

The House on the Rock

Matthew 7:24-27



Jesus used the image of a house built on a rock to tell people about faith. A house built on a rock might take more time to build, but it can withstand storms, rain, and floods. If you build your faith on a strong foundation, your faith will be strong!

Take a Look

Here are some of the people and things in today's story. What can your child tell you about them?



The **wise man** represents people who hear and follow Jesus' words. He chooses to build a house on rocks to stay safe through the storm.

The **foolish man** represents people who hear Jesus' words but do not act on them. He picks short-term comfort over long-term safety.



Jesus told this parable as part of the Sermon on the Mount. He advised listeners to build their life on God.

About the Video

A wise man found some solid rock and decided to build a house on it. He worked really hard. Another man, not so wise, decided to be lazy and stay in a hammock on the beach. When the storms came, the wise man was safe, but the foolish man ended up tossed in the waves of the storm.

- What was the guy who built his house on a rock like?
- Why do you think that the wise man let the foolish man into his house when the storms came?
- What do you think Jesus meant by telling this parable to the people?

Try This!

Go outside and build a house out of rocks. Then build a second house out of sticks. Watch your houses for a week. Which one stays together longer? Why?

Prayer

Strong God, thank you for being rock-solid, loving us, and always being with us. Help us choose wisely and learn to grow in your ways. Amen!