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Two men – one smart and one foolish- set out one day to build houses for themselves. After searching for some time, the smart builder found a clear spot on the solid rocky ground. Building on the stone was difficult. It took a long time to complete the house. But when he finished, the man knew his new home was strong and would keep his family safe from the most powerful winds and heaviest rains.

The foolish man found a nice spot for his house, too – on a sandy beach. Building on the soft sand was very easy and took very little time. He finished long before the smart builder. He was happy that he had such a nice view of the sea from his house.

One day, a big storm came and battered the two houses. The rains fell, the winds blew, and the water rose and flooded the land. The smart builder's house on the rock did not move an inch. But the house of the foolish builder cracked, crumbled and fell down.

Jesus said that if we hear his teachings and obey them, we are like the smart builder who built his house on the rock. If we hear his teachings and don't obey them, we are like the foolish builder who built his house on the sand. Jesus is our rock – if we listen to his teachings and try our best to follow them, He will keep us safe.

Which builder would you want to be? It isn't always easy to do what God wants. Sometimes it seems easier to do things your own way. But in the end, it's always better to obey God. He always wants what is best for you.

Jesus is our Rock!

How do I build my life on Him?

What can I do every day?

What foolish things should I stop doing?

Who in my family or friends can help me? How?

I will build my house on the ROCK!!!

(Draw a strong house. On it, write or draw the things that make you strong in Jesus!)

“So then, everyone who hears my words and puts them into practice is like a wise man. He builds his house on the rock.

Matthew 7: 24

I will not be foolish
& build my house on the SAND!

(Draw a falling house. On it, write or draw the things that take you away from Jesus!)

But everyone who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man. He builds his house on sand. The rain comes down. The water rises. The winds blow and beat against that house. And it falls with a loud crash.” Matthew 7:26-27

Matthew 7:24-27

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25 The rain comes down. The water rises. The winds blow and beat against that house. But it does not fall. It is built on the rock.

26 But everyone who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man. He builds his house on sand.

27 The rain comes down. The water rises. The winds blow and beat against that house. And it falls with a loud crash.”

