



# SUMMERTIME FAMILY DEVOTIONAL FOR THE WEEK OF 06/07/20

## ROCK SOLID

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SCRIPTURE PASSAGES: JUDE 1:20-21, 1 SAMUEL 2:2

BIG IDEA: JESUS PIECES US BACK TOGETHER AND MAKES OUR FOUNDATION SOLID.

## ACTIVITY - ROCK PHOTO

### IDEAS FOR FOUNDATION:

(BUILD OR BUY AS BIG OR AS LITTLE AS YOU WANT)

- SHADOW BOX
- FRAMED CANVAS
- PICTURE FRAME (REMOVE GLASS)
- BUILD THE FRAME YOURSELF (PARENTS, THIS IS WHERE YOU COME IN!)
  - LUMBER (FRAME)
  - PLYWOOD (BACK OF FRAME)
  - CIRCULAR SAW
  - NAIL GUN
  - SCREWS
  - WOOD GLUE
  - STAIN

EXAMPLE OF BUILDING A FRAME:

<https://www.homedepot.com/c/ah/how-to-build-a-picture-frame/9ba683603be9fa5395fab90c1db57836>

### SUPPLIES:

- ROCKS IN ALL SHAPES AND SIZES (PRO TIP - FLAT ROCKS WORK THE BEST)
- PAINT
- PAINT BRUSHES
- WATER CUP FOR CLEANING OFF PAINT BRUSHES
- HOT GLUE + GLUE GUN (PARENTS, THIS IS WHERE YOU COME IN!)
- PAPER (OPTIONAL)
- MARKERS (OPTIONAL)
- STICKS (OPTIONAL)
- VINYL STICKERS (OPTIONAL)
- PICTURE FRAME (OPTIONAL)
- EMBELLISHMENTS (OPTIONAL)
- PLASTIC GLOVES (OPTIONAL FOR MESSY PAINTERS)

READ NEXT PAGE FOR INFO ON OUR FREE GIFT TO YOU!

**COST: IF NOT BUILDING YOUR FOUNDATION FRAME, A SHADOW BOX COMES IN MANY DIFFERENT SIZES AND MULTIPACKS. YOU CAN GENERALLY GET A 3-PACK 8 IN. X 8 IN. SHADOW BOX SET FOR ABOUT \$15.00 AT A CRAFT STORE. GREAT PURCHASE IF YOU HAVE MULTIPLE KIDS! THAT IS ONLY \$5.00 PER SHADOW BOX PER CHILD. AVOID EXPENSIVE SUPPLIES! THE TOTAL COST FOR THIS PROJECT SHOULD BE BETWEEN \$10-\$25 DEPENDING HOW BIG OR ELABORATE YOUR DISPLAY IS.**





**NEED A HAND? STOP BY THE CHURCH THIS WEEK, M-F FROM 9 AM - 4 PM, TO PICK UP A FREE 8"X8" SHADOWBOX IN BLACK, BROWN, OR WHITE, WHILE SUPPLIES LAST! CALL OR EMAIL IF CURIOUS ABOUT STOCK | 4407799484 - ADAM@NOEFC.ORG**

# INSTRUCTIONS:

1) Think of an image of what you want to have in your box. Do you want a portrait of your family? How about a heart? Maybe a cross? Perhaps angel wings? Draw on a piece of paper what you would like your rock project to have.

2) Go out on an adventure with your family to find the most perfect rocks and sticks best suited for your project. Just remember not to take anything from private property or the Metroparks.

3) When you have all your rock, sticks, and extras, plan the best way to shape your rocks based on how big your design will be. Think creatively. A rock or stick in one place might be better somewhere else.

4) Once you have your design of rocks ready to roll (get it?), decorate your shadow box, canvas, or picture frame with paint, embellishments, and other various items that would look great on your display. You can paint the background blue with a rainbow or maybe cut a flower using construction paper. If you have an old Hawaiian lei collecting dust, maybe you can use some of those flowers. Don't like the color but like the beauty of a wood frame? Stain it! There are many possibilities!

5) Once your shadow box, canvas, or frame is dried and decorated, parents, your kids need your help! Grab your hot glue and glue the rocks, stick, flowers, and any embellishments to your foundation. Press each rock down for about 10 seconds for it to hold to the foundation. Hot glue is, well, hot, so don't let the kids do this part. Let the glue dry for at least 2 hours.

6) Test the rocks, stick, flowers, and any embellishments to make sure they are sticking. If they feel wobbly at all, repeat step 5.

7) Display your work of art anywhere!



# DEVOTIONAL:

**Do:** Open your Bibles to Jude 1:20-21 and 1 Samuel 2:2

**Read:** Jude 1:20-21

**Say:** This passage in the Bible says we are to “build” our lives on the “foundation” of the most holy faith.

**Ask:** What do you think that means? What is building a foundation?

**Allow Responses...**

(A foundation is the support that a building or house stands on. It keeps it from falling down.)

**Ask:** Because we have a foundation in Christ, does this mean that our foundation will always be solid? What happens if our foundation is cracked with, let's say, sin? How will we overcome this? What happens to our “cracked foundation?”

**Allow Responses...**

(When our foundation is weak, it can make us, as a whole weak. We need a strong faith to stand on.)

**Ask:** When building a spiritual foundation, what things should we do and practice as a church and as a family?

**Allow Responses...**

(Build foundation with prayer, devoting yourself by the love of God, being obedient and staying alert for the return of Jesus. By doing this, we will remain solid and faithful. God's grace demands a whole-life response.)

**Read:** 1 Samuel 2:2

**Say:** In this passage, Hannah prayed, “There is no one holy like the Lord; there is no one besides you' there is no Rock like our God.”

**Ask:** What does it mean comparing God to a rock?

**Allow Responses...**

(Solid rock formations cannot be moved, just like God cannot be moved. There is nothing too big or small for Jesus to handle, which should encourage us. Also, a foundation of rock is much stronger than any other kind of foundation.)

**Ask:** Do you think if we carried something really heavy for a long time that our bodies will get tired? Our bodies would break if we were to carry something for that long. Just like the rocks in your design, those rocks were broken off a solid foundation. What happens when our rocks, or our foundations, break?

**Allow Responses...**

(Our lives become a big mess! We need Jesus to help us carry those rocks and put our pieces [lives] back together)

**Ask:** Rocks have more of a purpose than you think. Can you name any other things or items that might come from rocks? Think about the items in or around our house. Can you list anything that might have been created or made from a rock?

**Allow Responses...**

(Gemstones, roads, bricks, soda cans, light bulbs, floor tile, drinking glass....etc.)

**Ask:** Much like the rocks you see every day, we are broken as well. How would you ask Jesus for help?

**Allow Responses...**

## Family Prayer

Father, we thank You for being our “rock”. Just like the broken rocks we are, we ask that You help us carry the bits and pieces of our lives. We pray You help us fix what's broken. We pray for Your mercy and grace to be the glue we need to remain in Your presence. We would crumble without You. We also pray that You help fix the broken within our church, our neighborhood, our state, our country, and the world. Lord, we believe that You can and will move mountains. Jesus, we ask that our eyes remain fixed on You so that we can seek refuge in your shelter. May Your Holy Spirit guide us to appreciate what You have provided for us, even if it is “just a rock.” We thank You for Your strength and Your love for us. In Your precious name we pray, AMEN.