WEEK 7: JESUS IS …. THE ROCK

AIM: To show the children that as Christians, we need to build our lives on Jesus Christ, so that when trouble comes we will be able to stand firm with faith in God.

OPENING IDEA: This session may give a good opportunity to revise the six previous lessons in the series with the game, ‘Give The Answer’.

You will need: Cards, mystery box.
Preparation: Prepare questions that relate to the previous six lessons and place them in the mystery box.
How to play:
1. The children form a circle.
2. One person is chosen to be ‘it’.
3. The children in the circle close their eyes and cup their hands behind their back.
4. ‘It’ takes a question from the mystery box and as he runs around the circle, he drops it into the hands of one of the children in the circle.
5. The questions is read and answered by that child.
6. Then ‘it’ and this child stand back to back.
7. When the teacher says ‘Go’, they both run around the circle to the empty space.
8. The one without a space is ‘it’.

MEMORY VERSE: DEUTERONOMY 32:4
He is the Rock. His work is perfect. Everything he does is just and fair. He is faithful, without sin.

SUGGESTED PRESENTATION:
The verse can be written on house shapes or cut small houses from the real estate section of a newspaper and glue them onto the front of a card with the verse written inside, e.g.

This story can be effectively told by using simple drawings, sock puppets or you may like to use something like the Arch Book, ‘The House on the Rock’, which tells the story in rhyming form.

At the end of the story, ask the children if they have ever seen a house being built. Ask, ‘What is the first thing the builder does?’ (He lays the foundation). Ask, ‘Why?’ (Because the rest of the building sits on the foundation and if it is not strong and secure, the building will eventually fall down.).

This is the same with our lives. The Bible tells us how to live. It gives us the example of Jesus; if we obey him and live like him, then we will be building our lives on the right foundation and grow strong as Christians. If we do not obey and follow Jesus as the Bible says, then we will be building our lives on the wrong foundation and when difficulties come, we will end up in trouble.

SONG: The Wise Man Built his House upon the Rock.

ACTIVITY: WALL HANGING

You will need:

- Hessian square approx 18cmx20cm
- Small stick approx 22 cm
- Ribbon, string or wool approx. 30 cm
- Small sponge or sheet of brown paper
- Words “Jesus”, “My Rock”
- Glue, scissors, trimmings

Make a fringe on three sides of the Hessian cloth (or similar material) 1cm-2cm wide. Fold the other side of the square over and glue in place to make a 1cm seam. Push stick through the seam, and tie ribbon, wool or string onto the stick ends. Cut out wording and glue to square. Attach the ‘rock’ to the square and decorate with colourful trimmings.
Can you find ten differences between these two pictures?

The house built on the sand has sunk. What about the house of the rock?
You can read this story in Luke 6:46–49.
Write the story of the WISE and FOOLISH

The foolish person

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Read the story in Matthew 7:24-27 and Luke 6:46-49
CRAFT ACTIVITY (see page 2)

MAKE A ‘JESUS, THE ROCK’ WALL HANGING

1. Make a 1-2 cm fringe along the bottom of a piece of hessian or felt about 20cm x 18cm.
2. Make a 1cm fold along the top edge of square.
3. Glue the outer edge of fold to the square, leaving an opening wide enough to push through a thin stick.
4. When glue is dry, push the stick through the opening.
5. Tie ribbon or wool to each end of the stick.
6. Cut out the above words and glue them onto the felt square.
7. Use a piece of sponge or crushed brown paper to make a ‘rock’ and glue it onto the square. Decorate with glitter and ribbon or other colourful trimming.
Our lives are like a house built on slippery sand when we ______________________
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Our lives are like a house built on solid rock when we __________________________
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When the storm came did the house on the rock fall down? _____________________

What does Deuteronomy 3:24 say about Jesus, the Rock _______________________
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Matthew 7:24-29