



Worship Illustration: Storybook
The Adventures of Delbert and Lello
Kings & Kingdoms Part 1: The Life of Jesus
Unit 5, Lesson 25

Be Wise

The Wise Builder
Matthew 7:24-27

Delbert and Lello waited patiently by the campfire circle. They were excited for Ranger Ryan to come light the fire. They heard a noise and turned to see Pops and Ranger Ryan walking up the path from the farmhouse.

"Ranger Ryan! Pops!" Delbert and Lello called out.

Pops and Ranger Ryan laughed joyfully as they waved back. Ranger Ryan carefully started the campfire while Delbert, Lello, and Pops sat down.

"Ranger Ryan, what is the story about tonight?" Lello asked shyly.

"Tonight, I'm going to tell you a story about a builder," Ranger Ryan answered. He took one last look at the fire before sitting down.

"Haw! I love to build! Sometimes I use sticks and sometimes Pops gives me scraps of wood to stack," Delbert shared.

"And I love to build campfires to sit around and tell stories. Shall I begin?" Ranger Ryan asked smiling.

"Yes!" cheered Delbert, Lello, and Pops.

"This is a story Jesus told," Ranger Ryan began. "He said, 'Everyone who hears My words and practices them is a wise man. He builds his house on the rock. The rain comes down. The water rises. The winds blow against that house.'"

Delbert's eyes grew very wide. "Haw! Oh no! What happens to the house after such a storm?"

Ranger Ryan answered, "Jesus said, 'The house does not fall. It is built on the rock.'"

"Haw! That's good," Delbert sighed in relief.

Pops nodded in agreement and said, "You're right, Delbert. That is good. Ranger Ryan, what else did Jesus say?"

"Jesus said, 'Everyone who hears My words and does not practice them is a foolish man. He builds his house on sand. The rain comes down. The water rises. The winds blow against that house,'" Ranger Ryan continued.

Lello was worried. "Oh, dear. What happens to that house?"

Ranger Ryan answered, "That house falls with a loud crash."

Delbert looked a little confused. "Ranger Ryan, what does Jesus mean about practicing His words?"

Ranger Ryan smiled proudly at Delbert and said, "That's a great question. Jesus was telling us to do what the Bible says to do."

"That's right," Pops added, "like praying to God and obeying your parents. There are so many good things the Bible teaches us to do."

"Hey Delbert, let's go do what the Bible says to do. Let's go say our prayers before we go to bed," Lello said.

"Haw! Great idea! Let's go!" Delbert and Lello said their goodbyes to Ranger Ryan and Pops before trotting off to bed.

Pops and Ranger Ryan stayed by the campfire late into the night sharing more stories about Jesus.