

- Remember what we said about Faith? What is it? Say Faith is...Faith is...believing with your actions...believing with your actions.
- When you first pop into Minecraft and you are in survival mode what are some of the first things you need to do? (pause for answers)
- Well, you know that night is coming so you have to prepare. So you do things to prepare.
- You know you will need shelter, and you could just dig a hole in the ground and wait until morning, but that wouldn't be very productive.
- So instead you cut some trees to get some wood, and then make a crafting table, and then a pick axe and then go and find you some stone so you can either 1) get some charcoal or 2) build a furnace to make some charcoal so that you can have torches and get some light)
- If you do these things you should be able to make it through your first night.
- These are some of the basic foundations of Minecraft. So let's look at what the basics of faith are.
- Remember what we said about Faith? What is it? Say Faith is...Faith is...believing with your actions...believing with your actions.
- So then if faith is believing with our actions then we had better be sure that we have faith in the right thing.
- If I have faith that this string is going to hold me up that doesn't hurt me until I decide to go mountain climbing with it. Then it snaps and I fall down and get hurt.
- **(tie a piece of yarn to a support on the wall or ceiling and ask a student to swing on it, if no student will, step in it yourself)**
- **This yarn didn't hold up we have to have faith in things that can hold us up.**
- Jesus told a story about putting your faith in the right thing, but before we get to that lets play a little game.
- **(Pass out a roll of tape and a pack of index cards to each team)**
- **Get into teams. Big kids help the little kids and build the tallest coolest tower you can build that can stand on its own.**

- **Then go by and fan the towers to see which of them stand up.**
- Your towers needed strong foundations to stand. That is what Jesus said in a story he told in Matthew 7:24-29.
- Everyboday say matthew...matthew...chapter 7...chapter 7...verse 29...verse29
- *“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. 26 But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. 27 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”*
- *28 When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, 29 because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.*
- So how do you compare this to the things that you guys built? You need to have the right foundation if you are going to be able to stand firm.
- So what is the right foundation?
- The right foundation is Jesus.
- Faith begins when we begin a life with Jesus.
- So now you get homework.
- What do you think are 3 things you can do to help craft your faith?
- Read your Bible, Pray, Come to church
- Do these 3 things and you will be able to build on the foundation of Jesus.