



Build a House on the Rock

(Matthew 7)

This is a fun way to illustrate the Lord's parable about why we should build a house on a rock instead of sand.

Suggested Materials

- plastic tub or sandbox
- sand
- paving stone or other flat rock
- water
- wooden blocks or other materials for building a house
- (note: small cardboard boxes may be used for this activity)

Suggested Procedure

1. Fill a plastic tub with some sand unless you will be using a sandbox.
2. First build a house on a mound of sand. Sprinkle water to simulate the falling rain. What happens to the house?
3. Now build the house on a rock (such as a paving stone or another flat rock). When you sprinkle the water, what happens to the house?
4. Talk about what you observed when the house was built on sand and then on a rock.
5. Optional: Do the activity again while an adult or older child reads the parable aloud.
6. What kind of behavior does the Lord compare to building a house on the sand?

The Parable of the House Built Upon the Rock (Matthew 7:24-27)

“Whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.

Now everyone hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.”