

# Children's Sermon Outline

## Setup

- The pastor introduces a Habitat for Humanity guest.
- The guest enters, wearing boots, jeans, tool belt, Habitat T-shirt and hard hat. He or she should also have a 2 x 4 on which is written, "This house is built upon the rock."
- The guest passes out plastic hard hats to the children.

*This house is built upon the rock.*



## The Message

- "I am here to talk to you about houses—and what it takes to build a house."
- Ask the children what they think you need to build a house. Accept all answers.
- After several suggestions say, "We certainly need all those things, but you have missed the most important thing we have to have to build a house. Does anyone know what that is?"
- Allow for a few more guesses.
- Then review their list and say, "Before we ever start using a saw and hammer and nails (or whatever they suggested), the most important thing we need to build a Habitat for Humanity house is God's love. When you put God's love in a house, it can withstand anything."
- Tell about a hurricane that destroyed many houses in Homestead, Fla. Explain that none of the 23 Habitat for Humanity houses in that city was damaged in the storm. God's love had protected the houses.
- Pull out the 2 x 4. Read the Scripture from Matthew 7:24-25. Explain that the rock in the passage actually is a symbol for the strength of God's love. Say, "The Habitat for Humanity house that our church will help build will be built on the rock of God's love to keep it strong and safe. We will build it carefully and we will use good materials. But it is God's love that will be the strength in this house and for the family who will live there."
- "Join with me in prayer as we ask God to bless the (homeowner) family and to bless our church members and keep us safe as we build this house."
- Close with prayer.

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