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The Parable of the House on the Rock

Matthew 7; 24-28

Jesus began to tell this parable. "A certain wiseman built his house by the water on a rock. And the rain poured down and the winds blew, and burst against the house and yet it did not fall in for the rock was solid. And every one who hears these words of mine and does not act upon them, will be like a foolish man who built his house upon the sand by the water. And the rains poured down and the winds blew and the house on the sand fell down.

Sad was it's fall.



House on the Rock Parable

Jesus liked to teach people by telling them stories. Sometimes called parables. Through parables, people learned God would help them, especially when things were not easy in their lives. Jesus told this parable about two houses to many people as he sat with them on a mountain rock one day.

I want to tell you about two different people. Each one wanted to build a house. One person was very smart and one was very silly! The smart person built his house on a sturdy rock. Bad weather came. BOOM echoed the thunder and shook the little house as lightning streaked across the sky. Plop-plop-plop dripped the heavy raindrops that fell on the roof. Woooshhh sighed the cold wind as it blew again the walls.

The house didn't fall down, though, because the smart person had built it on a sturdy rock!!

The silly person built a house on sand, and something very different happened! Bad weather came. Boom! Echoed the thunder and shook that little house, plop, plop dripped the heavy raindrops that fell on the roof. Woooshhh! Sighed the cold wind as it blew against the walls. Guess what happened this time? Because the silly person built the house on sand!!! And, CRASH! It fell down!

Jesus said, 'If you listen to me, you are building your life on the sturdy rock of God. If you don't listen to me, you are building your life on ideas that are like the sand that shifts and blows away.'

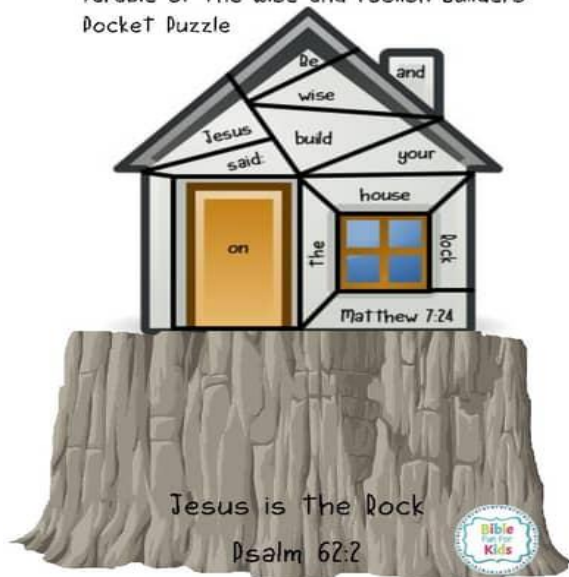
When Jesus finished talking, the people on the mountain were surprised by His words. They had never heard stories like that before. **Thank you, Jesus for being a wonderful teacher who helps us to understand how important it is to always trust God. Amen**

Let's Do A Craft!!



You will need. A flat rock, bag of sand, small wooden blocks, glue, stir sticks or popsicle sticks. The base could be like a cake pan. Draw two houses on cardboard and colour them in. They do not have to be the same. Glue a popsicle stick on the back sticking out the bottom about 3 inches. Pour the sand into a cake pan (with mother's permission.) On one half, add 2 or more large stones. Secure the popsicle stick houses, one between the stones and other in the sand pile. Add a rain storm and see which one stays standing.

Parable of The Wise and Foolish Builders
Pocket Puzzle



On white cardboard draw a similar house. To fit all the words from the bible, you will need to use a ruler to make 12 spaces.
Jesus/said/Be/wise/and/build/your/house/on/the/Rock. / Matthew 7:24.
The rock base is made with a piece of gray construction paper. Fold it in half and glue the sides together. This will make a pouch to hold the puzzle pieces.
Add different shades of gray lines using gray crayons, pencils, markers etc.
See if your friends can figure it out!

Let's sing about Jesus!

Tell me the stories of Jesus, I love to hear.
Things I would ask Him to tell me, if He were here.
Scenes by the wayside, Tales of the sea.
Stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

Teach me to follow His lessons, I love to hear.
And be His sons and His daughters, when He comes near.
Love one another, forgiving each one.
Listening to Jesus, He'll say "Well done!"

Colour and add this picture to your PARABLE Book. (see crafts on Sunday July 7th)



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