

What's happening in the news this week?



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Let's have a look at this week's poster!

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Strong Foundations

Christian Value: Wisdom



God



Creation



Fall



People of God



Incarnation



Gospel



Salvation



Kingdom of God



UK Prime Minister, Sir Keir Starmer, has stated that building new homes is a 'top priority.' The government has announced changes to planning rules, aiming to make it easier to build homes in the countryside. Local areas have been set targets to deliver a total of 370,000 new homes each year in England.



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- **Do you enjoy building and construction? What have you built?**
- **What are the homes like in your local area? Are there any new buildings? Which homes do you like the most/least?**
- **What do you think is important to consider when building new homes, e.g., materials used, design, layout, where it is built?**



Should you be allowed to build homes anywhere?



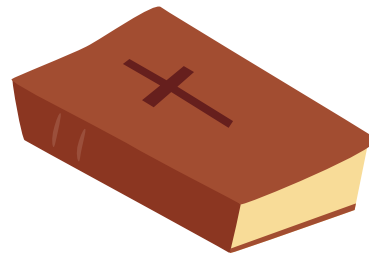


**What does the Bible
have to say?**





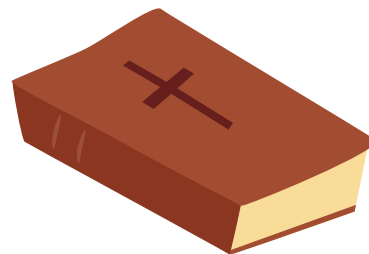
In the Bible, Jesus tells us a story about two men. They both built a house. The wise man built his on rock, whereas the foolish man built his on sand. When the storms came, the house built on sand collapsed but the house built on rock stood firm. Jesus teaches us to build our lives on strong foundations, just like we would a house. Building a foundation on our faith in God will keep us standing firm, even in times of difficulty.





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. 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. 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. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.

Matthew 7:24–27





What do others think?





“ Build a strong
foundation and you can
reach even the most
unthinkable heights. ”

M. J. Moores – author



Time to be quiet and to pray





Prayer

Dear God,

Help us to make good choices,
Help us be strong, kind and loving,
Thank you for being part of the
foundations that we build our lives
upon,
Amen



Continue thinking





Key Stage 1 class discussion

- Think about your home. Can you describe the building? What is it made from? Is it near other buildings? Are they the same or different?
- What do you like about your home? How does your home make you feel? Do you feel happy and safe? Can you relax?



Key Stage 2 class discussion

- Explain that a house's foundation isn't seen but it is very important. It supports the weight of the building and provides a flat and level space. Without it, the building may fall down. Have you ever fallen down? Were you able to get back up?
- Think about the firm foundations of your life. What or who supports you, helps you get back up if you fall and gives you strength? Family, friends, beliefs?



Democracy

Decisions about building homes can affect everyone. We can make these decisions together by learning about others' opinions and ideas through surveys, meetings, or votes.

Protected Characteristics



People of different ages have unique needs in a local area. Local areas should include something for everyone, regardless of their age, to make it a welcoming and fair place to live.





UN Rights of the Child



We all have the right to a safe place to live to help us grow and thrive. The government should help families and children who might be struggling to access housing.

