



Two kinds of builders

Jesus once told a story to help His disciples understand an important lesson. The story was about two kinds of builders who each built a house.

Now, when you build a house, you build it on a foundation. It is the part underneath the house that you cannot see, but which helps keep the house upright and strong.

Jesus said that everyone who listens to God's words and obeys them is like a wise man who builds a strong house. The wise man built his house on a rock. A big storm came. It rained hard and the winds blew and hit that house. But the house did not fall, because it was built on rock.

Everyone who does not listen to God's words or obey them is like a foolish man who builds a weak house. The foolish man built his house on sand. A big storm came. It rained hard and the winds blew and hit that house. Then the house fell down with a big CRASH!

Jesus told this story to explain an important lesson. Everyone who trusts and obeys God will be able to stand firm even in difficult times. But everyone who does not obey God will have a weak foundation. They will fall flat, like the foolish man's house, when difficult times come.

(Matthew 7:24-29)

1. Opening

Have you ever built a sandcastle on the beach? How strong was your castle? Did the ocean waves wash it away?

Today we will hear about two builders who built two different types of houses. One washed away and the other stood strong. Let's read the story.

2. Discovery

Can you remember the story that you heard yesterday?

Yes, we talked about how those who obey Jesus' words are like a wise man who builds a strong house. Let's read the story again.

What is your favourite part of the story?
 What was one thing that surprised you in the story?
 Which house in the picture is the foolish man's house?
 And which one is the wise man's house?

3. Retell

Can you tell me what happened in our story yesterday? (Ask leading questions and guide the child using the picture and story.)

What did the wise man build his house on? Did it stand strong after the storm?
 What did the foolish man build his house on? Did it fall down?

4. Value

This week we have been learning about the wise and foolish builders.

What happened to the wise man's house when the wind and the rain came?
 What will happen when we trust in Jesus and obey His words?

We can stand strong when we choose to trust and obey Jesus. How can you trust in Jesus and obey His words?

5. Activity

When we choose to trust in Jesus and obey His words, we will stand strong just like the wise man's house.

What are some of the things that Jesus wants us to obey?

Today we are going to draw a picture of a house that will stand strong in a storm!

(Pass out paper and crayons and have the children draw a picture of a house that will stand strong in a storm. Encourage them to draw themselves in the house. Talk about how we can stand strong when we trust in God and obey Him.)



Construction: Houses, buildings and bridges



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Make good choices