

DAY 1

Read Matthew 7:24-25

What happens if you build an elaborate castle near the edge of the water at the beach? Yep, the tide will take that beautiful creation down in no time.

God has given us His word (the Bible) to show us how much He loves us. When we read it and follow what it says, we will be like a wise man who built his house on a firm foundation. Jesus spoke these words to remind us that it's not enough just to hear them. **A wise man follows through in obedience.**

Think about your caregivers. When they ask you to do something, is it enough simply to listen? NO! When your mom asks you to clean up your room, it doesn't matter if you hear her, it matters if you get busy cleaning up!

Find a smooth rock outside and write Matthew 7:24-25 on one side. On the other, write OBEY. Place your rock next to your bed as a reminder to practice hearing from God this week and then following through with what He teaches you in obedience so you will be wise.

DAY 2

Read Matthew 7:26-27

Yesterday we learned that when we read God's word and put it into practice, we will be wise! But the opposite is true. If we read God's word and then turn around and do our own thing, God says we will be like fools!

God wants us to build our lives on the Rock, on Jesus! But it's more than just trusting Jesus as our Savior. Being a follower of Jesus requires us to actually follow Jesus. To do life the way He tells us to live.

Look up the following verses. On a separate piece of paper, write down what Jesus is asking you to do in your own words.

- ➔ Matthew 5:43-44
- ➔ Matthew 6:1-4
- ➔ Matthew 7:1-2

Pick one of the sentences you've written and ask God to help you do what **He says this week so you can be wise instead of foolish!**



DAY 3

Read Hebrews 4:12

Do you know what a double-edged sword is? It's a sword that cuts both ways. Romans used these weapons in battle. The writer of Hebrews reminds us that God's word is alive, that means it's constantly moving and active. When we read God's word, it has the power to cut right into our hearts, showing us what's really inside of us. It helps to point out any wrong thoughts or attitudes. When you spend time reading God's word, it can help you see the things you need to change.

With help from an adult, grab a piece of cardboard, some foil and a sharpie or permanent marker. Ask an adult to cut the cardboard into the shape of a sword. Cover your cardboard sword in foil. Write out HEBREWS 4:12 on the side of your sword with the marker.

Practice hearing from God.



DAY 4

Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Second Timothy was written by the missionary Paul to his student, Timothy. Paul wrote to encourage him and make sure he was prepared to teach others to follow God. Timothy's mother and grandmother had taught him the scriptures as a child. Paul is reminding him to stay true to what he's learned.

God-breathed means this is the very word of God.

It's useful for teaching us what's _____.

E U T R

It's useful for correcting our _____.

I A S M K T E S

It's useful for training us to do what is _____.

G H T I R

Each time you read God's word, you can look to answer these three questions.

- ➔ What is true?
- ➔ What does God say I should do?
- ➔ What does God say I shouldn't do?

Thank God for giving you His word to show you what's true, what you should do and what you shouldn't do.