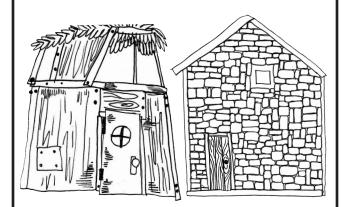
The House on the Rock

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 rocksolid, loving us, and always being with us. Help us choose wisely and learn to grow in your ways. Amen!

