

# LOVE DOES: *for kids*

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## CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES FOR A FAMILY BOOK STUDY ►

### ***SESSION FIVE:***

#### **Chapter 26: "Finding Rock"**

Begin your family time by creating a sacred space. Then as a family take a moment to read "Finding Rock." Read Matthew 7:24-27 in your Bible. After some conversation with one another pray with one another. As you end your time together, bless one another, "You are blessed to be a blessing."

#### ***HEAR THE STORY***

Grab your Spark Bible and read Matthew 7:24-27. These verses are the end of Jesus's Sermon on the Mount.

Through out the Sermon on the Mount Jesus has been inviting his hearers to entrust themselves in God and God's way of living. Jesus lets his followers know this will not be an easy live, but they will find hope, justice and peace.

#### ***TALK ABOUT THE STORY***

Jesus teaches us that there will be times when we have storms in our life. When you build your house on rock, you will be able to weather the storms. When the sun comes out, you will be standing. Do you think storms are more than you and God can handle? What do you think a house on sand looks like? Why will it not last through a storm?

#### ***"FINDING ROCK"***

Use some of the following questions during your sacred family time, or at dinner to begin conversations.

- What are some of the "storms" in your life you may be afraid of?
- What are the most important things in your life?
- How do the things that are important to you, help you to have a firm foundation for you life?
- What are ways you can share God's message with others about building your house on rock?



## DISCUSS: TWO HOUSES

What qualities would create a house built on a rock? What qualities would create a house built on sand? Use this worksheet to discuss and write in your answers. [learn more >](#)

## PLAY: CONSTRUCTION RACE

Each family member receives a pile of blocks from which they are to build a tower. However, there is a slight catch...one person will be building on solid hard floor, while the others build on less stable ground, such as a lumpy soft rug. Which is easier? After the towers are built, shake or tug the rug and watch what happens.



## MAKE: CRACKER CONSTRUCTION

Build your own munch-able mansion with materials such as graham crackers, Saltine crackers, frosting/peanut butter, pretzels, and marshmallows. You could even explore using a chocolate bar or sugar as the foundation for your house - which provides a more stable foundation?



## CREATE: "JESUS IS MY ROCK" PAPERWEIGHT

Using large stones (or smaller ones), write a paraphrased version of the story verses. Then paint, adorn, or otherwise decorate the rocks to keep and use as decoration reminders or paperweights to celebrate life "built on the rock."



# CONTINUE THE DISCUSSION

### READ:

Chapter 31: "Disneyland"

### DISCUSS:

What are some things you dream of doing? Have you been able to try any of these things? How have you felt God walking alongside you when you try new things?

### READ:

Chapter 46: "Waving to Jesus"

### DISCUSS:

How has Jesus invited you to follow him? Have there been times when you feel Jesus asking you to follow him? Will you follow Jesus?