

# Cornerstone Connection Activity

## Step 1: Gather Materials

- Small blocks for building
- Blindfolds for one member in each team of 2-4 kids

## Step 2: Initial Discussion

1. Gather the kids around.
2. Explain the architectural role of a cornerstone as the first and most essential part of a building.
3. Discuss its symbolic role in the Bible, particularly Matthew 21:42.

## Step 3: Divide into Groups

1. Split the kids into teams of 2-4.
2. Hand out the building blocks to each team.
3. Assign one blindfold to each group.

## Step 4: Building Phase

1. Blindfold one member of each team.
2. Set a timer for 10 minutes.
3. Instruct the non-blindfolded members to verbally guide the blindfolded builder.
4. Emphasize the cornerstone's role in creating a stable structure.

## Step 5: Evaluation

1. Stop the timer.
2. Review each structure for stability and proper cornerstone placement.
3. Discuss the team's communication and teamwork skills.

## Step 6: Wrap-Up Discussion

1. Re-gather the kids.
2. Link the activity's cornerstone concept to Matthew 21:33-43.
3. Discuss the importance of trust and communication in building both a physical structure and understanding the biblical parable.

Follow these steps, and you'll not only teach kids about the importance of cornerstones but also skills like teamwork, trust, and communication.

## Variations for Cornerstone Connection Activity

If you're looking to mix things up or adapt the activity for different settings or age groups, here are some variations:

<https://young-catholics.com/53737/cornerstone-connection-activity/>

## Time Constraints

1. Speed Building: Reduce the building phase to 5 minutes for a more fast-paced activity.
2. Extended Time: Increase to 20 minutes for more intricate structures.

## Team Dynamics

1. Rotating Builder: After every 2 minutes, switch the blindfold to another team member.
2. Dual Builders: Have two blindfolded builders per team, emphasizing even more communication.

## Complexity

1. Design Requirements: Give each team a specific structure they must attempt to replicate.
2. Level Up: Add different kinds of building materials like straws or toothpicks.

## Thematic Variations

1. Historical Cornerstones: Discuss cornerstone examples from famous buildings or historical events.
2. Modern Application: Talk about cornerstones in modern contexts, such as businesses or communities.

## Evaluation

1. Peer Review: Let teams evaluate each other's structures and teamwork.
2. Scoring System: Introduce a point system based on stability, height, and cornerstone placement.

Feel free to combine these variations or come up with your own to keep Cornerstone Connection fresh and adaptable to your group's needs.

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