



The Parable of the Wise Builder

Background

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Let's explore this story from the Bible and learn about what God is doing through Arotahi workers in Bangladesh, as we plan to help rebuild some hostels.

The people of Bangladesh know all about surviving storms. Every year, during the rainy season, between twenty to sixty percent of the land in Bangladesh becomes flooded with water. Floods can destroy buildings and even change the shape of the land.

The people in East Bengal have also faced lots of conflict, instability and political change. The name of their country and its' borders have shifted over time as conflict and political instability has changed the shape of their land too. Despite all of this upheaval, the church of Bangladesh has survived these difficult times because Jesus is a solid foundation.

Two weeks before I wrote this, conflict broke out in Bangladesh. The Prime Minister of Bangladesh left and the Army took over running the country. Please pray for our Arotahi friends still in Bangladesh today.

To make your parable box you will need:

- A shoe box spray painted gold
- A large piece of sky blue felt, fabric or paper
- A long rectangle of darker blue felt, fabric or paper
- Two dark brown house shapes and one roof shape
- A large grey rock shape
- A large tan sand shape
- A smaller tan shape and

Pre-Story Wondering Script (skip this if you don't make the box)

I wonder if there could be a parable in this box?

Parables are very old and this box looks old.

This box is gold like treasure, parables are even more precious than gold.



It is kind of like a gift. Parables are gifts, that were given to you before you were born. They already belong to you even before you understand them.

Look it has a lid like a door. Sometimes it feels like a parable has a door that is closed, but if you keep coming back... (knock knock) eventually it will open to you.

I wonder what this is?

It is a giant blue rectangle. It's completely sky-blue. I wonder what it could be? It could be a swimming pool, or a blue screen, it might be big sheet of glass or a window.

There's another darker blue rectangle in this box. It is like a runway for an aeroplane, a river or together they are like the sea and the sky.

What could this be? It looks like a kind of boat, floating on the ocean look? These are like arrows pointing us somewhere.

Hmm I wonder what this really is?

Okay, I think we have everything we need. Are you ready?

Parable Script

Introduction

There was once someone who said such amazing things and did such wonderful things that people followed him. As they followed him, they heard him talking about a kingdom, but it was not like the kingdom they lived in. It was not like any kingdom they had visited. It was not even like any kingdom anyone had ever heard of.

One day, he climbed a hill and still the people followed. They sat down on the hillside to listen. He taught them about how to live the way of the kingdom of heaven. He said, 'Treat other people as you want to be treated. Forgive others as God forgives you. Love all people, even people who hurt you.' The people had not heard anything like this before. Finally Jesus said, 'Everyone who listens to these teachings and does them, is like a wise person.'



Then he told this parable:

“The wise person built his house on rock.

It rained hard and the water rose.

The winds blew and hit that house.

But the house did not fall,

because the house was built on rock.

But the foolish person built his house on sand.

It rained hard, the water rose,

and the winds blew and hit that house.

And the house fell with a big crash.”

I wonder what it was like building a house on rock?

I wonder what it was like building a house on sand?

I wonder how the house on rock felt when the floods came?

I wonder how the foolish person felt when his house fell down?

I wonder what part of this story you liked best?

I wonder what part is the most important?

I wonder what part of this story makes you uncomfortable?

I wonder what part of this story is for you or about you today?

I wonder what the house really is?

I wonder what the rock could be?

I wonder what this story is really about?