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Two Builders and a Storm

Matthew 7:24-27



YOUR BIBLE READING

Jesus invited people to practice his teaching, as a builder uses a firm foundation.

Inside: two extended reading pages, a thoughtful reflection, creative activities and a grown-up guide.

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The House That Stood

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Jesus described two builders to explain the difference between hearing his teaching and putting it into practice. He had given his listeners words to live by, and now he gave them a picture of what it means to act on those words. The picture was a house and the foundation beneath it. What supported the house would matter when difficult weather came against its walls.

The first builder was wise and built his house on rock. Rock provided the foundation in Jesus' comparison. He did not describe the house's color or name the person living there. The important detail was beneath it. The builder's choice joined the house to something firm. The story asks the listener to pay attention to that support before moving to the rain, water, and wind that came next.

Rain fell. Floodwaters came, and winds blew and beat against the house. The wise builder did not receive a promise that the weather would avoid his home. The storm reached it. Yet the house did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. Jesus connected the result to the foundation: the building's support mattered when pressure came, even though the pressure itself had not been removed.

Jesus said that someone who hears his words and does them is like this wise builder. Hearing matters, but the comparison includes action. A lesson about loving a neighbor, telling the truth, or showing mercy is meant to shape a choice. The builder's foundation helped Jesus make that connection clear. The house stood because of what it rested on, just as a practiced teaching can give direction to a person's life.

Remember: I can turn something I learn from Jesus into a caring action.

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The House That Fell

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The other builder was foolish and built his house on sand. A house stood there too at the start of his part of the parable. The difference was the foundation. Jesus did not give one builder a cheerful sky and the other a stormy one. The same kinds of pressure came: rain fell, floodwaters rose, and winds beat against the house that had been built on sand.

This house fell, and its fall was great. Jesus used a strong ending because he wanted his listeners to take the lesson seriously. The comparison showed what happens when the support cannot hold. It was not a claim about the worth of people whose real homes are damaged in a disaster. It was a teaching picture about hearing Jesus' words without allowing those words to guide action.

Both builders therefore help explain one question: what do we do with what we hear? Knowing a rule about fairness while repeatedly ignoring another person's turn would be an everyday example of hearing without practice. That example is not another event in Jesus' parable; it simply helps make his comparison understandable. A firm foundation represents listening that becomes part of the way a person actually chooses to live.

Jesus ended his teaching with this picture of two houses and their different foundations. We do not need to guess whether the second builder rebuilt or describe damage Jesus did not mention. The stated difference is enough. The wise person hears and acts; the foolish person hears without acting. A listener is invited to become a doer, allowing the teaching to support the next decision rather than remain only words remembered afterward.

Pause and think: Which teaching could you practice in one specific choice today, and what would that action look like?

THINK, NOTICE & GROW

Turn a Teaching into a Practice



Choose a teaching you can explain in your own words. If it concerns kindness, what action would kindness take in a real moment? It might mean listening before answering or helping an adult carry something manageable. A foundation is a picture of support, and a practiced habit can support a better choice when you do not have much time to think.

The storm came to both houses. This matters because trouble is not proof that someone has failed to trust God. Families who lose homes in floods or strong winds need safety, shelter, and practical help, never blame. Jesus' comparison is about responding to his words, not a way to judge people affected by weather or other difficult events.

Practice also includes learning after mistakes. You can ask an adult to help you notice what went wrong and choose a better response next time. Hearing again, asking questions, and trying a suitable action are all useful. The aim is not to look like the cleverest builder in the room; it is to let a good teaching become something you can live by.

A SMALL STEP FOR TODAY

Jesus compares hearing and practicing his teaching with building on a firm foundation.

Which teaching could you practice in one specific choice today, and what would that action look like?

Read, Remember & Create

Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Think about the reading

1. Why did the first house remain standing?

2. What does Jesus compare to building wisely?

2 Put the ideas in order

Write 1, 2 and 3 for the order these ideas appear in the reading.

- ☐ The house on rock stood, while the house on sand fell.
- ☐ The builders built on rock and sand.
- ☐ Rain, floods, and winds struck the houses.

3 Draw a meaningful picture

Draw two houses with a cross-section showing rock under one and sand under the other.

Tell someone how your picture connects to the reading.

Read & Grow Together

Read and learn with context

This English edition is designed for ages 6-10 with an adult. Read both extended readings together, or enjoy one each day. Pause at unfamiliar words, invite questions and use the reflection page to connect the story with everyday life. These are retellings and lessons with explanations; read the listed Bible passage for context. Poetry, parables, letters and symbolic visions are identified by type.

Remember this

I can turn something I learn from Jesus into a caring action.
Original memory thought, not a direct Bible quotation. Related passage: Matthew 7:24

A thoughtful conversation

The storm is part of Jesus' comparison about hearing and doing. Never use it to blame families whose real homes are damaged by storms, poverty, or unsafe construction.

Activity answers

1. It was founded on rock.
2. Hearing his words and acting on them.
Sequence boxes, top to bottom: 3, 1, 2. Personal responses and drawings will vary.

Optional prayer

If you wish: Jesus, help me practice your teaching in the way I treat others.

Print and share

Each pack has 6 pages. Print on A4 at Actual Size (100%). The worksheet is page 5. You may print just that page, or use the separate 150-page activity book. The collection contains 150 packs in Bible book order, 15 volumes and one ZIP. Catalog pack IDs stay the same when new readings are added.

Sources and sharing

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