



## 1. As pupils enter

Play your chosen music and display the question: **Does anyone have any words of wisdom to share?**

## 2. Introduction

Ask the children what the question means. What are 'words of wisdom'? Can the children share any examples - eg 'Never talk to strangers' / 'You can only try your best' / 'Treat others as you wish to be treated'. Explain that today the assembly will be thinking about wisdom and that in the story the children are about to watch they will find out about two people and the very different choices they made. It's a story that Jesus told. As they watch, ask the children to think about *why* Jesus told this story.

## 3. Play the video

The duration is 3' 20" and the final words are: 'We'll see you again soon Treasure Champs!'

## 4. After the video - Time to talk

Lead a short discussion about the story by asking these questions:

- Who took longer to build their house? Why?
- Who would you say invested more in their house?
- What might happen if you rush a decision?
- I wonder what this story teaches people. What do you think?

## 5. Opportunity to sing

An opportunity to sing your chosen song.

## 6. Opportunity to reflect

*Close your eyes for a moment...*

*Think about a time when you have had to make a decision. Did you go for the quick answer? Or did you take time to think your answer through? I wonder which you find easier to do.*

*Think about the story of wise and foolish builders. Imagine yourself rushing to make a quick decision. Now picture yourself planning, using your knowledge and taking time to think, next time you have to make a decision. I wonder which feels better to you?*

*Next time you have to make a decision, remember to plan and take time so that you make a wise decision.*



## 7. Opportunity for prayer

Begin with your usual form of address ('Dear God', 'Let us pray', etc) and:

*Thank you for the story of the wise and foolish builders that teaches us the value of wisdom.*

*When we have decisions to make, help us not to be pressured into rushing our answer.*

*Remind us of the importance of stopping, praying, thinking and using our knowledge to help us make the best decision we can.*

*Thank you that you are God of the big and the small and all our decisions matter to you.*

*May we use the gifts we have been given wisely and for the benefit of all.*

*Amen.*