



FOUNDATION OF CHARACTER LESSON

MATERIALS:

- Two small drawstring bags
- Legos
- Several miscellaneous pieces of junk (broken popsicle sticks, small rocks, broken concrete pieces, twigs etc.).

PREPARATION: Fill one of the drawstring bags with legos and the other with the miscellaneous materials that you collected.

LESSON:

Ask 2 students to come to the front of the class. Hand them each one of the bags and instruct them to build a house with the materials they have in their bags. Tell them that the class will compare the different houses when they have completed building them.

Once the students have finished building, have the class discuss the comparisons of the two houses.

Remind the students that our good carefully thought out decisions are like the Legos. If we make good choices, we have a strong, healthy, safe future and life. If we make poor choices, our building materials are poor, and we end up with a shaky future that won't take more than one shake to send it toppling to the ground.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Which house do you want to live in? Why?
- How can you make choices that will result in a strong foundation for yourself?
- What part does your character play in building your foundation?
- What does it mean when we say we should have a good character?
- What are some ways we can start right now to build a strong foundation for ourselves?
- How can you improve your character foundation?