

Special Project Devotional Page "Building for the Future"

To help you in your programming and devotional meetings, here is help on the theme of building both physically and spiritually.

Other Suggested Bible Passages:

- Matt 7:24-27 "Building on a solid foundation"
- Psalm 127:1, 2 "Unless the Lord builds a house, the work of the builders is useless. Unless the Lord protects a city, guarding it with sentries will do no good."
- Exodus 22:25 "If you lend money.... do not be like the money lender, charging interest"

Suitable hymns from With One Voice

465 All My Hope In God Is Founded

491 How Firm a Foundation

Songs of the Kingdom

57 For I'm Building a people of Power

51 Brother, Sister, let me serve you.

Children's song

The Wise Man Built His House Upon the Rock

(Your Sunday School Teachers may have the music)

A THOUGHT

When Jesus was on earth he talked to His followers about everyday things. He told them, "You are the salt of the earth. If the salt becomes insipid, how can it regain its saltiness? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out, and be trampled on." Matt.5:13 (Barclay)

Salt was one of those well known, well used and well regarded commodities. To be referred to as the salt of the earth is a compliment. It seasons, and has been referred to as "the spice of life" and was highly regarded in the ancient world. Jesus told his followers that they should be "the salt of the earth". As we set about building for the future, and taking an interest in the underprivileged and praying for them, we are becoming the salt of the earth.

PRAYER

Dear God, Creator of all we have, thank you for the plenty which we enjoy. We lift up to you those who have less than we do, and who are struggling to house and feed their families. We pray for people in our own country who find it hard to save the money for a deposit on their first home. We thank you for the work of Habitat for Humanity in helping those who are prepared to work towards home ownership. We pray for the people of Haiti who were struggling to hold body and soul together, even before the disastrous earthquake which destroyed what little they had. Thank you for the relief agencies helping these people. Give them wisdom and perseverance as they work with the homeless. May we, along with the aid agencies, be salt and light in the world, we pray, in Jesus name, AMEN