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PSALM 127 KJV

¹ Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain. ² It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he giveth his beloved sleep. ³ Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. ⁴ As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. ⁵ Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.

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WHEN THE LORD BUILDS THE HOUSE

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote, “Without God, our efforts turn to ashes and our sunrises into darkest nights” (The Measure of a Man, 1959). His words echo the truth in Psalm 127: anything we try to build without the Lord will not last.

The psalmist reminds us that our work alone cannot create a strong home or family. “Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it.” (v.1) The construction of the Christian home begins with placing God at the center. When we allow the Lord to guide our homes, He provides the peace, protection, and rest that our efforts cannot give.

The psalm also reminds us that children are a blessing from God. “Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord.” (v.3) As arrows in the hand of a warrior, children must be guided with faith, wisdom, and love so they can grow strong and stand with confidence in the world.

We must remember that the faith that builds houses and families is not built in a day. We have to trust God’s blueprint for our lives.

HOW ARE YOU INVITING GOD TO BUILD AND GUIDE YOUR HOME AND FAMILY TODAY?

Every tool, idea and resource is given to us by God. The praise belongs to Him, and Him alone. We are grateful for shelter, protection, provision, and the blessing of family. When God builds the House, our homes become places where devotion grows, and future generations are strengthened.



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR

APRIL 19, 2026

SUNDAY SCHOOL TITLE

THE BEAUTY OF DEPENDENCE

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCRIPTURE

Mark 9:36–37, 42;
10:13–16

MAIN THOUGHT

Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.
Mark 10:15, KJV

CLOSING PRAYER

Our Father, who art in Heaven, we thank You for building our homes and guiding of families. We praise You as the Giver of all good and perfect gifts. Help us place You first each day. In Jesus’ name, Amen.