

The House on the Rock

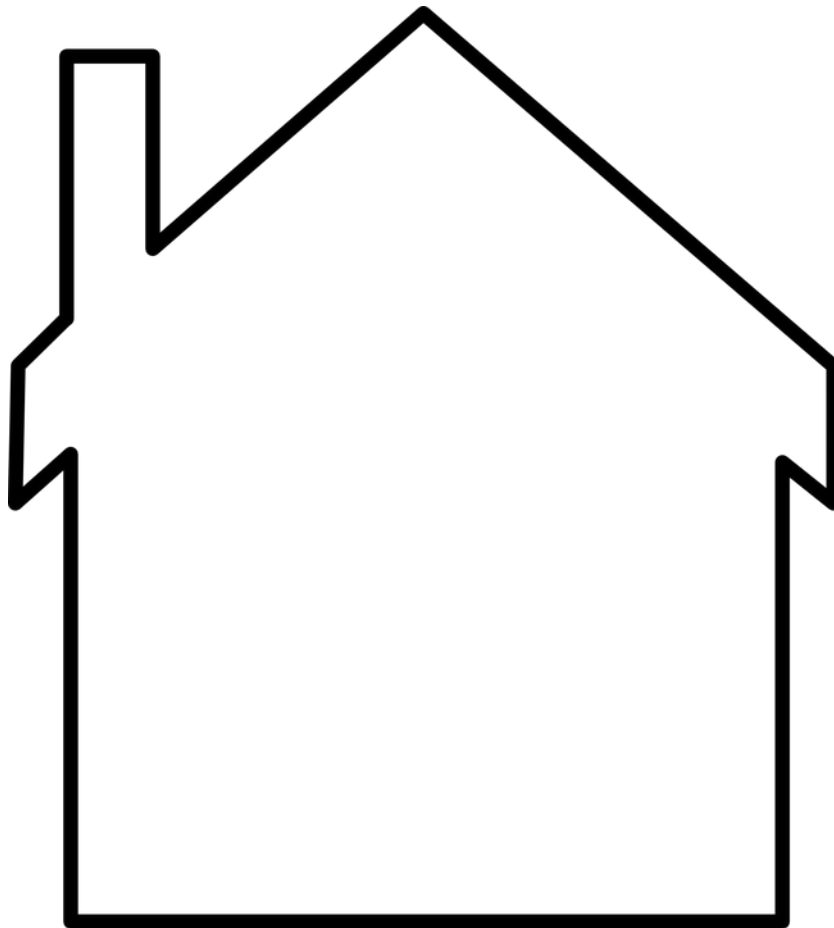


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Can you design this house?



From the Bible

Jesus said:

“So then, everyone who hears my words and puts them into practice is like a wise man. He builds his house on the rock. The rain comes down. The water rises. The winds blow and beat against that house. But it does not fall. It is built on the rock. But everyone who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man. He builds his house on sand. The rain comes down. The water rises. The winds blow and beat against that house. And it falls with a loud crash.”

Matthew chapter 7 verses 24-27 (New International Reader's Version)

Ask the person who is looking after you today to let you watch this story on the computer. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0_nAHuDTA1M

? To think about

Where is your favourite place in your house?

Why is it foolish to build on sand?

Have you ever done something foolish?

Jesus said wise people pay attention to his words – how can we listen to Jesus today?

What have you done that is wise?



Craft Activity

Make a map of your house

You will need:

- Plain paper
- Pens, crayons or paints
- **Optional:** tape measure to draw it to scale if maths is your thing!

Don't forget to draw in all the doors and windows.

? To think about

What are the different areas of your house used for?

Where in your house is the best place to spend time with God.

How could make it easier to listen to God in your house?



Craft Activity

'Rain'

You will need:

- House template on back page
- Pens, crayons or paints
- 7 lollipop sticks
- 3 elastic bands
- Bottle lid
- Glue
- Small pieces of paper

Cut out the houses on the back page. You can decorate them if you want. Fold back the tabs on each side of the house so that it stands up.

Next make a catapult.

<https://kidsactivitiesblog.com/28871/catapult-for-kids-to-make>

Finally, scrunch up the little bits of paper. These are going to be rain or even hail.

Use the catapult to send the paper 'rain' at your house to see if you can knock it down.



Outdoor Activity Suggestions

Sandcastles

On trip to the beach by the river or a visit to the seaside hold a sandcastle building competition.

Decide your own rules about who wins the competition. – Will it be the biggest? strongest? most decorated?

Different materials

Have a walk around the outside of your house and see how many different things your house is made from.

Are there things keeping your house strong that you can't see?

What keeps you strong?



Building Block Challenge

Well, the obvious thing is to build a house!

Song

My Lighthouse

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JeJvKkBV6rY>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d5RSzFQIfvc>

Ask the person who is looking after you today to let you sing along to this song on the computer.



Prayer

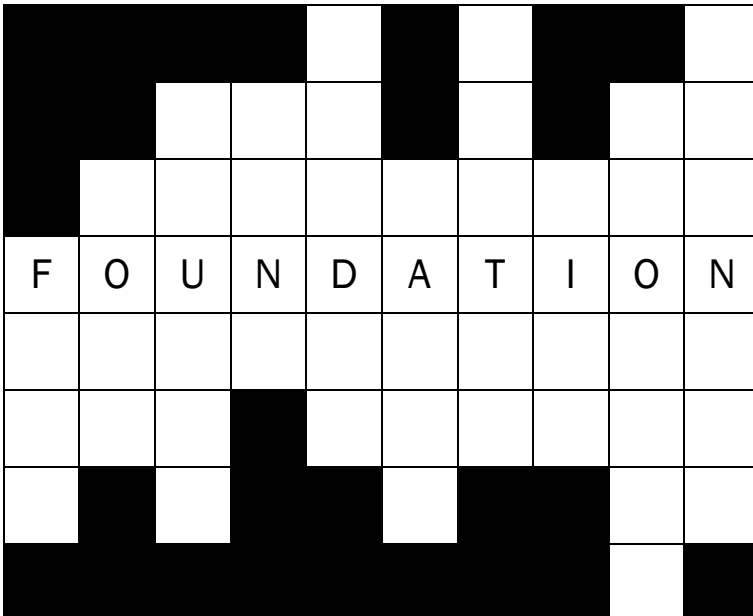
Father God,
Help me to listen to your words.
Help me to follow what you say.
Make me strong and firm on your solid rock.
Amen.

(Amen just means 'I agree' in the language that Jesus spoke.)



Puzzle

Can you fit all the words into the grid?



- Window
- Wise
- Foolish
- Rock
- Firm
- Water
- Sand
- Raining
- Houses
- Listen

Who is your foundation?



House Template for craft activity

