on the full can of pop. It’s all right for them to touch a wall (or a person) lightly for balance. Now, an adult will get down on the ground next to the child and flick (using index finger and thumb) the can in the side. Quickly, pull your hand away from the can. **Did anything happen? No. The can was full and the flick didn’t do any damage.**

Now, stand the same child on an empty can of pop. (Get up on it gently. Some pop cans are now so thin and lightweight that they’ll cave in.) The same adult will again get down next to the can and flick it hard. This time, MAKE SURE you pull your hand away quickly! **What happened? The can collapsed! Why do you think it collapsed? There wasn’t anything in it; it was empty!** (Be ready with more empty cans, if you have them, because they’ll want to do it again and again. Just make sure you tell the flicker to pull their hand back quickly or they’ll get pinched.)

***The difference between our cans is much like the difference between the wise man and the foolish man. Because the wise man built a solid foundation, he was full, like the full can of pop. When troubles came, his house did not collapse, just like our can did not collapse when it was flicked. But, what filled the wise man? We know there is pop inside our full can. What filled the wise man, though? He was full of the Word of God. He was full of time spent with God in prayer. He had put into action what Jesus taught about and that made him full. His life was full of obeying God in every way.***

***The foolish man, though, had never bothered to get into the Word of God. He never took time to pray and listen to God. He knew what Jesus wanted him to do, but he never put it into action. Love his neighbor? Why would he do that when he could do something for himself? The foolish man had done nothing to fill himself with God. His life was empty, because he didn't obey God.***

- What do you think is important to do to make a wise decision?

### **Prayer**

*Dear God. I want to be wise and live the way your Word tells me to live. I want to put your Word into action. Amen.*

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