

# JESUS IS OUR CORNERSTONE

**EXPLORE:** Examine the Rock & Sand - describe its qualities. What is a rock like? What is sand like?

## READ:

*Psalm 18:2 -The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.*

## TALK:

Based on this scripture, how is the Lord like a rock?

## READ:

*Matthew 7:24-27 - "So then, everyone who hears my words and puts them into practice is like a wise man. He builds his house on the rock. The rain comes down. The water rises. The winds blow and beat against that house. But it does not fall. It is built on the rock. But everyone who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man. He builds his house on sand. The rain comes down. The water rises. The winds blow and beat against that house. And it falls with a loud crash."*

## TALK:

What happens when you are built on rock (*Jesus*)? Sand (*worldly things*)?

How might it look in my life if I was built upon the rock vs sand? (*Caring more about my identity as belong to Jesus rather than being the best sports player or good at school...etc.*)

## CREATE:

- **Make a rock!** Cut out a rock shape out of the grey paper. Put a word or prayer on it that stood out to you about Jesus being our rock. (For example Jesus is STRONG). Tape the rock to the wall.

## PRAY:

*Ephesians 2:19-20 – "Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone."*

Pray that Jesus would be the foundation of the church in the midst of our nation and during the election. That we would stand upon Him and only Him, that our house (the church) would be built on the rock.

# WORSHIP EXALTS JESUS AND DEFEATS SATAN

## READ:

*Psalm 8:2 (NIRV) - You have made sure that children and infants praise you. Their praise is a wall that stops the talk of your enemies.*

## TALK:

In this scripture, who is praising the Lord?

What does it say praise does to our enemies?

Can you think of bad things the enemy might be saying in our nation right now, that we want Jesus to stop?

## READ:

*2 Chronicles 5:12-14 - The trumpeters and musicians joined in unison to give praise and thanks to the Lord. Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals and other instruments, the singers raised their voices in praise to the Lord and sang: "He is good; his love endures forever." Then the temple of the Lord was filled with the cloud, and the priests could not perform their service because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled the temple of God.*

## CREATE:

Jesus is lifted up/magnified/exalted as we praise Him with our voices and our instruments. Talk about what it means to be lifted up? (*Hopefully pointing out that we become more aware of His presence in our lives.*)

Make your instrument of praise which will be used put up a wall the enemy and bring the glory of the Lord! We will use these in worship once we gather back together.

- **Worship Shaker:** Fill up a container with some rice. Be sure to tape the top so that the rice does not fall out, please use only 1 pre-portioned rice zip-lock. Decorate with stickers!
- **Worship streamers:** Use a pipe cleaner and 4 pieces of cloth to make a streamer. Tape streamers together and then twist the end of the pipe cleaner around the taped end of the streamers.

## PRAY:

Pray that the Lord would be lifted up by the praises of the people, especially the children! And that during this election the enemy would be stopped as the church lifts Jesus as our Lord and King.

## STATION: OUR PRAYER IMPACTS OTHERS

### READ:

*Psalm 141:2 - May my prayer be set before you like incense;  
may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice.*

### TALK:

Look at the incense – what it is doing? (*going up, giving off a fragrance to those around...*)

### READ:

*Revelation 8:4-5 (NIRV) - The smoke of the incense rose up from the angel's hand. The prayers of God's people rose up together with it. The smoke and the prayers went up in front of God. Then the angel took the gold cup and filled it with fire from the altar. He threw it down on the earth.*

### TALK:

Like incense, where to our prayers go? (*incense goes up and our prayers go up to God...*)

What happens to the prayers after they reach heaven? (*God sends the answers back to earth...*)

What things are you praying for other boys and girls? (*brainstorm some good things to pray for others. People would come to know Jesus...bad people would not hurt anyone...etc.*)

### CREATE:

- **Blow up a balloon.** Write on it your prayer or a picture about Jesus. Like balloons (and incense) our prayers go up and then they come back down to earth and often other people catch them. We trust our prayers tonight will go up to heaven and then come back down to earth and help people.

### PRAY:

Pray that Jesus would hear the prayers of all the people around the world who are praying for our nation and that He would send His answers to help His church and people on the earth.