

Theme

Introducing the 5 Targets of RLC: Being, Forgiving, Serving, Giving, Going

Pequea Kids' 40-Day Memory Verse

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. **Matthew 7:24 (ALL CAPS = preschool portion)**

This Week's Lesson Comes From

"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**

Big Idea

Why are the red letters of Jesus important?

Dear Parents:

In the Red Letter Challenge, we are committing to putting the words of Jesus into practice for the next five weeks. Those five weeks are divided into five themes: Being, Forgiving, Serving, Giving, and Going. Each week we will have different ideas and ways that your child(ren) can try to put Jesus' words into practice.

- **BEING:** So many times Jesus talks about the importance of spending time and just being with Him. Before he invites us to do things for Him, through Him, in His name, he invites us into a relationship. Our relationship with Him will determine how effective we are at actually doing the things He asks.
- **FORGIVING:** Jesus is all about 'dat grace. So many of us struggle with receiving God's forgiveness, forgiving ourselves, or forgiving others. To truly represent Jesus in this world, we have a great understand of God's grace in our lives and extend that grace to others.
- **SERVING:** After spending time being with Him, and receiving His forgiveness, now we are so motivated. After all that He's done for me, I want to serve Him. I want to get out into the community, help those in need, love my neighbors, etc.
- **GIVING:** Jesus talked about the Kingdom of heaven more than anything else. A close second was money. I've found through the words of Jesus it's impossible to be a stingy Christian. Jesus followers are generous.
- **GOING:** It's no coincidence that many of Jesus' last words in each of the Gospels and even the last command He says in the book of Acts centers on the fact that we as Jesus followers must not just be His hands and feet in the community, but also His mouthpiece. We are to go out there and tell the Good News that this same Jesus that has died on the cross for my sins and forgiven what I've done has done the same for everyone

If following along in the kids' devotional book, *Red Letter Challenge Kids* by Zach and Allison Zehnder (available on Amazon), you will want to complete pages through pg. 32 before Sunday. Each section starts on Sundays from here on.

Visit pequeachurch.com/kids to listen to an audio recording of "The Winds of Redvale", a fantasy story found in the Red Letter Kids devotional that goes with today's lesson.

