

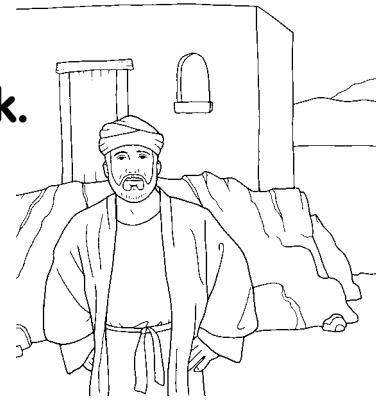


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### ☆Let's Talk

**ASK** Look at the picture. *What do you see?*

**SAY** Jesus told a story about a wise man and a foolish man. The wise man built his house on solid rock. When a storm came, it rained hard and the winds blew and beat against the house. But the house did not fall. It stood strong and safe because it was built on rock.

**ASK** *What do you think the foolish man did?*

**SAY** The foolish man built his house on sand. Soon a storm came and rain poured down. The water washed the sand away and the winds blew against the house. The house fell with a loud crash!

**ASK** *Why did Jesus tell his followers this story?*

**SAY** Jesus said that everyone who hears his words and puts them into practice is like a wise man who builds his house on a rock. We have the Bible to tell us how Jesus wants his children to live. If we know what Jesus says and we do it, we are like the wise man. But if we know what Jesus says and decide not to believe and obey him, we are like the foolish man instead. God wants us to trust him and obey his Word every day!

### ☆Let's Play

- 1 This game is a variation of *Red Light, Green Light*. You will be the leader and stand at one end of the room, holding your **Bible**. Have children stand on the opposite side of the room. Hold up your Bible, say "**Obey God's Word,**" and turn your back to the group. While your back is turned, children will walk toward you. When you turn and face them, they must stop. If you see anyone still moving, that child must go back to the starting point.
- 2 The child who reaches you first tells something Jesus said or did that we should remember and put into practice, or names a favorite Bible story. He or she also gets to be the leader for the next round!

### ☆Let's Pray

Invite children to bow their heads and close their eyes. Lead them in saying this prayer.

**Dear God, thank you for your Word. Help me to become wise by hearing and obeying your Word. In Jesus' name, Amen.**