

Why? Faith Stories

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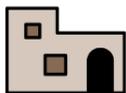
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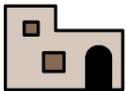
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There is a Bible story that Jesus told. It is called the wise and foolish builders.



Jesus

Jesus told this story to help people understand how to live in a safe and steady way.



houses

In the story, two people build houses.



sand



rock

One house is built on rock.
One house is built on sand.



storm

Then a big storm comes, with rain, wind, and water.



people

In this story, the house, the rock, the sand and storm are meant to be about people's lives.



feel

The house is a picture of a person's life and how they feel inside.



rock

The rock is a picture of things that are solid, true, and dependable.



safe

The Rock means things that help a person feel safe, calm, and supported.
Rock does not move easily.



sand

The sand is a picture of things that are not steady or reliable.
Sand can shift and move.



unsafe

Sand represents things that make a person feel unsafe, unsteady or unsupported.



storm

The storm is a picture of hard times.



troubles

Storms can mean worries, changes, big feelings, confusion, or difficult days.



troubles

Everyone has storms sometimes, even people who love Jesus.



rock

When the storm comes, the house on the rock stays standing.



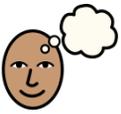
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When the storm comes, the house on the sand fell down.



Jesus

Jesus was teaching that he is the strong foundation that help people cope when things feel hard.



think

This story can help me think about my own rock.



truth

My rock can be my concrete truths, like:

- People who care about me.
- Things that help my body feel calm.
- Clear rules that keep me safe.
- Knowing I am loved by Jesus.



care



calm



safe



loved



think

I can also think about my sand.



unsafe

Sand might be things that make me feel unsafe, overwhelmed, or confused.



unhelpful

Sand can be things I choose to do that are not helping me follow Jesus.



Jesus



love



rock

When I remember Jesus' love is my rock, I can feel safer during my storms.



safe



learning



ok

I am learning how to build my life on things that help me feel secure.

Jesus understands that learning takes time, and that is okay.