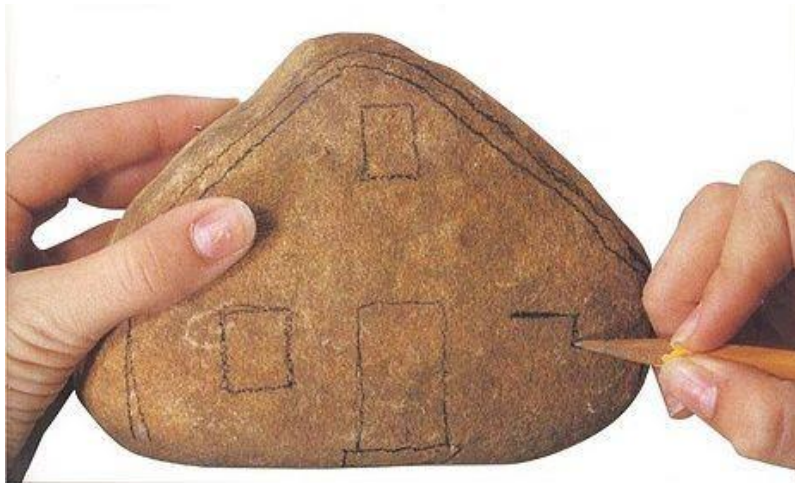


The Wise and Foolish Builders

- **Activity:** - Using building blocks, Duplo, Lego or cardboard boxes build some houses or towers and have fun knocking them down. Try and find different ways of knocking them down. With your hands, pinky finger, elbow, foot, knee. Try building on a firm surface, soft surface or a surface that can be moved. What happened when you built on firm surface? Built on a soft surface? What happens when you move what you have built on?
- **Sing:** - Jesus' love is very wonderful, Wriggle like a worm or Wiggle Freeze from YouTube page. Or you could sing.
- [The Wise and Foolish Builders](#)
- 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 rains came tumbling down!
- The rains came down and the floods came up,
The rains came down and the floods came up,
The rains came down and the floods came up,
And the house on the rock 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 rains came tumbling down!
- The rains came down and the floods came up,
The rains came down and the floods came up,
The rains came down and the floods came up,
And the house on the sand went SPLAT
- So, build your house on the Lord Jesus Christ
Build your house on the Lord Jesus Christ
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- **Ask:-** What is a parable? It's a story with a meaning - a story which helps us to understand God better. Jesus told them using everyday events and things that the people of the time would easily understand. For example, Jesus tells lots of parables about farming, sheperds, money and those in need – all things the people Jesus spoke to knew well.
- **Watch/Read:** - The Parable of the Wise and the foolish Builder on the You-tube channel. Matthew 7:24-27 and Luke 6:47-49

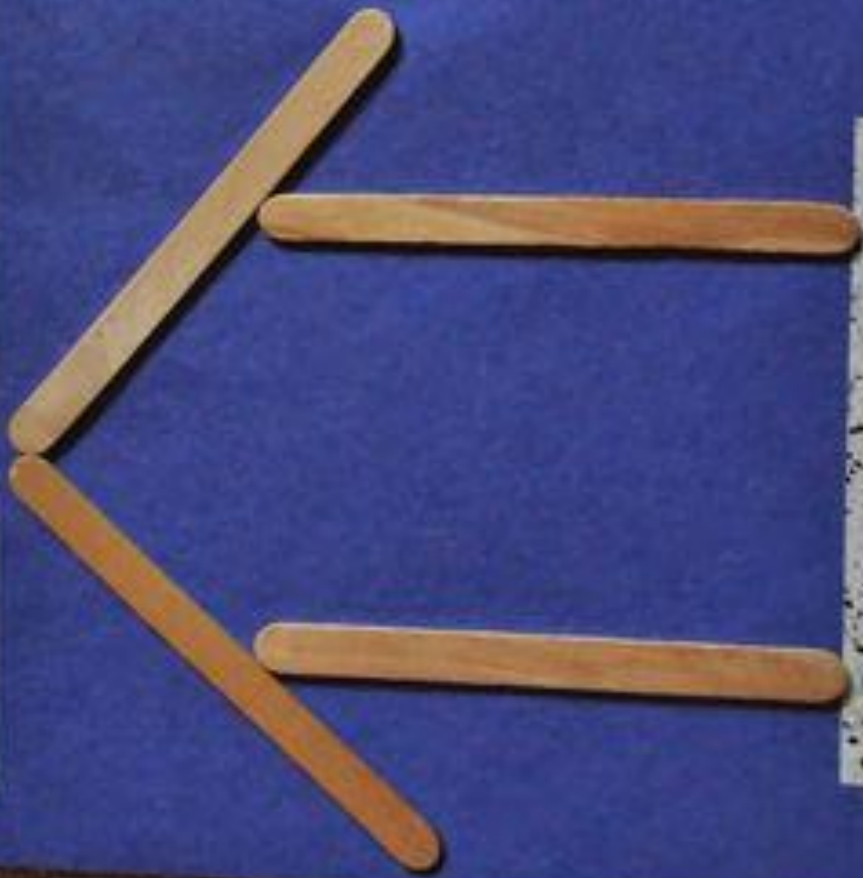
- **Discuss** :- What happened to the house that was built on the rock when the storm came? **It stood firm/ stayed up.**
- What happened to the house that was built on the sand when the storm came? **It fell down/Collapsed.**
- Why do you think the house on the sand fell down? **The rain moved the sand as sand is not a firm foundation.**
- Why should we build our lives on and trust in Jesus? **Jesus is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. His words, promises and his love for us will never change. We will stay strong in the storms of life, (the tough stuff that happens) if we trust in Jesus.**
- How is trusting in ourselves, things that happen to us and our feelings like building on the sand? **What happens to us and our feelings often change and move just like sand so when the storms of life come, (the tough stuff that happens) we fall down.**
- **Prayer**:- Father God /Jesus thank you that you are a firm rock that we can build our lives on. Help us to trust in you and turn to you for everything, but especially when we are struggling. Help us not to trust in the things that are going on around us or on how we are feeling but to trust in you, your words and promises. Amen.
- Is there anything that the children would like to pray/talk to God about?
- **Activity** :- Find some stones/rocks in your garden or on a walk and paint/felt pen them. (Sharpies if you have them work well). Decorate the stones to look like houses you could add the bible verse Matthew 7:24 if you like. This will remind you that trusting in Jesus and his words and promises is the right way to live.
- **Make** :- A picture of a built house standing firm on a rock out of lollypop sticks on one side of the piece of paper and a collapsed house on sand on the other side as shown below. You could use strips of paper or recycled cardboard if you don't have lollysticks.
- **Make** :- Junk Model houses from cereal boxes, fruit punnets, yoghurt pots or any junk you can find.
- **Activity** :- If you have a printer print out the PDF's attached and colour in the pictures, join the dots, do the word search and/or crossword puzzle.



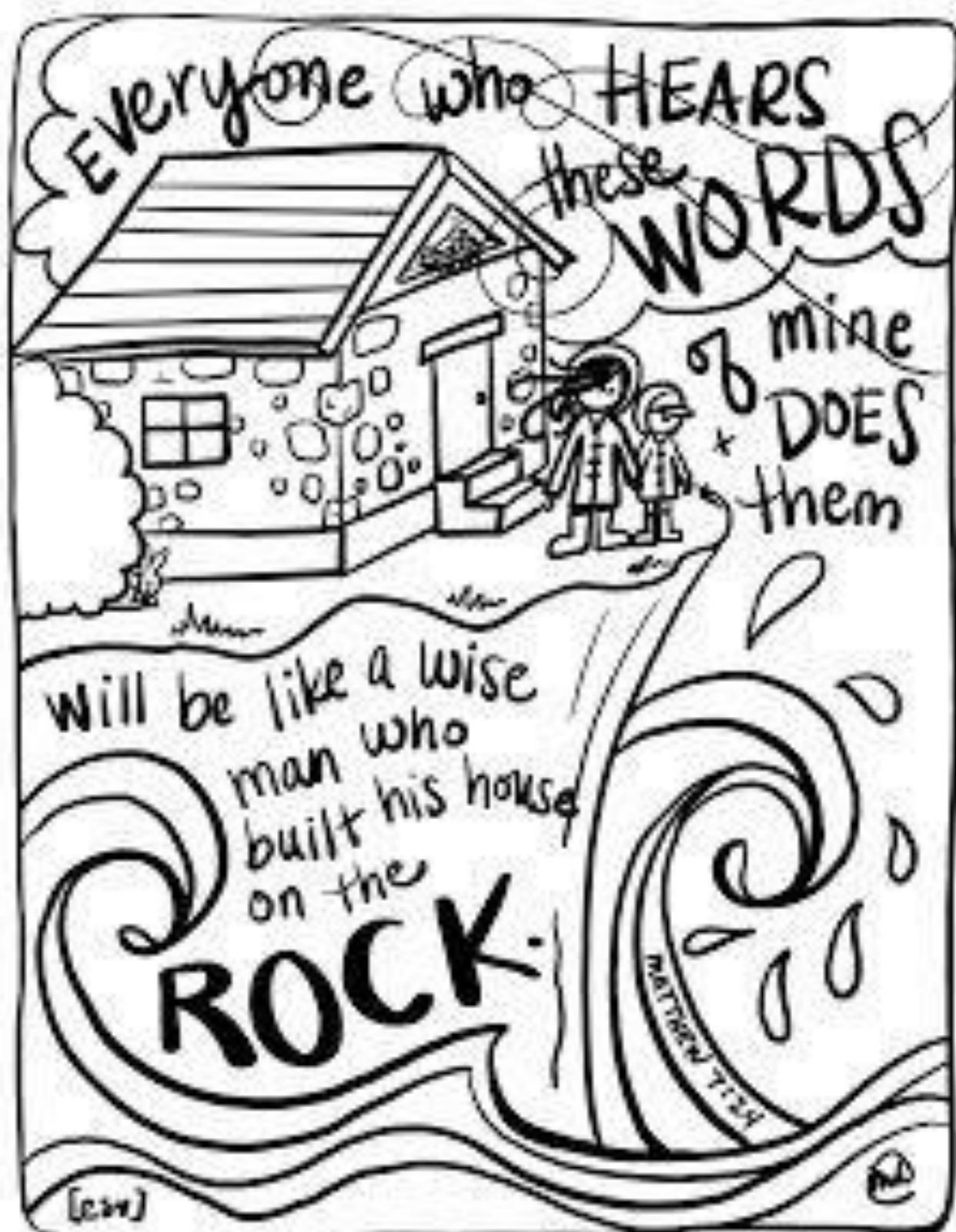
😊 The wise man built his house on the rock.
When I obey I am like the wise man.

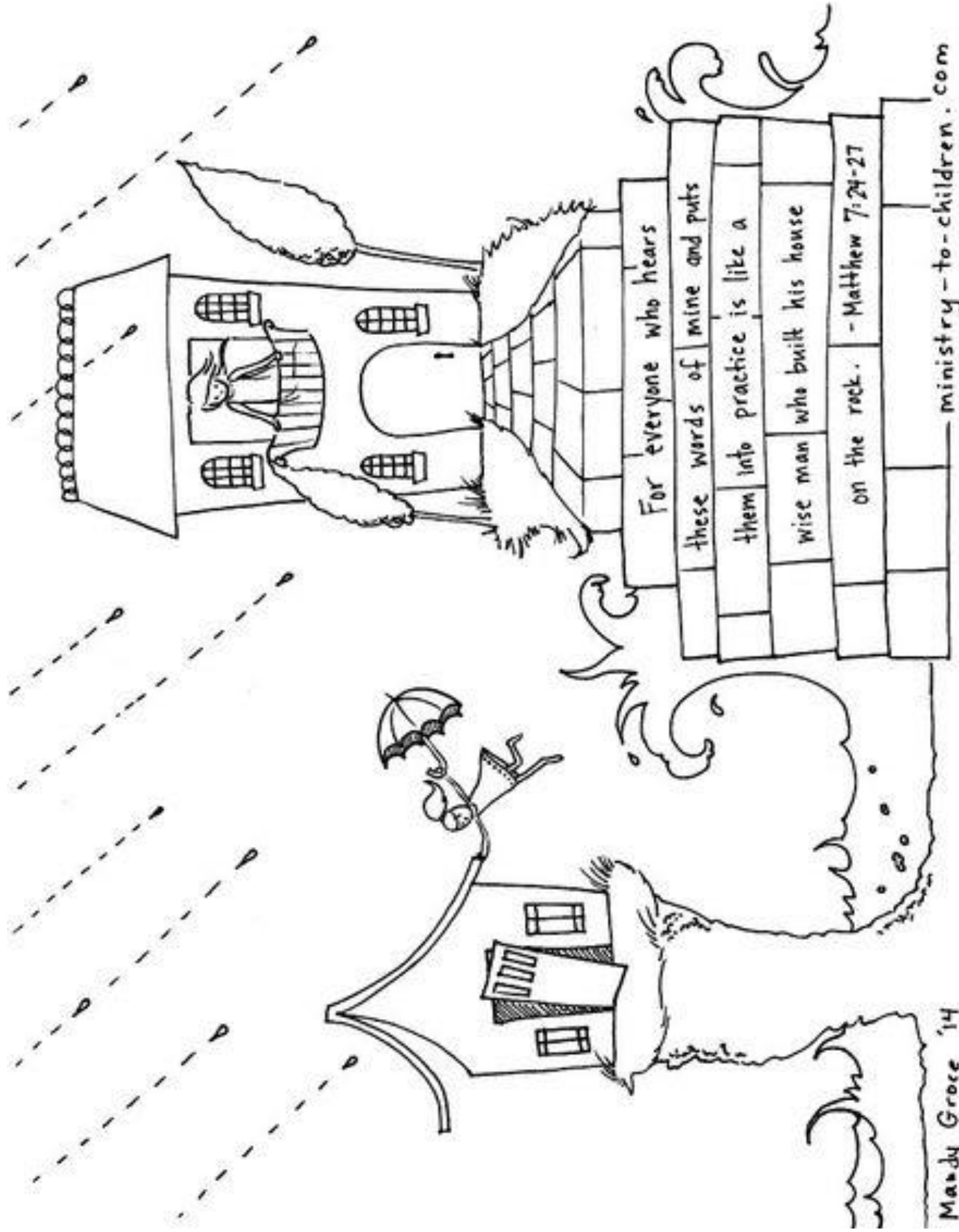


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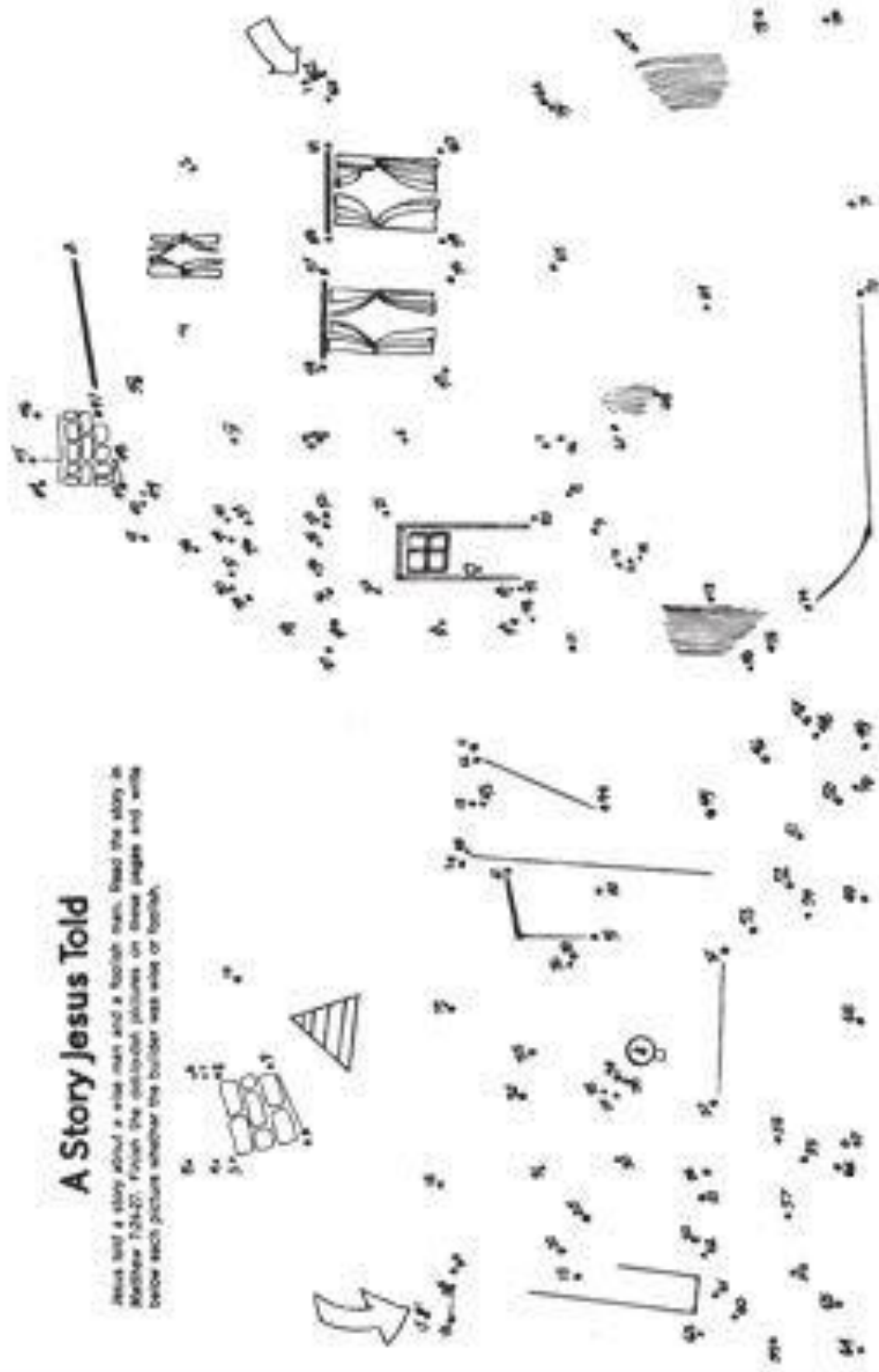
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A Story Jesus Told

Jesus told a story about a wise man and a foolish man. Read the story in Matthew 7:24-27. Finish the oblong pictures on these pages and write below each picture whether the builder was wise or foolish.



The Wise and the Foolish Builders

Matthew 7:24-27 and Luke 6:46-49



Hear
Words
Practice
Wise
Built

House
Rock
Rain
Flood
Winds

Foundation
Firm
Foolish
Sand
Collapse

NAME: _____

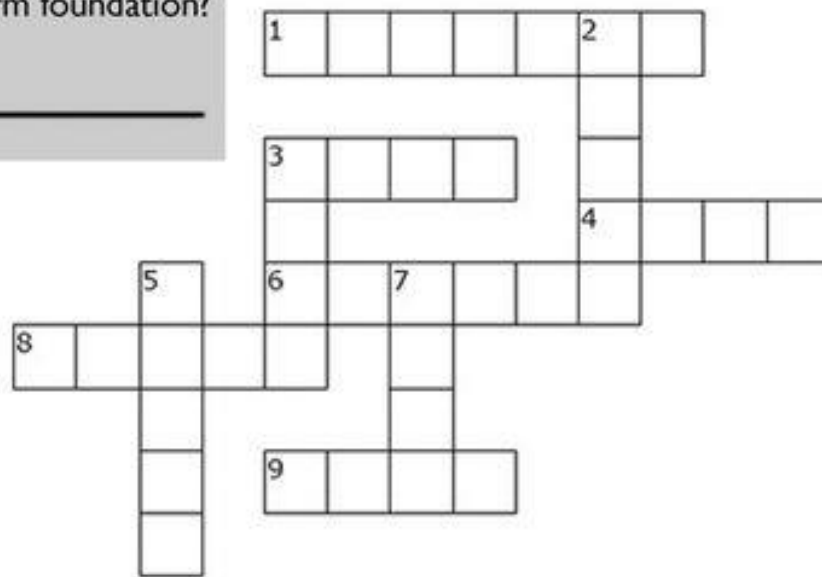
Wise or Foolish

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. Matthew 7:24 (NVI)

Based on Matthew 7:24-27



Who is my firm foundation?



ACROSS

1. Not very clever
3. The natural movement of air
4. A large stone
6. A small river
8. A building where a family lives
9. Loose soil which is found on beaches

DOWN

2. A sudden or violent condition in nature
3. Someone who exercises good judgment in his daily life is _____
5. To make or form something such as a house
7. Water that falls from the sky

HOUSE	FOOLISH	BUILD	STORM	WIND
WISE	STREAM	RAIN	SAND	ROCK