

THE WISE AND FOOLISH BUILDERS

Matthew 7:24-29

Matthew 7

²⁴“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.

²⁵The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. ²⁶But

everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a

foolish man who built his house on sand.

²⁷The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

²⁸When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, ²⁹because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) What happened to the man's house that was built on the sand?
5		2.) What happened to the man's house that was built on the rock?
5		3.) Who is our "rock"?
5		4.) Why do you think we should build our lives on Jesus?

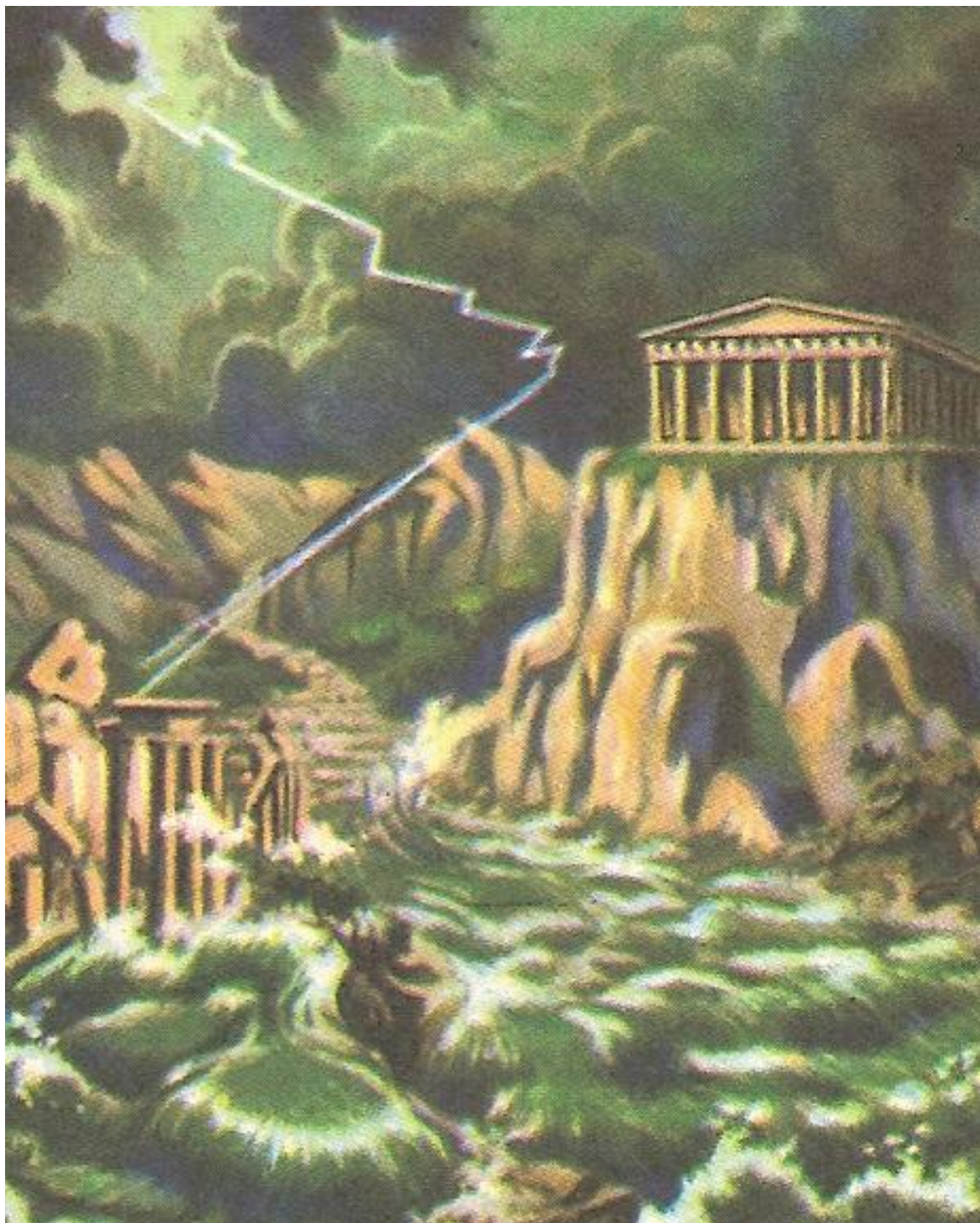
POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		<p>“The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Psalm 18:2</p>

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ___/___/___

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The wise builder looks for a solid rock to build his house on

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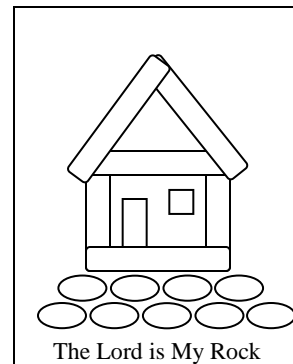
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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: A HOUSE ON THE ROCKS

Students will make pictures of houses built on rocks to remind them that wise men build their houses/lives on solid foundations.

MATERIALS

1. 9" x 12" Blue Construction Paper
2. Dry Lima Beans
3. Popsicle Sticks
4. Crayons, Markers, or Colored Pencils
5. Glue



DIRECTIONS

1. Pass out six Popsicle sticks and one piece of blue construction paper to each student.
2. Place a small pile of dry lima beans in front students to use as rocks.
3. Have students glue their six Popsicle sticks onto the blue construction paper to make a house.
4. Using crayons, markers, or colored pencils, students may draw doors and windows in their house.
5. Allow students to glue "rocks" underneath their house to provide a firm foundation.
6. Have students write "The Lord is My Rock" on their papers.

FOR DISCUSSION

As students are working on their houses, remind them that this parable illustrates that God is our rock. We must build our lives on him or when the storms of life come, our lives will begin to crumble.

TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 20 minutes

MEMORY VERSE

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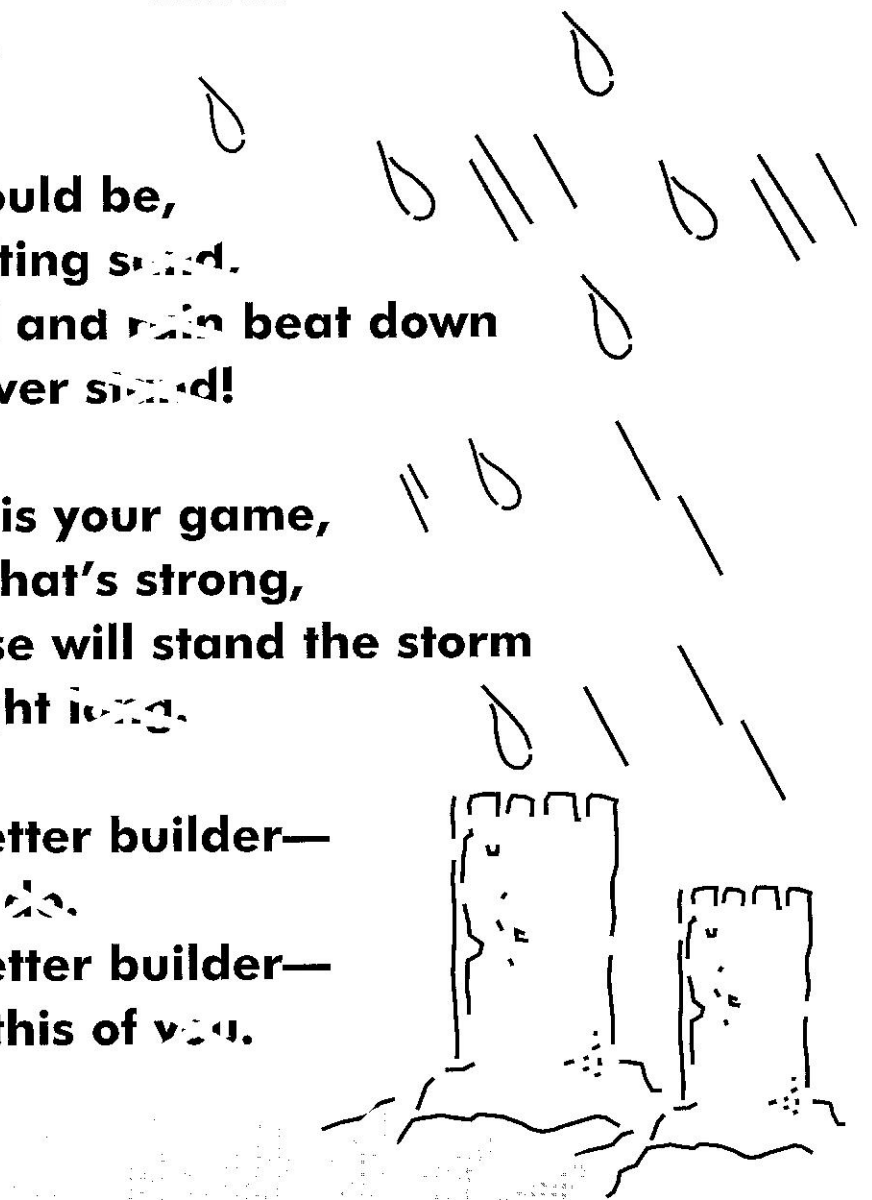
The printer is running out of ink! Use a pencil to fix the letters that aren't all there, and you will have a rhyming reminder of this Bible story. Look in Matthew 7:24-29 if you need help.

Be a Builder

If a builder you would be,
Don't build on shifting sand.
For when the wind and rain beat down
Your house will never stand!

But if construction is your game,
Build on the rock that's strong,
For then your house will stand the storm
All day and all night long.

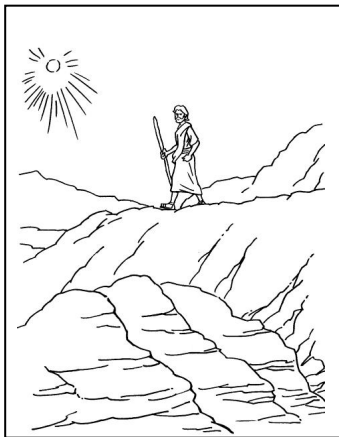
Be a builder—a better builder—
In all you say and do.
Be a builder—a better builder—
For the Lord asks this of you.



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A SPECIAL REPORT ON MATTHEW 7:24-29

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Jesus said, “Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on a rock.

When the rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, it did not fall.” It was built on rock. Rock is a solid foundation. Jesus is like a rock. We can build our lives on him. When bad things happen in our lives, we will not be shaken because Jesus holds us up.

Jesus then spoke about a foolish man who built his house on sand. When the rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, it fell with a great crash. This house was built on a bad foundation. When we build our lives on anything other than Jesus, our lives will not stand up to troubles.

For additional details about this story, please read Matthew 7:24-29 in your Bible.

QUESTIONS

1. What happened to the man’s house that was built on sand?
2. What happened to the man’s house that was built on the rock?
3. Who is our “rock”?
4. Why do you think we should build our lives on Jesus?

MEMORY VERSE

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