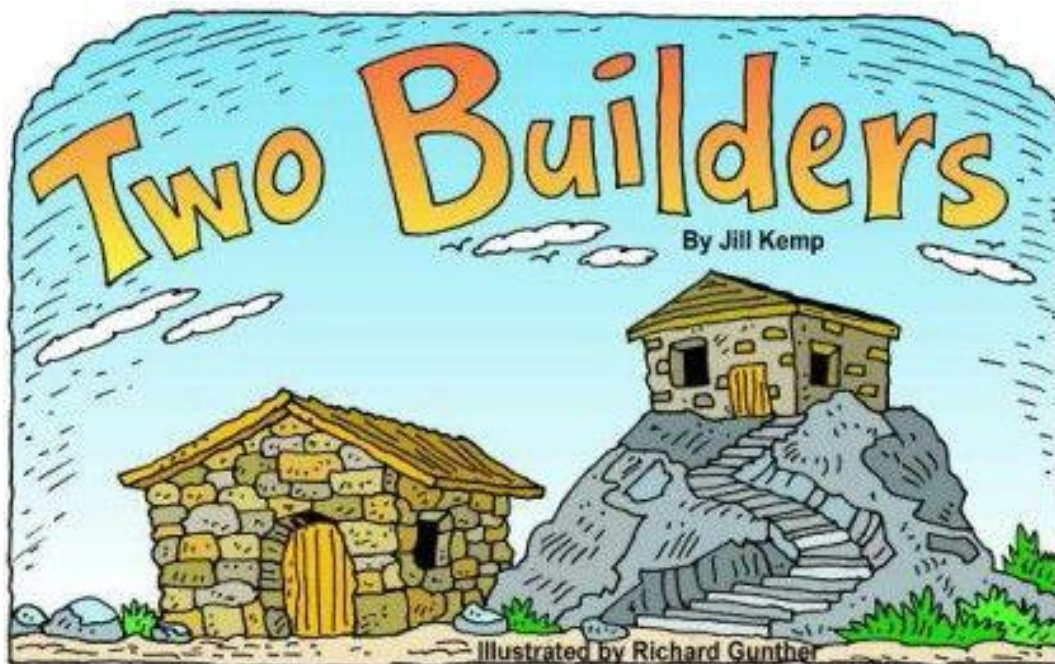


The Wise and foolish builders

This story is about two builders. One was rather foolish and the other was very wise. This is a parable which Jesus told and you can find it in the Gospel of Matthew (7:24-27) and Luke (6:46-49). It shows the importance of trusting Jesus and obeying his teachings, to build wise, strong lives.

Do **you** want to be Wise or Foolish?



Here is an activity you could try if you have some building blocks or Jenga with some sand or earth, a flat stone and a jug of water. The video shows two children building houses on sand and rock. This is fun and also makes the point clearly. I wanted to try it outside on the patio stones!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?list=PL1rf7sECyO57soqpKmpLCFKHYoi_O20LI&v=VT5O3WYVpFU

Links to cartoon videos of the wise and foolish builders:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I6S3cRVLMFQ> cartoon story from Saddleback Kids USA

<http://www.freebibleimages.org/illustrations/gnpi-039-parable-builders/> This slideshow story may need a parent or older child to read out the words on each slide.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ingJjY0psGo>
Biblecartoon.net

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mt5PBQINfBc>
Gospel Pictures

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Eu5bBDRpzPM>
Song with cartoon animation

This story shows us that to be wise, we have to do more than just believe in Jesus. Anyone who listens to the word **but does not do** what it **says** is like the foolish man. If we say we believe in Jesus, but do not build our life on him, our lives risk falling apart like the foolish man's house! When there are difficult times, if we listen to Jesus and obey his words, then we can stay strong whatever storms happen in life. We can choose to show our families and friends love and be wise in how we speak to our each other but most important is whether we follow Jesus and are wise in the way we live.

Prayer

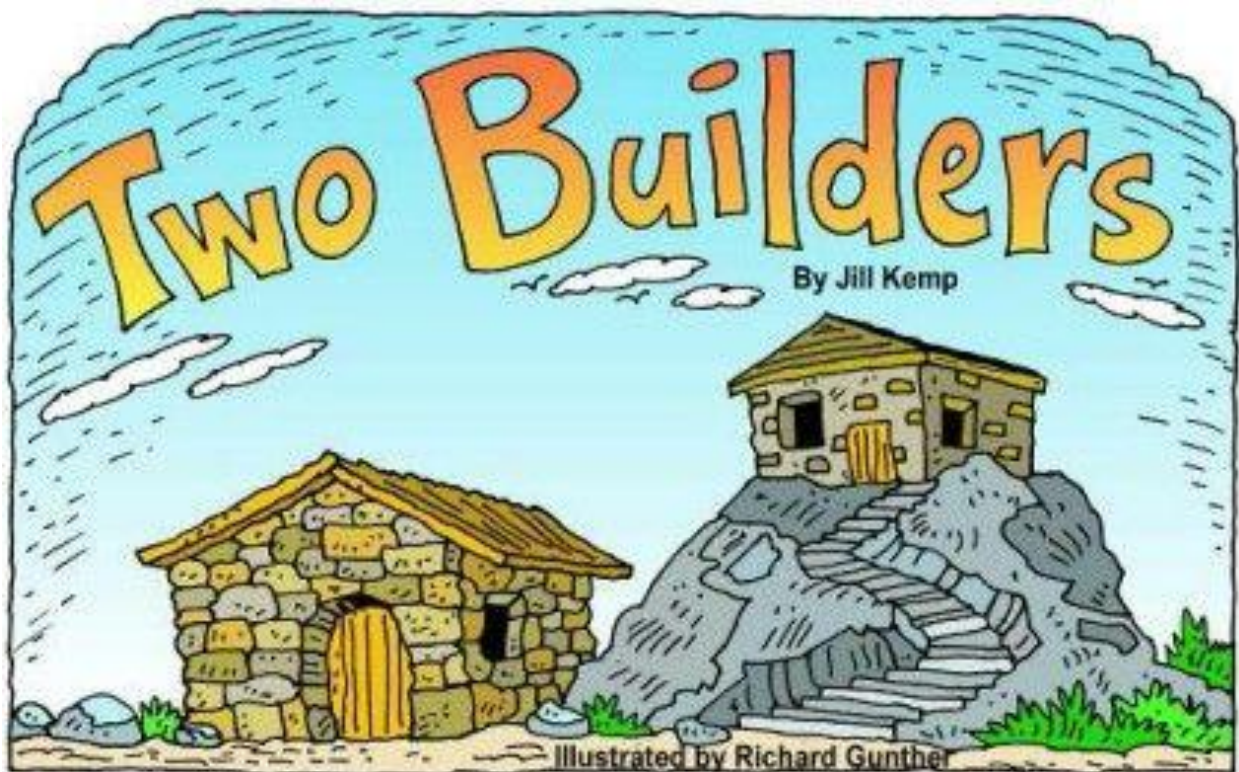
Dear Lord Jesus,

Thank you that you want us to be your friends and to remember your teachings. We ask you to help us to obey your words. Thank you for our families, our friends, and our church. When we find life difficult at times, help us to know that you always love us and will forgive our mistakes, if we say sorry to you. Help us to become your wise and strong friends. Amen

A Bible Memory verse to learn:

'Do what God's teaching says; do not just listen and do nothing.'

James 1: 22



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

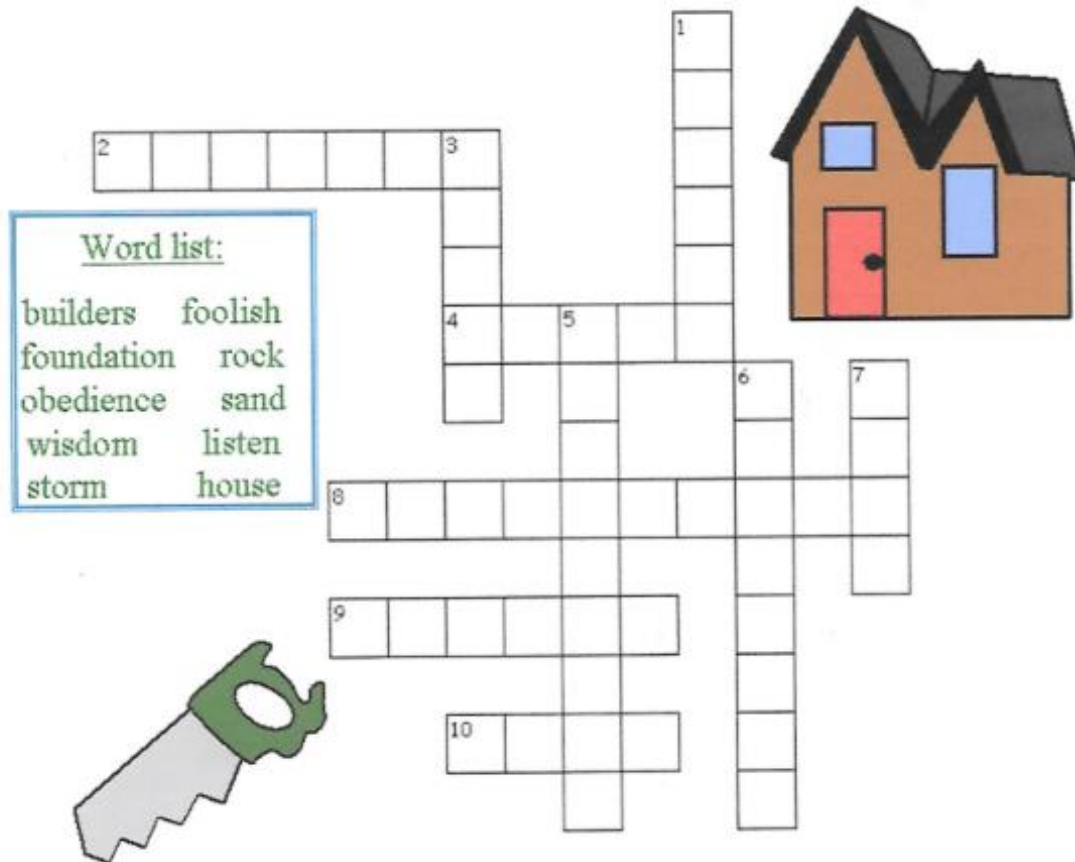
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Two Builders Crossword

Build



Across

- This type of person built their house on the sand.
- Another term for bad weather and make our house strong to withstand.
- This is very important in keeping a house strong during a storm.
- Open your ears and do this to grow strong and wise.
- This strong foundation also stands for our obedience in the story.

Down

- We can have more of this if we listen and obey God's word.
- This can be compared to our life in the story.
- When we follow God's word with this our life will be strong like a rock.
- There were two of these. One was wise and the other foolish.
- Not a good thing to build a house on.