

Activities for Trinity Sunday (7th June)

based on The Wise and Foolish Builders (Matthew 7:24-27)

The Trinity (one God but three persons - Father, Son and Holy Spirit) is a difficult concept for adults, never mind children! So, this week, and in some of the following weeks, the children's activities will be based on parables in Matthew's gospel, linking in with the adult themes in Matthew as much as possible.

Building houses outside

This could be a fun activity to do outside, especially if you have a sandpit. Build two houses from any materials you have, or use two paper cups, or the pictures on the "House on rock and sand" sheet in the resources. Place one on the sand and one on some rock, a path, drive, or patio. Pour water from a watering can over each and see if they remain standing. There are indoor instructions here: <https://www.kidssundayschool.com/gradeschool/object-talks/wise-builder> and also some questions to think about. Jesus says that obeying what he teaches is like building a house on the rock - it's building your life on a solid foundation.

Building houses inside

As an alternative, you could build two houses from constructions blocks or bricks inside. Provide different surfaces to build on - one smooth and flat such as a floor or tray, and one rough, soft, or uneven such as a bed or cushion. Blow on the houses or wobble the surfaces they are built on. Which surface works best and why? Which is a wise choice? What other wise choices could we make in life?

Wise and foolish list and game

Can you think of any teaching in the Bible that is wise? Make a list of wise things to do and then make a list of the opposite, foolish things. (You could look at some ideas in the Bible book of Proverbs or Jesus' sermon in Matthew 5-7.) Play a game with your child, where they run to one place if you say something wise e.g. love everyone, and to another place if you say something foolish e.g. hate everyone.

Paint a rock

Find a smooth rock or get one from a garden centre. Paint on it a cross, or smiley face, or rainbow and think of some wise things that Jesus teaches us. An older child could write a promise or Bible verse on it with felt tips or sharpies.