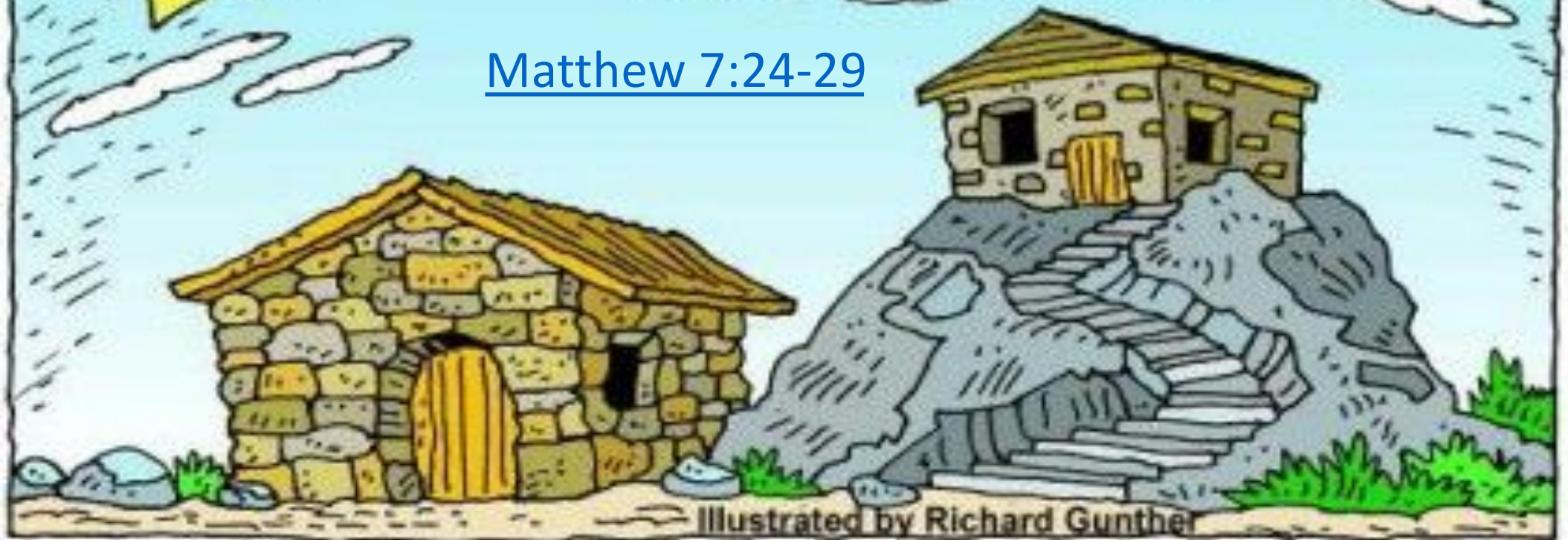


Two Builders

By Jill Kemp

[Matthew 7:24-29](#)



Illustrated by Richard Gunther

The wise and the foolish builders- A parable from Jesus

- Many people think that hearing the words of Jesus and then saying the sinner's prayer is all that's needed for salvation. However, the Parable of The Wise and Foolish Builders certainly seems to tell a different story.
- God has us under construction. Physically, we grow. Mentally, we grow. Spiritually, (hopefully) we grow, BTW – by spiritually, I mean our relationship with God.
- Anyway – the main point in this parable from Jesus has to do with whether or not the things we do in this life will lead us to do what God wants us to do or if we are going to ignore the things in his instruction manual (the Bible) and do what we feel is best.



Play a game



- Play the game of 'Simon says' (You could alter the wording to 'The Bible Says' or 'Jesus says'). This gets children into thinking about the importance of obedience, and in this case, obedience to God.
- Give each child (or put them in small teams) some marshmallows and uncooked spaghetti. Give them a set time to try to build the tallest structure that stands.
- Sit in a circle. Select 1 person to be the guesser who turns their back to the circle temporarily. Give a small rock/stone to one person in the circle. Can it be passed around the circle without the guesser working out who is holding it?

[And now watch the video link](#)



**Grown ups,
take 5 minutes
and grab
a coffee!**

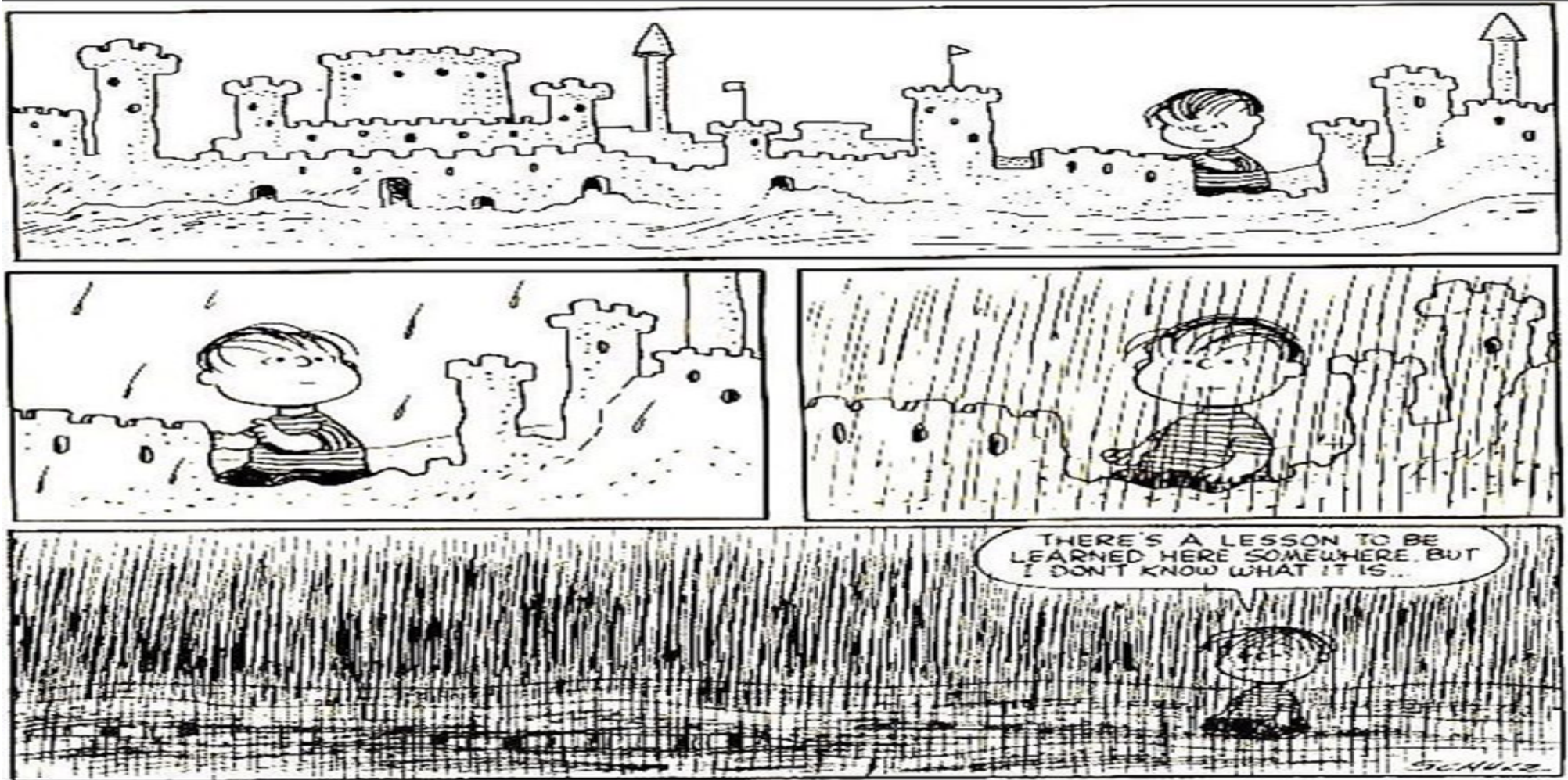


Question to talk about



- What does Jesus mean when he talks about building on sand or rock?
- What sort of person is like a foolish man who builds a house on sand?
- What must a person do to be like the wise man that built his house on a rock?
- What things could keep you from putting God's Word into practice? What might stop you?
- What life changes can you make to be more like the wise man? How can you be better at putting God's word into practice?

What would you say to Linus?

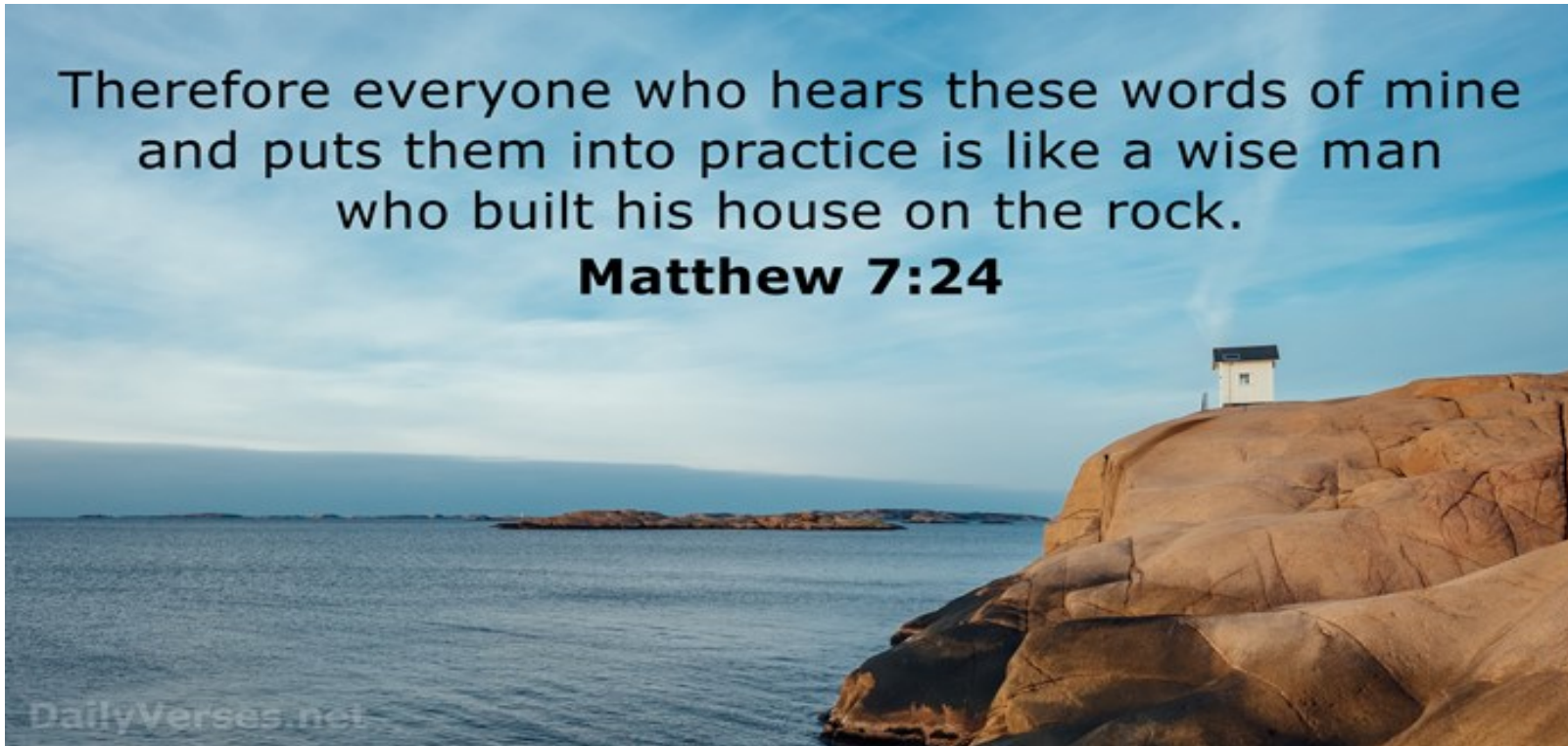


Can you learn this verse by heart?

Can you put it to music, make up actions or turn it into a rap?

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine
and puts them into practice is like a wise man
who built his house on the rock.

Matthew 7:24



Choose an activity:

- Take a largish rock and paint it with either the memory verse, *'Jesus is my rock'* or a picture from the parable that helps you remember it.
- Draw a sturdy house on a rock and fill it with the memory verse



- Use any foods to try to recreate the wise and foolish men's houses (then enjoy them!).



- Use junk modelling to create a building. (If you have, put it on a brick or rock first, then onto sand.) Use a hairdryer, blowing, watering can. Will it stand firm?

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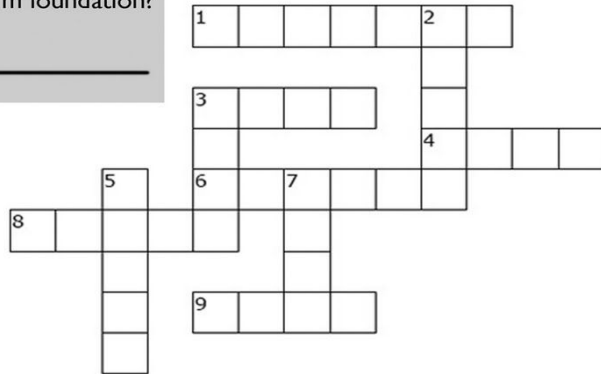
Wise or Foolish

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. Matthew 7:24 (NVI)

Based on Matthew 7:24-27



Who is my firm foundation?



ACROSS

1. Not very clever
3. The natural movement of air
4. A large stone
6. A small river
8. A building where a family lives
9. Loose soil which is found on beaches

DOWN

2. A sudden or violent condition in nature
3. Someone who exercises good judgment in his daily life is _____
5. To make or form something such as a house
7. Water that falls from the sky

HOUSE	FOOLISH	BUILD	STORM	WIND
WISE	STREAM	RAIN	SAND	ROCK

Wise and Foolish Builders

Open your Bibles and read Matthew 7:24-27.

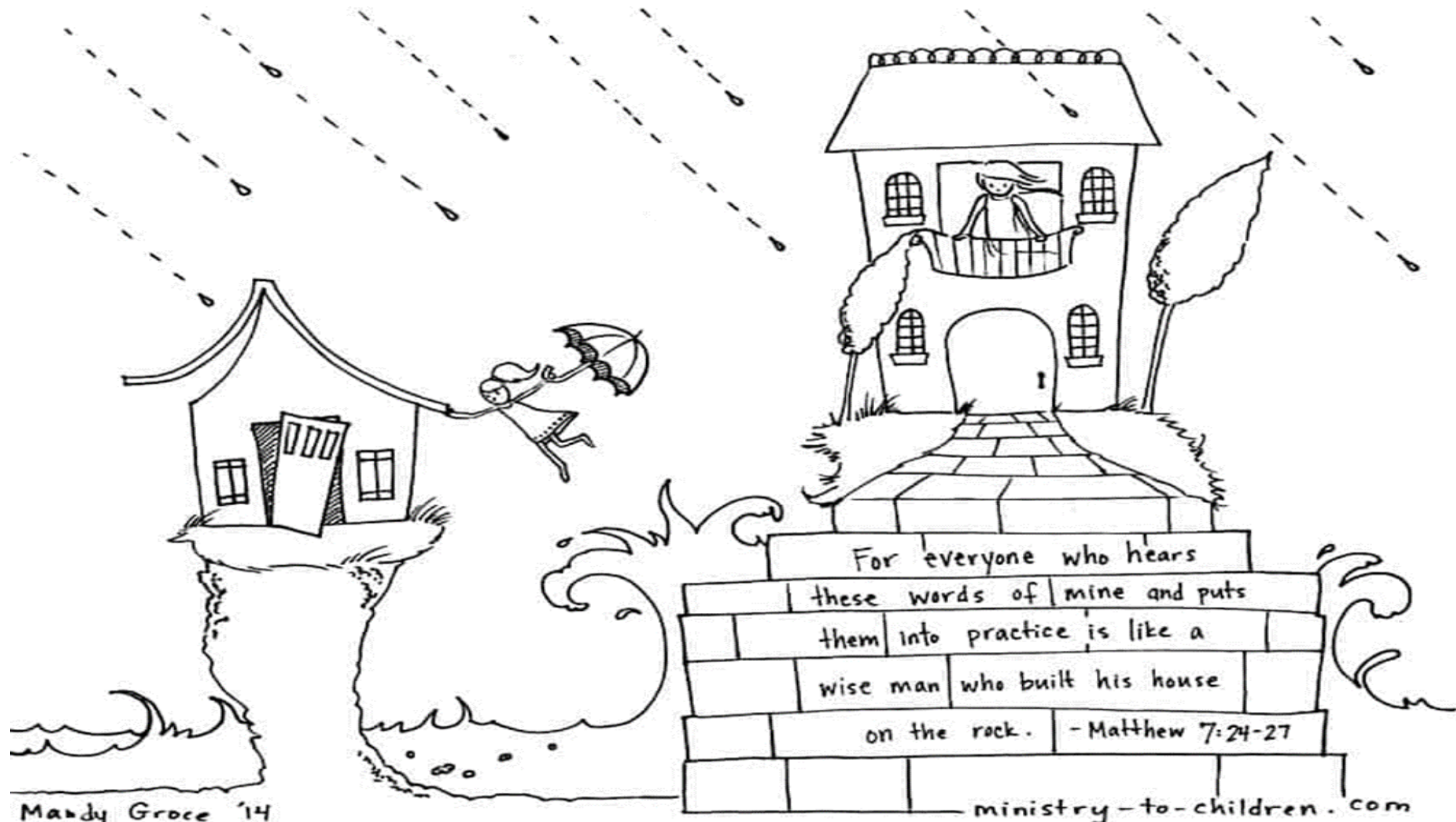
Answer the questions. Color the picture.



1. Why did the wise man's house not fall down? (verse 25)

2. Why did the foolish man build his house on the sand? (verse 26)

3. What happened to the foolish man's house when the storm came? (verse 27)



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Songs and actions to join in with

(sorry grown ups!!)

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zAjEjxX-DhA>

The wise man built his house on the rock

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vxe0SD0_DzI

The B-I-B-L-E

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

Yes, Jesus loves me

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PYRyJxs9CG4>

Read your Bible pray every day