



**CONCRETE  
& CRANES**  
Philippians 1:6

**GOD AT WORK**  
**FAMILY BIBLE STUDY**

# Day 1: God at Work-Built for a Purpose

Construction Sites are pretty exciting! There are a lot of loud noises, fancy machines, and there are people that dream up buildings taller than the trees in your backyard. We get to wait and wonder what they will become. Will there be a new coffee shop or a new trampoline park? Will they have huge fountains that look like small water parks or have paintings that make you feel like you are two feet from paradise? It is fun to imagine what those buildings will become and to see the creativity that people have on display for us to enjoy!

**Concrete Question:** What is something you have created or made? Discuss it as a family!

Have you ever noticed that we are all creative in our own way? Well that is because we are just like the God that made us-creative. In Genesis chapter 1, we learn that God created everything on this earth from the air that we breathe to the ground that we walk on. On the sixth day he created his most precious masterpiece, mankind. In the words of David in Psalm 139, we are “fearfully and wonderfully made”.

Read **Psalm 139:13-14**.

Have you ever seen anyone who looks exactly like you? No! Why? You are a one of a kind creation of God. Before you were born God had a plan and a purpose for You! If you look around a big city you will see that although there are some similar buildings, each one is different and special. You are God’s special creation. You were built with a purpose!

Pray as a family!



# Day 2: God at Work-The Challenge

**Concrete Question:** What is something that you love to build? Talk with your family.

Do you have unfinished projects at home? Books you haven't finished, closets you haven't organized, squeaky doors you haven't fixed? It is the best feeling in the world when you complete a project that you have been longing to finish. Construction is a project that takes a long time. It takes a lot of work, time, energy, and requires you to face crazy obstacles and keep going until the job is done. When you are following God you can face any number of obstacles just like you would on a construction site.

In Nehemiah 4, we learn about a man named Nehemiah who had the hard job of rebuilding the wall of Jerusalem. There were a lot of people against Nehemiah and the others and tried everything to keep them from finishing their job. They mocked them and even tried to plan attacks to keep them from building this wall, but God gave Nehemiah and his people everything they needed to get the job done, Let's see what Nehemiah said to his crew!

Read **Nehemiah 4:13-14**

Nehemiah reminded the people that they needed to trust God and rely on him for strength. They did not give up.

Read **Nehemiah 4:16-18**

Nehemiah and his people worked together to protect each other and complete the wall. They took turns guarding and building. How awesome is that?! When God gives us a task, he does not want us to leave it undone. God will give us the strength to continue until it is done.

What is a task does God want you to do?

Pray with your family.



# Day 3: God at Work-Foundation

What is the foundation of a house? The foundation is the layer of concrete below a house that keeps the house strong and steady. The foundation keeps the house safe when there are bad storms, earthquakes, and even heavy winds. To build a really good foundation for a house, you need to begin building a few feet below the ground. The ground is not always stable, so to insure that the house doesn't fall the foundation has to be built anchored below the surface. What happens if you do not have a good foundation for your house? You are right! The house would fall apart!

Lets read **Matthew 7:24-25**

This first part of the story talks about a man who built his house upon a rock! A rock is strong and sturdy. Jesus is like a rock. When we trust in Jesus, we are like this man. When hard things happen Jesus will keep us from crumbling or falling. We have to trust Jesus with everything that we have and believe what the Bible says is true. If we trust Jesus, he will not let us fall.

Now let's read the second part of the story in **Matthew 7:26-27**

The second part of this story is about a man who built his house in the sand. What is sand like? It sinks when you walk on it and it is squishy when you play with it. If we choose to trust anything other than Jesus we will be like this man whose house was built in the sand. When storms come we will fall and when life gets really hard we will sink right into the squishy sand.

**Psalm 62:2** says, "Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken"

**Concrete Question:** What does your foundation look like? What can you do to make Jesus your firm foundation?

Pray with your family.



# Day 4: God at Work-Changed

There is a lot of work that goes in to building a construction project. You have to get permits, have blueprints for the building, the site has to be cleared, you have to lay a solid foundation, and you have to have all of the right materials! If construction were an easy task it could be accomplished in an afternoon. It is pretty incredible to see what a site looks like before the construction and what it looks like afterwards. It begins with dirt and ends with a beautiful building.

**Concrete Question:** What is the biggest transformation you have ever seen?

One of the biggest transformations in the Bible is the story of Saul. Saul was a man who hunted down followers of Jesus and fought to get them killed. He hated people who followed Jesus, until Jesus came and changed everything.

Read **Acts 9:3-6**

When Saul opened his eyes he was blind and for three days he did not eat or drink anything. He traveled to Damascus and met a man named Ananias, who upon God's request, restored his sight. Saul's heart was transformed. He went from a man who tried to kill followers of Jesus, to a man who preached and told people about Jesus. His name was changed from Saul and Paul. Jesus transformed Paul's heart.

When we give our lives to Jesus, God does construction in our hearts. Have you ever given your heart to Jesus?

Pray with your family.



# Day 5: God at Work-On Schedule!

When a construction company is working for someone they give them an estimated date that they will finish their project. It is very common for construction to get delayed due to things like building problems, weather, or supplies. Everyone hopes to hear from their construction companies these words, “We are on schedule” but that doesn’t always happen. Plans change!

**Concrete Question:** Sometimes we can make plans but things still go wrong! Have you ever had a day or week when everything seemed to go wrong? How did it make you feel? Talk about it as a family.

It is easy to pout and complain when you are going through a tough time. The Bible has many stories about men and women who had hard days. Paul was one person who had many hard days throughout his lifetime! After Jesus changed Paul's heart, Paul began telling people about Jesus. He visited many towns sharing the good news, but there were people who disliked Paul's message and on many occasions he was thrown in jail. Paul would go to jail many times throughout his life because of his faith. Let's read what he said in **Philippians 1:12-14 and 18**.

Paul did not deserve to be in jail. He never committed a crime, but he knew that he was able to tell many people about Jesus because of it and that was the most important thing to him. Paul didn't pout or complain but instead he found joy in his suffering because he knew that God was still good and with him through everything.

Paul says this in **Romans 8:28** “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”

Paul knew that no matter what happened, God would be with him. Paul chose to find joy even on hard days. Through every good or bad day, Jesus wants us to rely on him and find joy in our circumstances.

What can you do to be joyful in hard times?

Pray with your family.



# RESPONSE

If your child or a family member would like someone to pray with you or speak to you about beginning a relationship with Jesus please reach out to us via email.

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