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# HOUSE UPON THE ROCKS

Printable Lesson Kit



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# HOUSE UPON THE ROCKS

## LESSON OVERVIEW



### BUILD YOUR HOUSE ON THE ROCK MIGHTY MESSAGE

A favorite parable of Jesus is that of building your house on the rock and not the sand. It will teach children that building your life on faith in Christ means you won't fall apart when life gets stormy.



### How to Use the Lesson Kit:

This kit includes a variety of activities that you can select from to customize your perfect lesson. We suggest beginning with the Scripture Reading & Lesson followed by the Discussion Questions. From there, feel free to mix & match the activities to build your lesson plan based on the time you have allotted and the age level/interests of your kids.



#### WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Scripture Reading & Lesson
- Discussion Questions
- Craft
- Game
- Coloring Page
- Wordsearch
- Crossword Puzzle
- Learning Lookups Journaling
- Parent Handout
- Quiz
- Reference Sheet
- Certificate of Completion
- Answer Page



#### MATERIALS LIST:

- Crayons, markers, colored pencils
- Glue sticks
- Scissors (game)
- House on the Rock Squares (follows the game instructions)
- Clear playing area on the learning table (game)
- Pencils or pens
- Bibles (electronic or hardcopy)
- Rice cakes (edible craft)
- Large marshmallows (edible craft)
- Hersey's Kisses (edible craft)
- Cookie Icing (edible craft)

# HOUSE UPON THE ROCKS

## SCRIPTURE & LESSON

### EXCERPTS FROM MATTHEW 7 (NIV)

Read the following excerpts as shown (NIV translation), or read from your chosen Bible translation:

#### MATTHEW 7:24-27



<sup>24</sup> “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.

<sup>25</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.

<sup>26</sup> But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand.

<sup>27</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

#### Questions for Children about The House Upon the Rocks:

1. What does Jesus say is like “building a house on a rock?” **A:** Hearing what he has to say and putting those words into practice. A foundation means two things: it means the strong part under a house that keeps it together. It also can mean having a good background, such as a good foundation of learning your faith. What are the things that go into having a good foundation to your faith, that help you learn and understand the things Jesus said? **A: coming to Sunday school and youth group, reading your Bible regularly, praying and seeking his voice.**

2. Jesus talks here about a big storm. What is the difference between the houses built on the rock and the sand, once the storm comes? **A: The house on the sand can't withstand the storm, but the house on the rock does. We often have “stormy times” in our lives. How does having a good foundation in Christ help us weather those stormy times without falling apart? Our faith makes us remember that God is in charge. Our faith helps us trust him for a good outcome and for the steps back to peace. Our belief in God's love helps us look for sense in things that don't make sense.**

3. Think of a time in your life you would consider “stormy,” meaning bad things were happening. Did your faith help you? If so, how? Do you feel, looking back, that more faith would have helped you? If so, what would it have done?



## TEACHER'S MIGHTY MESSAGE

One thing we can count on in this world is that nobody's life will be perfect. 'Storms' come along for us to weather. The good news is that Jesus says, "In this world you will have tribulation. But be of good cheer. I have overcome the world."

He is talking about two things: First, that we always have heaven to look forward to where we can live with him forever. Second, that here on earth, where there are 'storms,' he will help us through and make us stronger.

Singers have a great expression: "You've got to pay your dues to sing the blues." This means that times of sorrow, or 'storms,' make you a better singer. We believe that 'storms' can make us better people.

As we go through our lives, we want to build our hearts and our minds on Jesus. We want to remember his words, be filled with his spirit, speak to him every day—whether we're in school or out playing or with our families.

If we make him a regular part of our lives and invite him to be part of everything we do, it's like building our house on the rock.



### HOUSE UPON THE ROCK SNACK

This is a fun snack/craft combo that kids will LOVE. They get to make their own “House Upon the Rock” to eat as a snack.



### MATERIALS:

- Rice Cakes
- Larger Marshmallows
- Hershey's Kisses
- Cookie Icing

**Note:** The same edible craft can be created with rice cakes, hummus, and veggies if you are looking for a healthier spin on the same idea.

### INSTRUCTIONS:

The rice cakes will make the “rock”. One marshmallow and a Hershey's kiss will make the “house”. You can use the icing as the glue to hold the roof on the house and the house on the rock.

### BLOWIN' IN THE WIND

In this game, students will be the wind and rain of a stormy time. They will try to get the parts of the scripture of the House on the Rock parable into a line—by blowing on scraps of paper! You can then discuss how God works in stormy times when all might seem lost.



#### MATERIALS:

- House on the Rock Squares (follows the instructions)
- Clear playing area on the learning table
- Scissors



#### PREPARATION:

Print out and cut out two sets of the Rock Squares.

### INTRODUCTION

We all have storms in our lives. And yet God helps us through them. Let's be a little bit of a storm ourselves right now and try to demonstrate how God still works when our foundation is in Christ.



#### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Divide the class into two teams.
2. Give each team a set of the scripture passage cut into six squares
3. Have them shuffle the squares and then lay them in a row in random order on the table. They should not be in their proper order.
4. When you say, "Go!" both teams will become a storm "wind" and try to blow the squares into their proper order in a row. They can take turns or figure out how to work together.
5. If a verse falls off the table, they have to put it back on at the edge of where it fell.
6. The first team to get the scripture in order wins.

#### CONCLUSION:

When life gets "stormy" and things start going wrong, it can look like chaos, can't it? It will look like things can never come together in peace and sunshine again.

The wind we were making by blowing was a little like life when things get stormy. But our hearts were like God and the Holy Spirit. We wanted to put the truth in order when things go wrong. Just like we helped with our knowledge, God helps in a storm.

The stronger our foundation in Christ, the more likely we are to weather the storms of life well.



Cut out the squares below that go with the Matthew 7 parable of the House on the Rock. Make two copies of the squares

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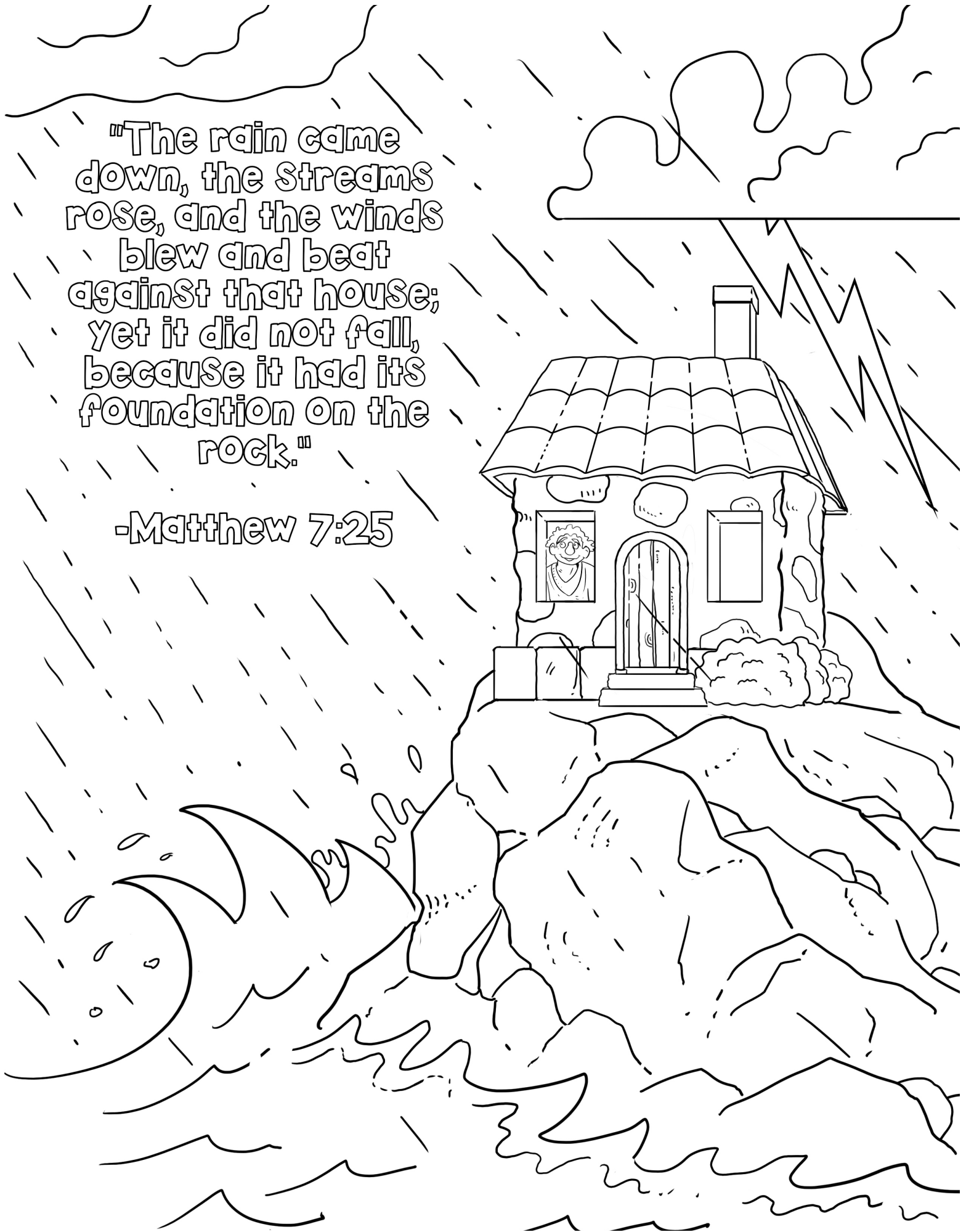
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"The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock."

-Matthew 7:25





# WORD SEARCH

When life gets "stormy," Jesus wants us to be like houses built on a rock. Below are many different types of life "storms." As you find the words in the puzzle, think of any you might face and how faith in Christ could help you.

V	N	R	R	R	Z	M	Q	P	F	A	I	L	U	R	E
Q	Y	R	B	P	I	I	E	M	E	F	E	A	R	S	D
C	N	E	U	V	T	N	N	A	O	C	X	V	P	N	Z
N	W	J	L	N	J	F	A	V	N	V	S	B	T	H	S
Y	N	E	L	G	R	D	F	B	A	N	I	M	K	E	L
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**Words to Find:**

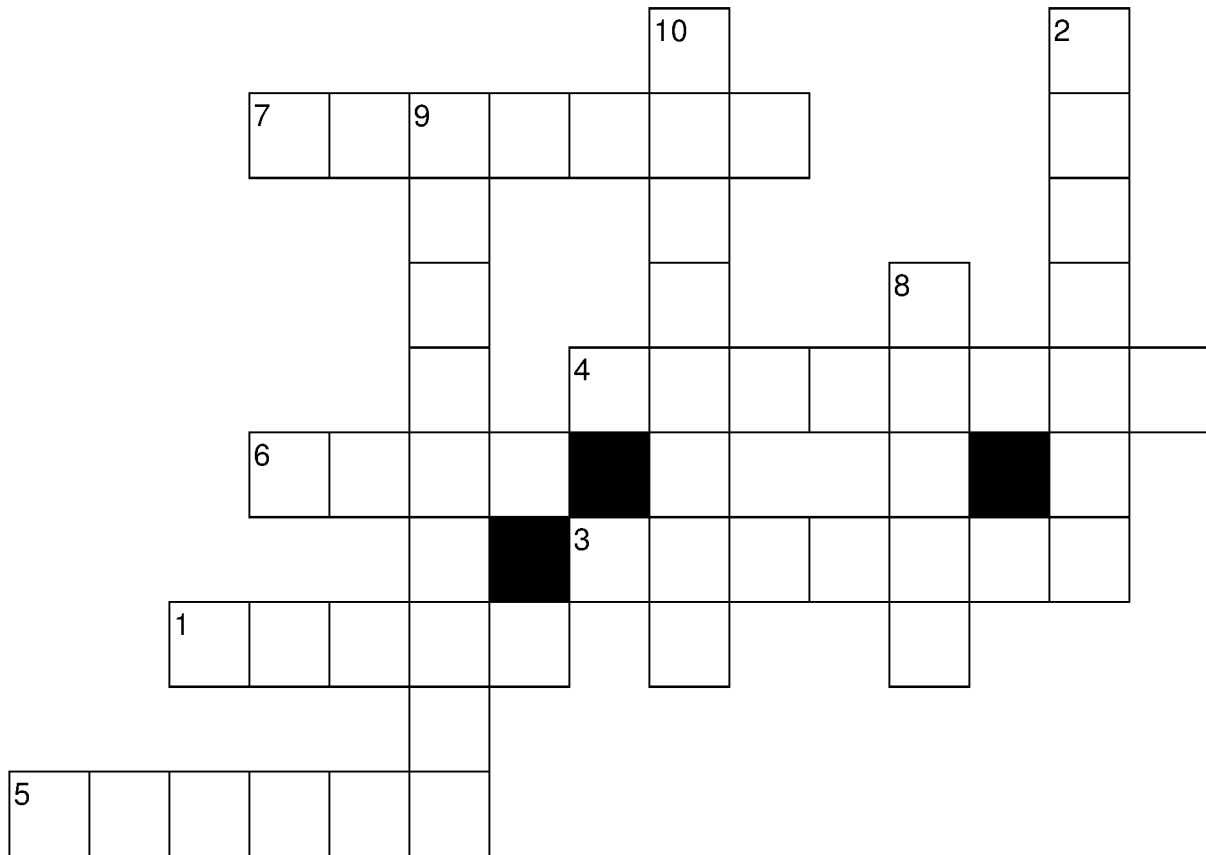
**BULLIES  
CHANGES  
DEATH  
DIVORCE  
FAILURE**

**FEARS  
FINANCES  
FRUSTRATION  
HEARTBREAK  
HUNGER**

**INABILITY  
INVASION  
MEANNESS  
MOVING  
PAIN**

**REJECTION  
SICKNESS  
SLEEPLESSNESS  
SUSPICION  
TEMPTATION**

Use the All the Parables of Jesus Reference Sheet to fill in the puzzle below!



### Across

1. Jesus used numbers to make comparisons. How many virgins were there in Matthew 25:1-13?
3. This is the only parable mentioning a name, found only in Luke 16:19-31. The name is .....
4. Number of ORIGINAL parables in the Gospel of Luke
5. Number of ORIGINAL parables in the Gospel of Matthew
6. Number of parables in the Gospel of John
7. A popular parable found in all three gospels compares faith to this kind of seed

### Down

2. Books where all Jesus' parables are found
8. Parable is another word for this
9. A famous parable from Luke 10:30-37 tells about a Good.....
10. A very famous parable in Luke 15:11-32 tells of this kind of son



# PARENT HANDOUT



**Scriptures to Read:** Matthew 7:24-27



## This Week We Learned About ...

Children looked at the famous parable of Jesus, about building your house on the rock and not the sand. It taught them to be rooted in God's teachings and a Christian life so they can have strength when life becomes "stormy."



### ✓ Questions for Kids:

1. What does it mean to build your house on the sand? **To have a careless attitude about faith, which will catch up with you in tough times.**
2. What does it mean to build on the rock? **To live a life rooted in God so that your faith won't crumble in tough times.**
3. What do you think the rain symbolizes? Tough times. You can see the results of houses built on sand when people say things like, "I stopped believing when my loved one died. I can't understand how God could be so cruel."

### ✓ Dinner Table Discussion:

Think of something that could happen that would threaten some people's faith. Discuss with your family. Think of scriptures or experiences you've had that would prevent you from being "washed away" by it.

Do you have a story about how a memory verse or story from the bible helped you do the right thing? Tell the story and discuss.

### Scripture Notes (tuck in lunchboxes, tape to mirrors, etc.):



*Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.*

**Psalm 25:4-5**



*But God removed Saul and replaced him with David, a man about whom God said, 'I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart. He will do everything I want him to do.'*

**Acts 13:22**



*Whoever gives heed to instruction prospers, and blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord.*

**Proverbs 16:20**



## PARABLES OF JESUS REFERENCE SHEET

A parable is a little story. Jesus told lots of them!  
Here is a list of all Jesus' parables.

Parables	Matthew	Mark	Luke
The tares	13:24-43		
The hid treasure	13:44		
The goodly pearl	13:45-46		
The draw net	13:47-50		
The unmerciful servant	18:23-35		
The laborers in the vineyard	20:1-16		
The two sons	21:28-32		
The marriage of the king's son	22:1-14		
The ten virgins	25:1-13		
The ten talents	25:14-30		
The sheep and goats	25:31-33		
The seed growing secretly		4:26-29	
The householder		13:32-37	
Gratitude for pardon.			7:41-47
The good Samaritan			10:30-37
The friend at midnight			11:5-8
The rich fool			12:16-21
The wedding feast			12:35-38
The wedding feast			12:41-48
The barren fig tree			13:6-9
The great supper			14:16-24
The piece of money			15:8-10
The prodigal son			15:11-32
The unjust steward			16:1-8
The rich man and Lazarus			16:19-31
The unprofitable servants			17:7-10
The unjust judge			18:1-8
The Pharisee and publican			18:9-14
The pounds			19:11-27
House on rock and sand	7:24-29		6:47-49
The leaven	13:33		13:20-21
The lost sheep	18:11-14		15:3-7
New cloth and old garment	9:16	2:21	5:36
New wine in old bottles	9:17	2:22	5:37
The sower	13:3-23	4:1-20	8:4-15
The mustard seed	13:31-32	4:30-34	13:18-19
The wicked husbandmen	21:33-46	12:1-12	20:9-18
The fig tree and all the trees	24:32-33	13:28-29	21:29-31

### More Facts About the Parables of Jesus:

- There are 38 parables of Jesus recorded in the gospels.
- Some are duplicates.
- Therefore they are found in 53 places.
- The Book of Luke contains the most parables: 25. 16 are original.
- The Book of Matthew contains the second most: 20. 11 are original.
- The Book of Mark contains 8 parables and 2 are original.
- The Book of John contains no parables!



# LEARNING LOOKUPS



# HOUSE UPON THE ROCKS

**Lookup:** the House on the Rock parable at Matthew 7:24-27. Write down verse 27.

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**Lookup:** the Parable of the Ten Virgins: Matthew 24:1-13. Write down verse 13.

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Both of these parables issues warnings. What is the common warning?

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Create a prayer below. Speak to God and write it. Ask him to show you people you can support, compliment, build up, and stand up for this week. If he gives you any names, write them down.


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# HOUSE UPON THE ROCKS

## QUIZ



Learn more about Jesus's parable of the House on the Rock by completing the lookups and answering the questions on the quiz.

### CIRCLE YOUR ANSWER

**1. According to verse 24, Jesus especially wants us to**

- a. draw pictures of him
- b. write letters to him
- c. hear his words

**2. In the same verse, Jesus says the man who build his house on the rock is**

- a. wise
- b. cheap
- c. cool
- d. eccentric

**3. Jesus uses two forces of nature to symbolize problems in life in verse 25. They are**

- a. wind and water
- b. wind and sand
- c. water and sleet
- d. fire and ice

**4. The house on the rock did not fall because of its (verse 25)**

- a. strong walls
- b. strong foundation
- c. heating system
- d. roof

**5. According to verse 26, Jesus wants us to take his words and**

- a. share them
- b. build on them
- c. put them into practice

**6. In verse 26, Jesus calls the man who build his house on the sand this:**

- a. lazy
- b. mean
- c. crazy
- d. foolish

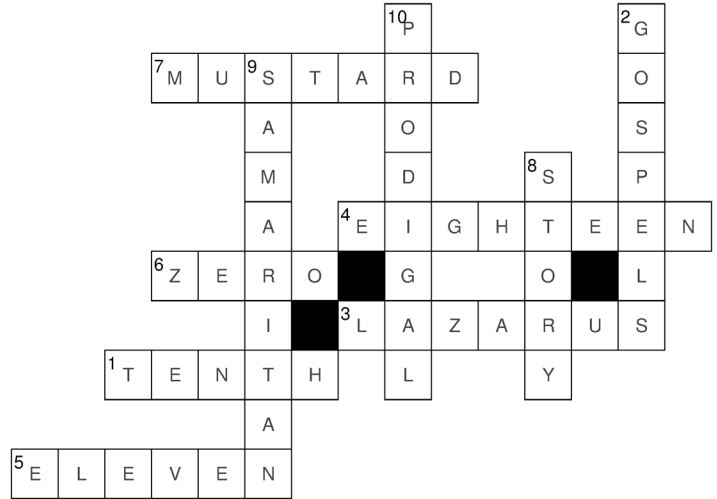
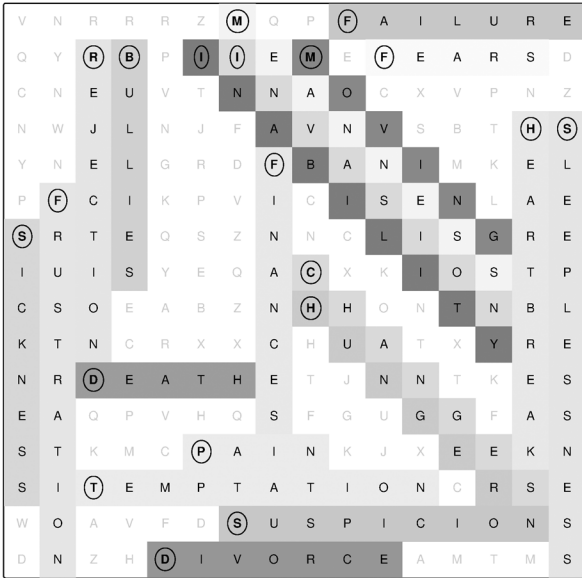
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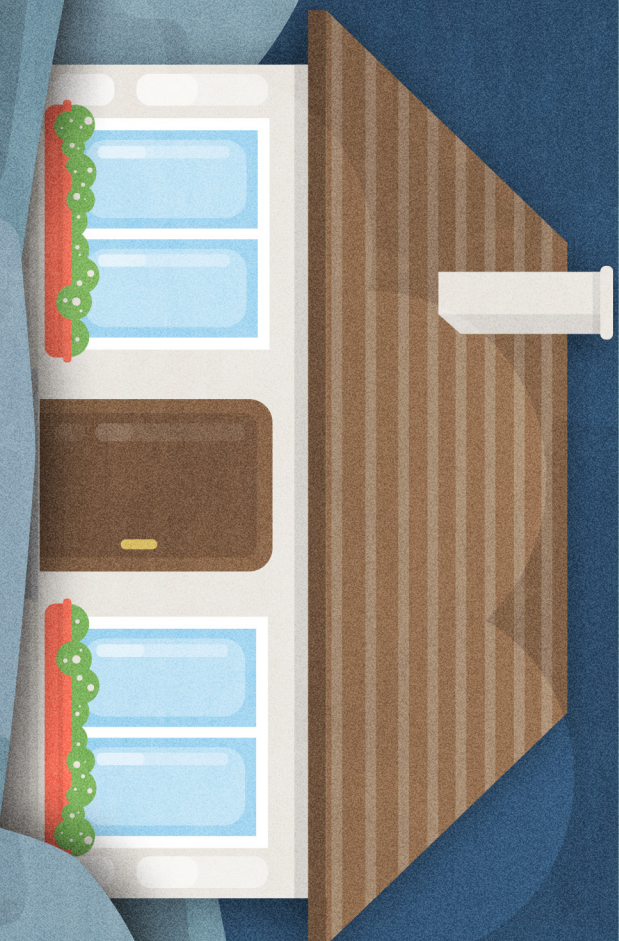
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