

The Wise and Foolish Builders

5+ lesson pack



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Introduction

This week, we are focusing on the parable Jesus taught during his Sermon on the Mount. Our Bible text is found in Matthew 7:24-29.

Some of the main points we will think about are:

1. The Bible is the only firm foundation for our lives.
2. We must listen to and obey Jesus.
3. We will have difficult times. (The same storm hit both houses).

Lesson Guide

Begin by asking your children about their favourite story book. Ask them to explain what happens in the story. Try to help them think about any lessons that the book teaches us. Share how Jesus often told parables to His listeners. Explain that a parable is a simple story which explains a deeper spiritual truth.

Read through the parable from Matthew 7:24-29 and ask your children to explain the story to you. What was different between the two houses? Which house survived the storm?

To reinforce the story, find a plastic tub or storage box. Place a big rock or brick inside the box on one side, and next to that, build a small mound of sand. Next, place a small box or object on the rock and the sand to represent houses. Allow your child to start pouring in water to the box. They will quickly see the sand melt away into the water.

Explain that Jesus told this parable, because people were listening to Him teach but not doing what He taught. Ask your child what they think it means to put Jesus' words into practice? Give examples of times you ask them to obey you because you love them and want to protect them.

Play a game of wise or foolish choices. Give your child some options and ask them to stand up if it's a wise choice (obeying Jesus) or sit down if it's a foolish choice. Ask them to think about things which honour Jesus.

For example:

| Wise Choice | Foolish Choice |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| Praying for someone | Hit someone who is nasty to you |
| Giving to the needy | Stealing something you want |
| Saying thank you | Calling someone bad names. |

Show how the storm hit both the wise man's and the foolish man's house. Remind your child that even when we trust and obey Jesus, we will have difficult days. However, by trusting in Him and obeying His words, we will always remain safe in God and be ready for the storm.

Remind your children that God is good and wants what is best for them. He asks us to obey the Bible, it is because He loves us and wants to keep us safe. Try to find some safety warning around your home or church and talk about whether it would be wise or foolish to ignore them.

Pray together and ask God to help you build your life on the Rock and to obey Him.

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Jesus taught the people many things during His sermon on the mount.

He gives many instructions on how to live, how to please God and how to treat others.

Jesus finished His sermon with a parable.

A parable is simple story to provide an important lesson.

Jesus said, “Everyone who hears these words of mine and does them, is like a wise man who built his house on a rock. The rain came down, the floodwaters rose, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it didn’t fall, for it was safe on the rock.



But everyone who hears these words of mine and doesn't do them is like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. The rain came down, the floods came up, and the winds blew and beat on that house. That house was not safe and it collapsed with a mighty crash."



Jesus wanted the crowd to understand, it wasn't only important to listen to Jesus, but to put His words in practice.

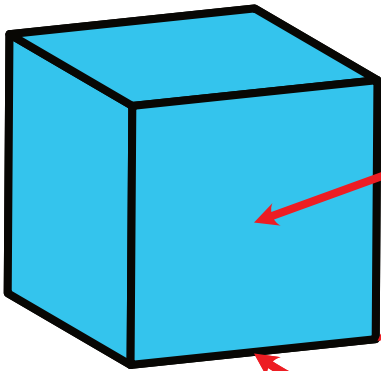
When Jesus had finished saying these things, the multitudes were astonished at His teaching.

They recognised that Jesus taught them with authority, and not like the scribes.



Build these 3D shapes using pop-sticks and sticky tack

Cube

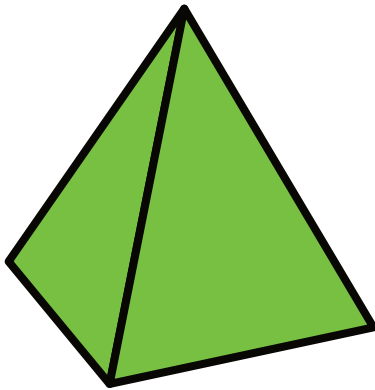


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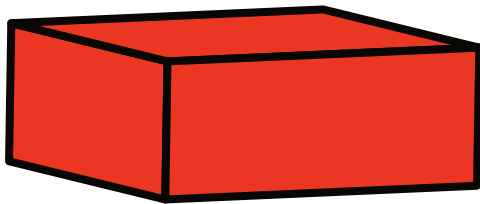


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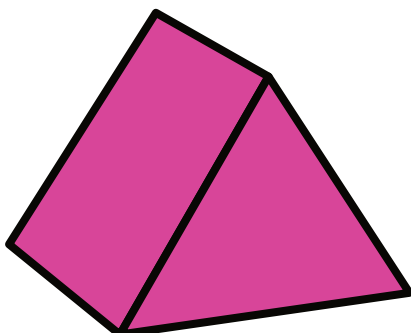


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Wise

Foolish

Parable

Floods

Rain

House

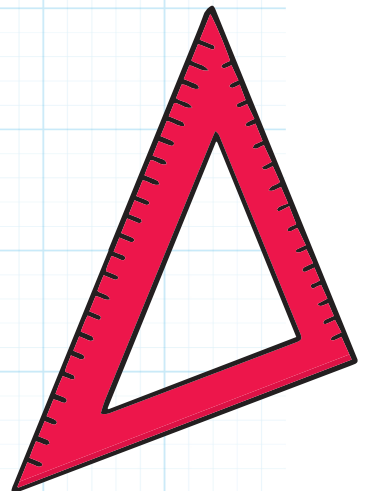
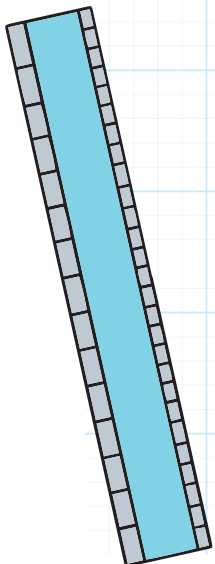
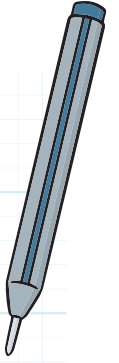
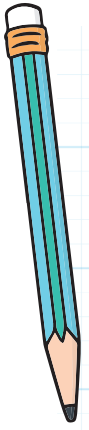
Wind

Fall

Sand

Rock

Design your dream home



Find 10 Differences



Games and Activities

Knock them down

Give each player or team a set of plastic cups or building blocks.

Everyone should space out from other players.

First players build a tower of their choice.

When finished, give each team a soft ball.

They should try to knock over the other towers.

The last remaining tower wins.



Cup Pyramid relay

Play as teams or individuals. Place some plastic or paper cups on the opposite side of the room to the children. The child should then run to collect the cups one by one and build a tower.

If you want to make the game more difficult. Add the rule that if the tower falls, all fallen cups must return to the start. First team or player to finish wins.

Captain's Order

Choose one player to be the captain. All other players line up single file, facing the captain.

The captain shouts out orders such as:

Hit the deck: lay on your stomach

Clear the deck: everyone must have their feet off the floor

Salute: stand to attention and salute

Climb the rigging: pretend to climb a rope.

Bow – everyone races to the front of the room.

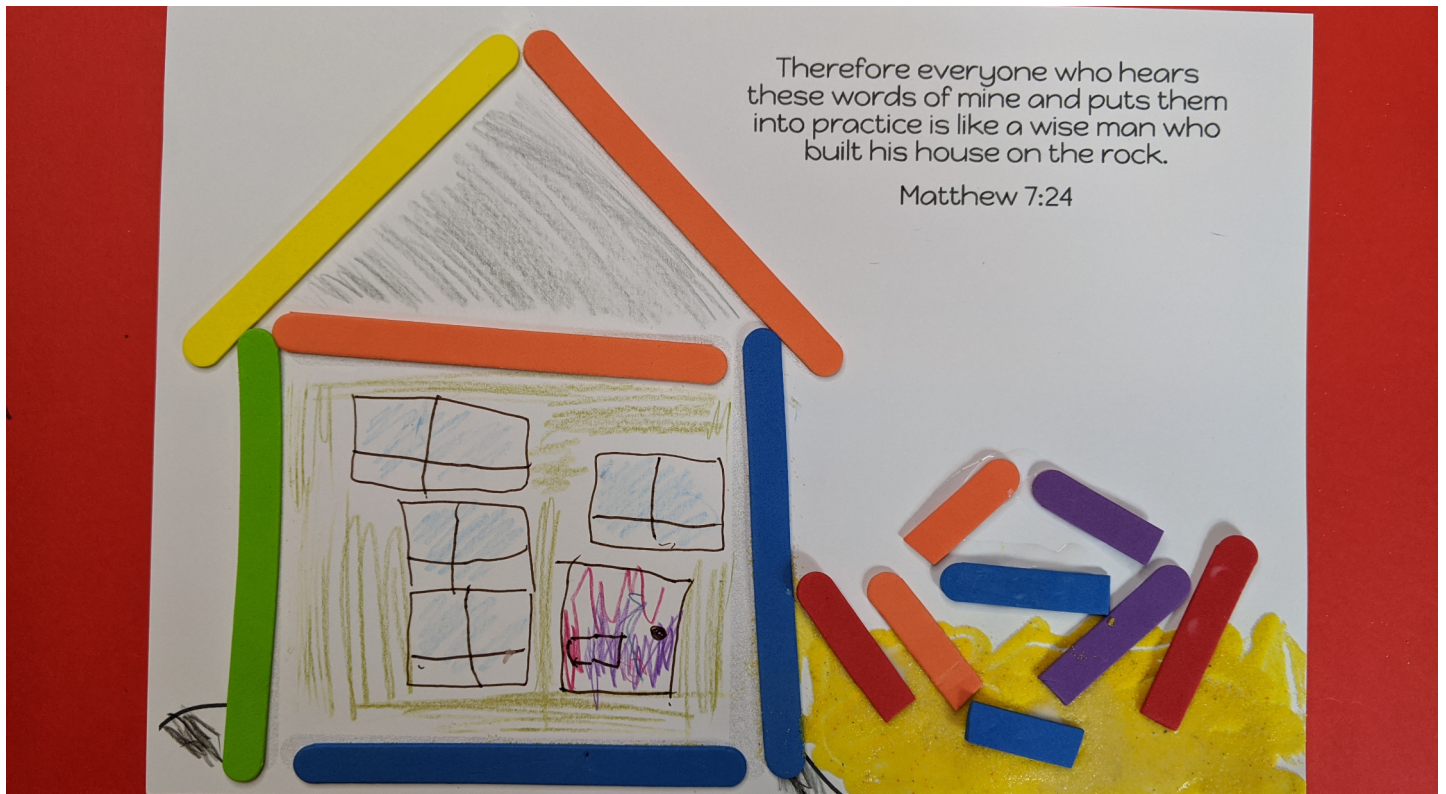
Stern – everyone races to the back of the room.

Starboard – everyone races to the right of the room.

Port – everyone races to the left of the room.



Two Houses craft



What you need:

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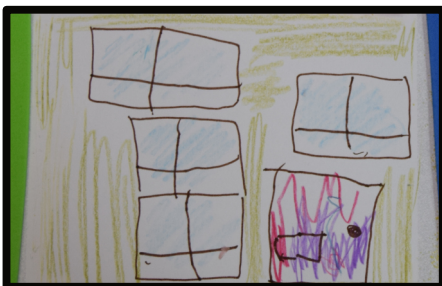
Lollipop sticks

PVA Glue

Play sand

Colouring Pencils

What to do:



Colour the template page



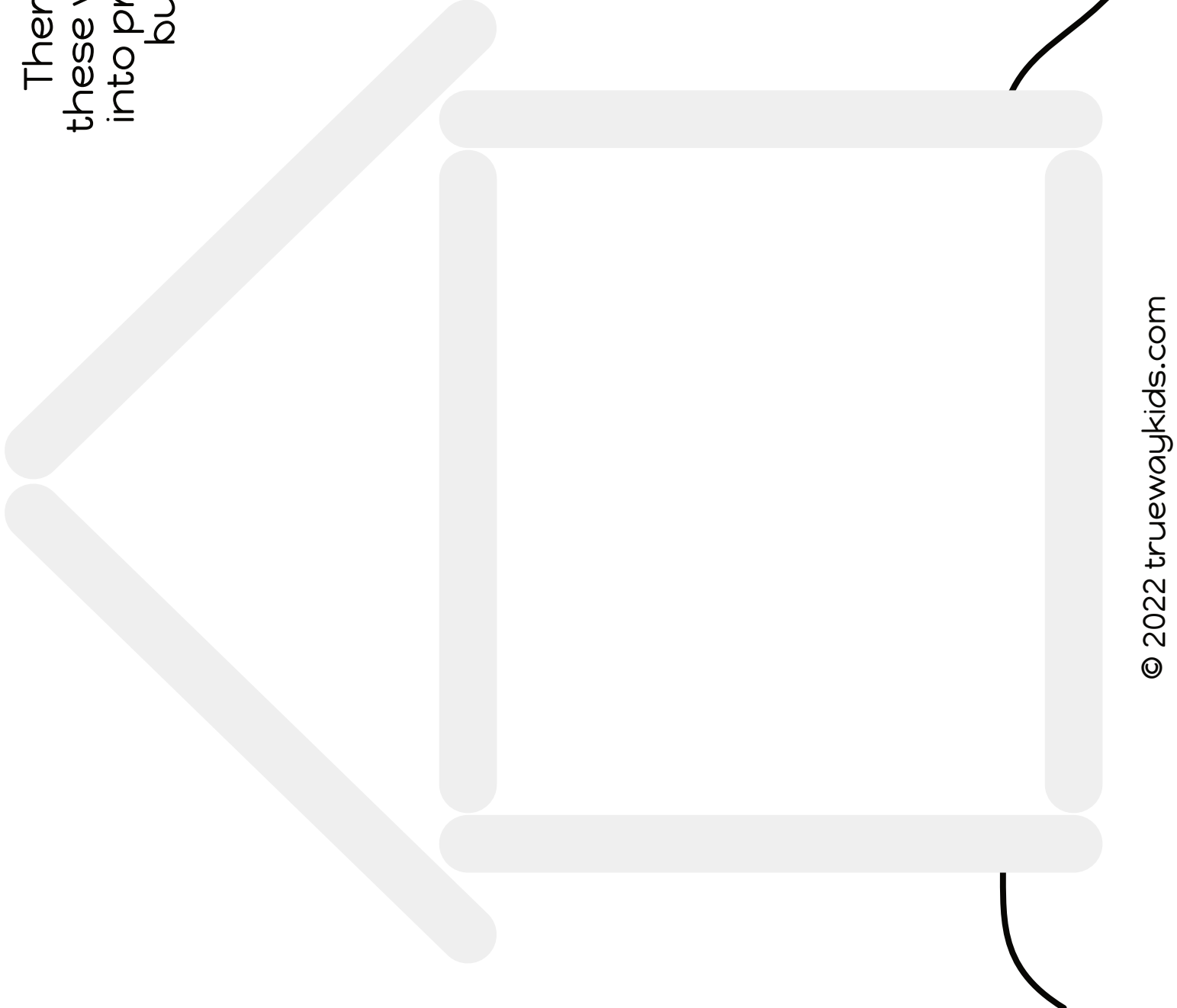
Glue on Lollipop sticks

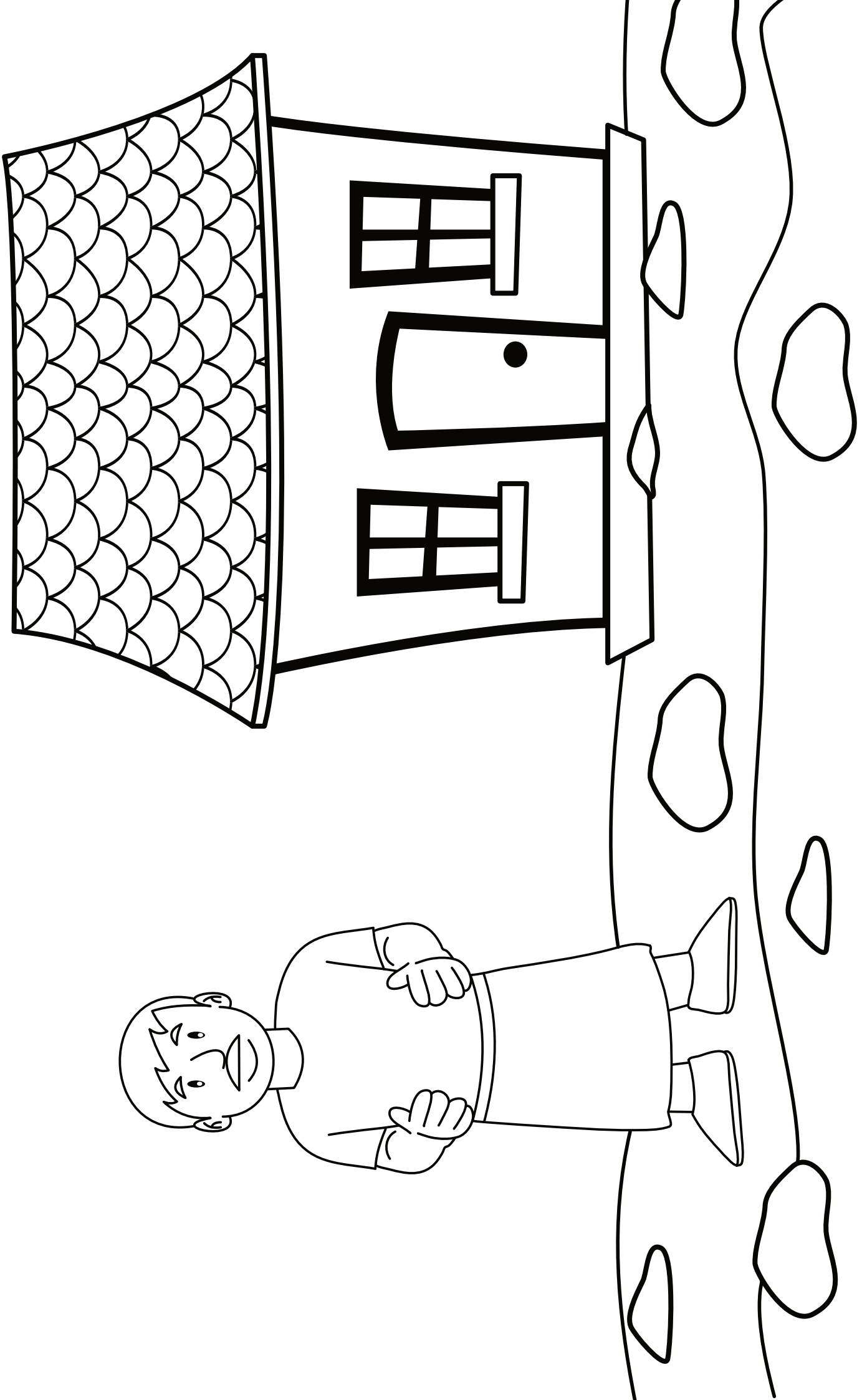


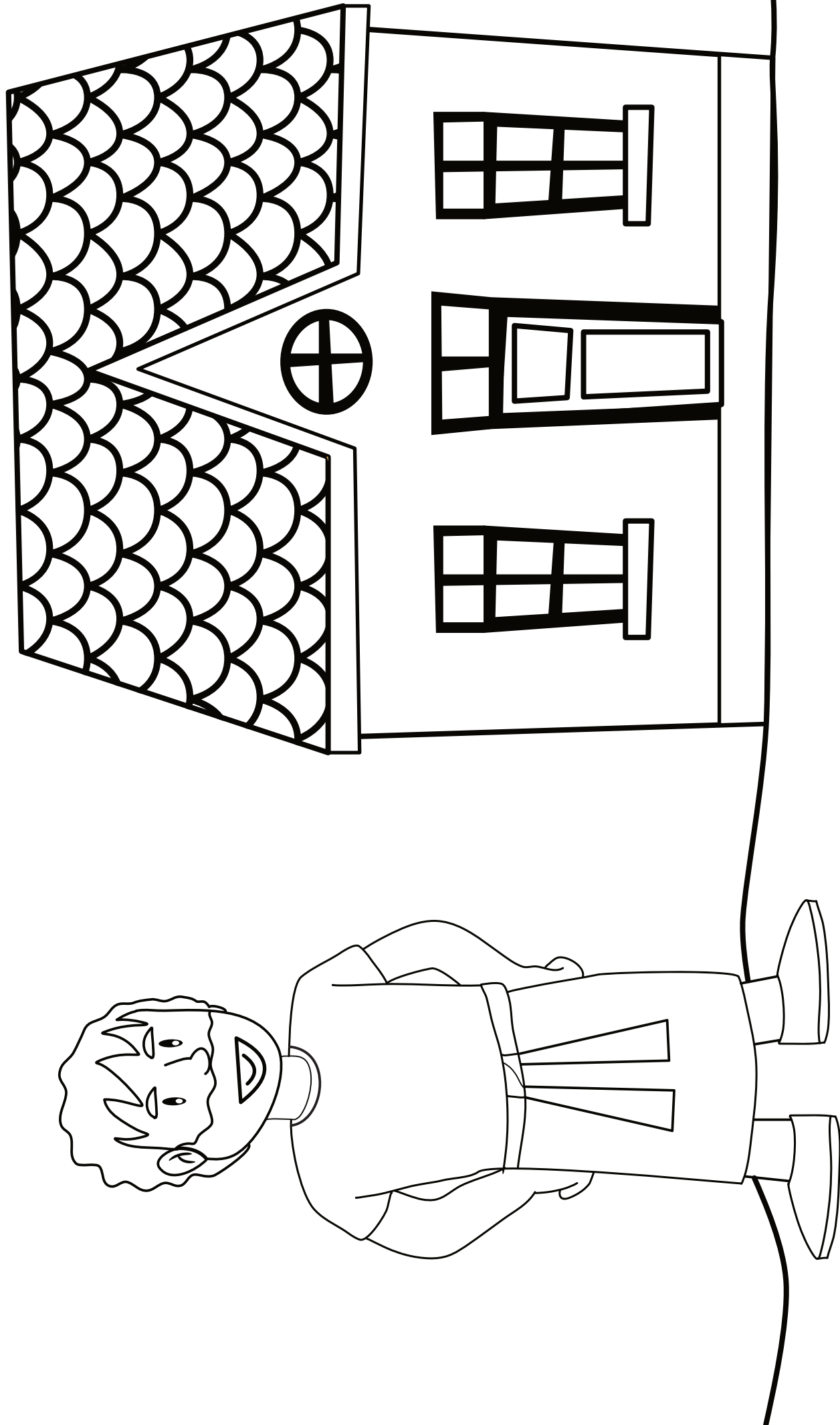
Glue over sandy area, sprinkle on play sand. Shake off excess.

Therefore everyone who hears
these words of mine and puts them
into practice is like a wise man who
built his house on the rock.

Matthew 7:24









Worship Time

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The Wise Man Built His House Upon the Rock

<https://youtu.be/zAjEjxX-DhA>

JumpStart3 - Matthew 7:24-25

<https://youtu.be/a8p56i3S2SM>

Listen and Obey

<https://youtu.be/LgewIAF-AU>



Prayer Time

Thank God for giving us the Bible and teaching us how to live.

Ask Him to help you obey Him and to trust Him in difficult times.

Next Week

Jesus calms the storm

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