

Solid Rock

name _____

Jesus Calls for Action



Jesus told a story about two men who built houses.

The first man worked very hard to build his house on the solid rock.

The second man built his house on the soft sand.

When they finished, both houses looked alike—until one stormy night. The wind blew hard. The rain poured down. The flood waters rose and rose.

In the morning, only one house was left. It was strong and safe because it stood high on the solid rock. The other house had washed completely away!

Whoever hears what Jesus says and lives for Him is like the wise man who built his house on the rock. He will be safe and happy.

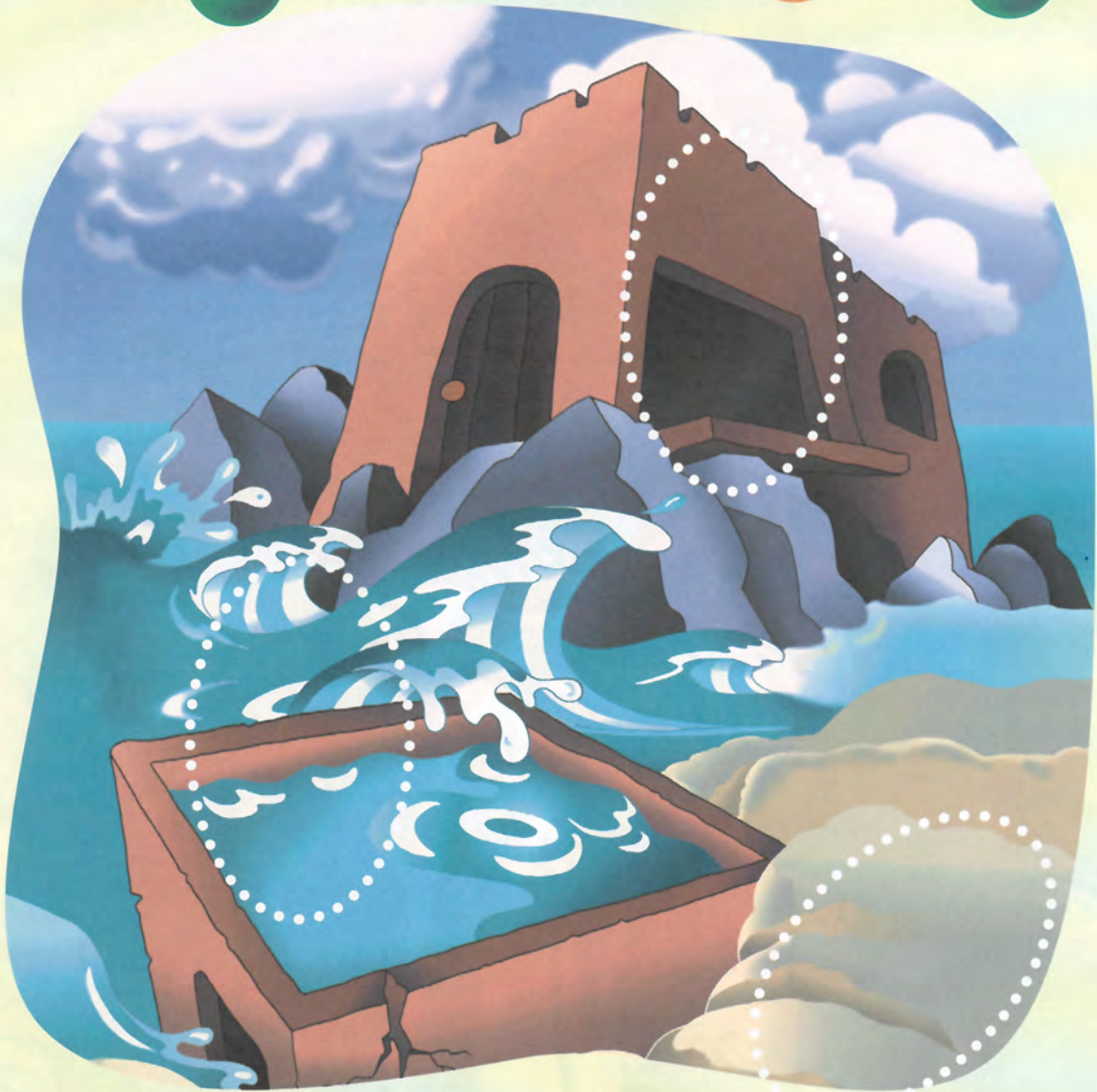
But whoever hears what Jesus says and lives selfishly is like the foolish man who built his house on soft sand. He will be very sad.



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Place the stickers to show what happened to the two houses.



Parent Partners

Lesson Focus: People who listen to and obey Jesus are wise and grow strong. (Matthew 7:24-27)

Ways to reinforce this truth with your child:

Ask:

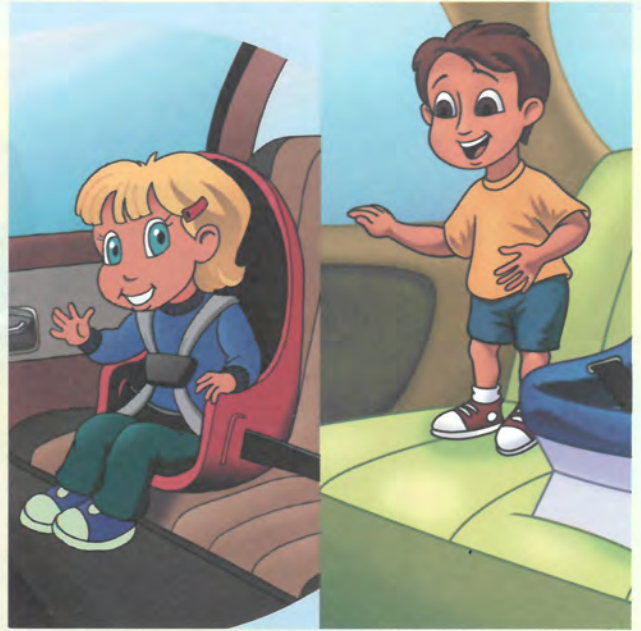
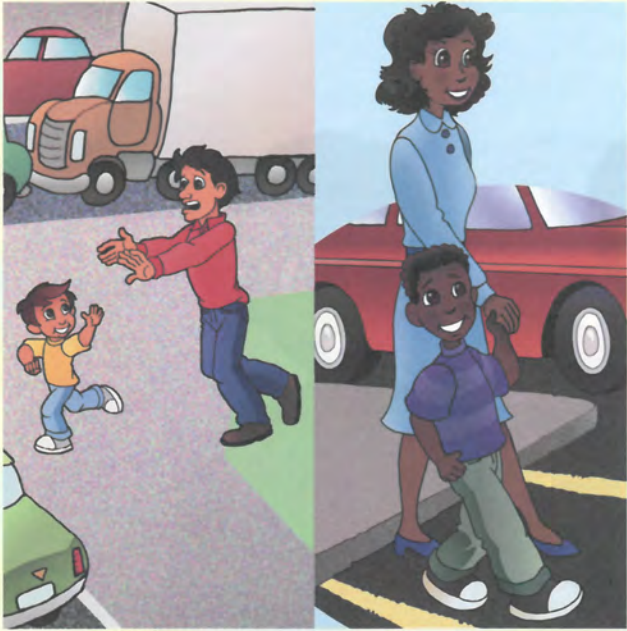
- “Where did the two men build their houses?”
- “What happened to the foolish man’s house when it rained?”
- “Why didn’t the wise man’s house fall down?”
- “Who should we obey so we will be wise and strong?”

Act:

- Read the Bible story together (or read the summary on the front of this page).
- Learn the Bible verse: Matthew 7:24.
“If you hear and obey Jesus, you are wise.”
- Visit a house under construction and show your child the strong foundation.

Wise Choices

Draw a line from the Bible to the obedient child in each pair of pictures.



You Are What You Eat!

Paul and his brothers learn about eating healthy food.



- Paul's brothers, Mike and Mark, were twins who were alike in many ways—except they liked different kinds of food.
(What healthy foods do you like?)
- Mrs. Shepherd let Mike and Mark eat any food they wanted for a whole day.
(What would you eat if you could have whatever you wanted?)
- Mark ate sweets and candy all day, and couldn't play basketball because his stomach hurt.
(Tell about a time when your stomach hurt.)
- Mark learned that just knowing which foods are good for you isn't enough—you have to eat food that is good for you.
(Which is more important: to **know** what God wants, or to **do** what God wants?)