



The Parables: House Built Upon a Rock
Matt 7:24-:27

LESSON SUPPLY LIST

- Bible w/ Marked Scripture
- Pencils
- Crayons
- Rock/Sand Physical Demonstration (see separate list)
- Copies of Coloring Page
- Copies of Memory Verse
- Copies of Song
- Copies of lesson overview for children to take home

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Objective of Lesson:

God has provided for His people a sure, safe, and everlasting refuge upon which we can rest our souls. Jesus Christ is that foundation, alone and always. The hymn writer wrote, "On Jesus Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand..." (Matt. 7:24-27; Isa. 28:18)

Lesson Instructions:

1. Today we are going to talk about a Parable called, "The House Built Upon a Rock." Do you know what a Parable is? It is a story told by our Lord Jesus Christ to illustrate how He saves His people from their sins.
2. Turn your Bibles to Matthew 7:24-27. (Read verses aloud)
3. Let's talk about what we just read. In this story our Lord is talking about two different men who both built houses. What are houses? They are houses or shelters for us to live or dwell in. They are a refuge from storms and the natural elements. They are the places in which we rest and are kept safe.
4. Our Lord tells us one man built his house upon a rock, and the other one built his house upon the sand. The Lord says that a man who builds his house upon a rock is wise, and the one who builds his house on sand is foolish. What does that mean?
5. I want you all to help me with a demonstration. In this bin we have a house I have made of sticks. I have built it and attached it to this rock. We are going to pour this pitcher of water on it and I want you to see what happens.
6. What happened? Nothing. The house stood firm. It got wet, but it stood firm and was not washed away by pouring out of water (a storm) upon it.
7. I want you all to help me with another demonstration. In this bin we have a house I have made of sticks. I have built it and set it in this mound of sand. We are going to pour this pitcher of water on it and I want you to see what happens.
8. What happened? It fell over and washed away.

9. What would have happened if we were in the house built upon the rock when the storm came? Would we have been safe? Yes. The rock was a strong and sure foundation to build the house upon.
10. What would have happened if we were in the house built upon the sand when the storm came? Would we have been safe? No. If we had been dwelling in that house when the storm came we would have been washed away with it. That is why the Lord calls building upon sand is foolish and building upon a rock is wise.
11. Why do we need a strong shelter? We need a shelter from the wrath and anger of God. God's is so good that he must punish sin. His wrath is against us and our sin just like a great storm beats upon this shelter.
12. There is good news in this parable. This parable is a picture of how God saves His people from their sins. This story is a picture of how Christ is our shelter from the wrath of God! In this story, Jesus Christ is the Rock. (All through the scripture our Lord Jesus Christ is referred to as "the rock": **Deuteronomy 32:4, 2 Samuel 22:3, Psalm 18:2, Psalm 31:3, Psalm 62:2, Psalm 78:35**)
13. Christ came to this earth and lived a perfect life as a man and shed His precious blood as our Sin-offering, He is become our Ark, our refuge in the storm, our shelter from God's wrath. Christ is our strong rock, our hiding place. All those who build their refuge from God's wrath for their sin upon Christ shall not be washed away when God pours out his wrath and judgment upon the earth. A sure foundation is one that will never crack, break, or give way. That foundation is the Lord Jesus Christ! Everything that is laid upon Him, or depends upon Him, is sure. Christ is the only true Refuge, and any other refuge is like building your shelter on shifting sand. It is an unstable refuge of lies.
14. The Sand is a picture of a false hope, a picture of men building their refuge on lies and what men can do. This sand represents trusting in other men or yourself for your salvation. This sand represents anything or person other than Christ. This includes our religious acts and even our good deeds. Will God forgive us for our sins if we go to church and do good deeds? Is that what this parable is teaching us? No. Our Lord is teaching us here that doing these things in order to be accepted of God is just like building upon this sand. If God's wrath is poured out on our refuge of these things then it will not stand. We will be washed away. That is why God calls building on the sand foolishness.
15. All of us have a refuge, a hiding place, by which we hope to be delivered from the wrath and judgment of God. If you want *a sure foundation* for your soul, come to Christ and build upon Him.

Activities:

- House Built Upon a Rock Physical Demonstration
- The Wise Man & the Foolish Man Song
- House Built Upon a Rock Coloring Sheet
- House Built Upon a Rock Memory Verse

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Take Home Overview Sheet**



Luke 24: 27

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House Built Upon a Rock Physical Demonstration



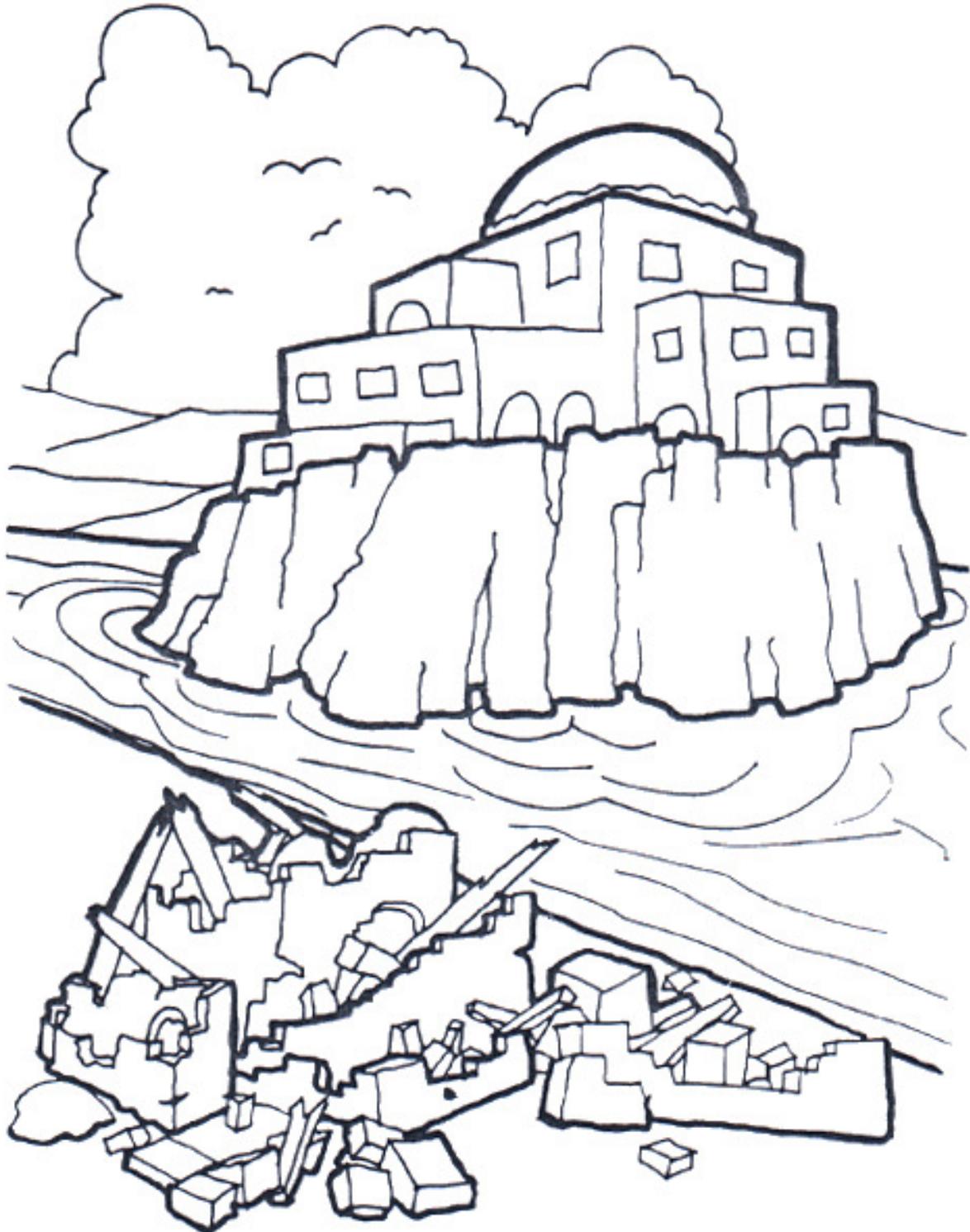
What you will need:

- 2 small plastic bins (small: shoe box size)
 - Brick or flat surface stone that will fit into bin
 - 5 to 7 cups of play sand or white sugar, styrofoam peanuts, or some other loose object
 - 1 gallon jug filled with water
 - Two small Dixie cups to serve as "shelters"
 - Duct tape
1. Draw windows, doors etc... on the cups to illustrate they are houses or shelters.
 2. In one bin, place the brick in the bottom and place the "shelter", open end down, onto the brick. Use the duct tape to secure it to the brick.
 3. In the other bin, place the play sand or sugar in a mound in the bottom. Do not spread the sand out but keep it in the shape of a hill. Place the "shelter" open end down onto the mound of sand. Use the duct tape to secure it to the sand.
 4. During the demonstration, pour $\frac{1}{2}$ of the gallon of water onto the shelter attached to the rock and the other $\frac{1}{2}$ of the gallon of water onto the shelter attached to the mound of sand. Pour water on them both to demonstrate that a loose foundation will wash out from under it, but a solid foundation won't.

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Student Name _____

Date _____

House Built Upon a Rock: Memory Verse

For every Christian only is

my rock and my salvation

For my defense I stand!

Not because my money moved.

The Wise Man Built His House: Song

The wise man built his house upon the rock
The wise man built his house upon the rock
The wise man built his house upon the rock
And the rain came tumbling down

Oh, the rain came down
And the floods came up
The rain came down
And the floods came up
The rain came down
And the floods came up
And the wise man's house stood firm.

The foolish man built his house upon the sand
The foolish man built his house upon the sand
The foolish man built his house upon the sand
And the rain came tumbling down

Oh, the rain came down
And the floods came up
The rain came down
And the floods came up
The rain came down
And the floods came up
And the foolish man's house went "SPLAT!" [clap hands once]

Jesus Christ is the Rock!
All else is shifting sand!
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Jesus Christ is the Rock!
All else is shifting sand!
On Christ we won't be washed away!

The Wise Man and the Foolish Man

MATTHEW 7:24-27; LUKE 6:46-49
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1. The wise man built his house up-on the Rock, The wise man built his
2. The fool - ish man built his house up-on the sand, The fool - ish man built his



house up - on the Rock, The wise man built his house up - on the Rock,
house up - on the sand, The fool - ish man built his house up - on the sand,



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floods came up, But the house on the Rock stood firm.
floods came up, And the house on the sand fell flat.