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Title: God in the Center

Theme: Our lives will be a success if we keep God at the center.

Object: Level. Picture of crooked man poem.

Text: Matthew 6:33 (NKJV) But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

This is part of the sermon on the mount where Jesus was telling His disciples not to worry about tomorrow.

He told them that the most important thing is to put God first and live the way He wants you to.

If you do that, God will make sure you have everything you need to succeed.

If you put God first and live by the Bible, He will take care of you.

Do you remember a few weeks ago when I brought in my plum bob and my plum line.

A plum line helps you make sure you are building the wall straight up and down.

And straight walls are much stronger than crooked walls.

If you build a crooked wall, it is much easier for your house to fall down.

Do you remember the poem about the crooked man? [Show picture and recite.]

Now we don’t want to build our house like the crooked man.

We want to build it straight up and down and level from side to side.

So I brought another tool with me this morning. It’s called a level.

[Explain how it works. Measure a few things to see if they are vertical or level.]

So when we use a level, we want to make sure the bubble is always right in the middle.

Then we can be sure that what we are building will be level and vertical.

Just like we need to keep the bubble in the center if we want to be a successful builder, Jesus said we need to keep God at the center if we want to be successful Christians.

There are a lot of people that think they can build their lives any old way they want.

They don’t want to keep Jesus at the center; they think they can build it better themselves.

And they’re building a crooked house!

It’s like the story that Jesus told of the foolish man that built his house on the sand.

The rain came down, and the floods came up, and the winds blew, and what happened to that house?

Yes! The sand shifted, and the house got all crooked, and it came down with a crash.

Do we want to build our house on sand? No!!

We want to build on the rock of Jesus and on His word, the Bible.

We want to keep Jesus at the center, and He promises to make a success of our lives.

How many want to make Jesus the rock and keep Him at the center of our lives?