

National Youth Sunday 2022

Foundational (Colossians 2: 5-7)

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The theme for this year's National Youth Conference and Youth Sunday is all based on Foundations. Can you think of some examples of foundations? Think of some things that are strong and sturdy. *(Let kids answer)* How about roots, they are foundations for trees. What about bricks, they are foundations for buildings. And anchors, they hold boats still in the ocean. So, what can be an anchor in our lives? What can we always depend on to hold us steady and strong? *(Let kids answer)* That's right, God! God will always be there for us to keep us grounded and be our foundation.

(Start building a tower with blocks that aren't steady, or use Jenga type blocks stacking with one per layer to make the tower unsteady.) What do you think would happen if we depended on things like money, fame, and even other people to be our foundation? *(Let kids answer, pause, then knock the tower over very easily)* That's right, we won't stand very strong without God to hold us steady. *(Build a strong tower, or use Jenga type blocks with three per layer to make it steady)* Now what do you think happens when we trust God to be our foundation? *(Let kids answer, pause, then push on the tower but don't let it fall)* Right again, we will stand tall and strong even when we get pushed around by things that happen in our lives.

Let's pray *(pause)*: God, please be with these children as they go throughout their lives this week and help them to be grounded against anything that tries to knock them down. And help them to see You working every day to be their strong foundation. AMEN