

THE WISE AND FOOLISH BUILDERS

Listening to, and obeying God's word



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This Bible story teaching pack is titled “The wise and foolish builders: Listening to, and obeying God’s word”. This is the retelling of the parable of the wise and foolish builders in the book of Matthew. While explaining this story to your students, it is important to emphasize the following:

- It is good to listen to and read the bible; but it is better to do what it says (Matthew 7:24).
- When we trust and obey God, He helps us stand firm, just like a house on a rock (Matthew 7:25).
- Disobedience to God’s word comes with consequences (Matthew 7:26,27).

The bible reference for this story is Matthew 7: 24 – 27.

We ask that you take the time to prayerfully read the bible references provided and study the materials too. We pray “that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him” (Ephesians 1:17)

We do not take for granted the call and ministry of training kids in a godly way – right from their childhood. “Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it” (Proverbs 22:6).

We do not underestimate the potentials for kids to understand and store God’s word in their hearts from their early age. “And that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus”

(2 Timothy 3:15).

Ultimately, we do not underestimate the power and will of God to bring these children into an enduring relationship with Him. But Jesus said, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the Kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 19:14). This is our desire, hope and joy – that each child might come to experience love and grace in Jesus as they understand His words.

In this Bible story teaching pack, you have the following:

1. Story book/cards

You will get a book or a pack of large cards depending on how you print yours. This section has the retelling of the parable of the wise and foolish builders. There are words and pictures to hold the attention of the children.

2. Conversation cards

These cards will provide some questions for you to explore with the kids. Encourage them to explore the story and lessons from the parable of the wise and foolish builders using the questions in these cards. Use these cards in a group activity. You will be amazed at what you find out.

3. Story starter cards

Each of these cards has a story prompt or beginning sentence and a corresponding picture to help kids retell the parable of the wise and foolish builders in their own words. Use these cards in a group activity. They will feel confident that they can tell the story and even go on to tell their friends and families. Are you a parent? You will enjoy listening to your child retelling this story.

4. Memory verse and prayer cards

Print these memory verse cards and ask the children to recite them a few times after the study. Then, ask them to take them home, so they can learn to recite the verses during the week.

You can quickly ask them to recite the verse before the next study in the following week.

A prayer card is also provided – please use this only as a guide. The goal is for each child to be able to use their own words while praying to God.

5. Quiz cards

Questions are provided in the quiz cards. The questions are related to the study; thus, you can assess their understanding in this group activity.

6. Crossword puzzle

Print the puzzle to be used as assignment or solved after the study. The answers are included in the puzzle sheet.

7. Maze

Print the maze to be used as assignment or solved after the study.

8. Word search

Print the word search to be used as assignment or solved after the study. The answers are included in the word search sheet.

9. Word scramble

Print the word scramble sheet and get the kids to unscramble the words. A list of words is provided to make this quick, easy, and fun. If you are using with an older kid, you might want to cut out the word list section and get them to unscramble the words without using the word list.

10. Learn and colour

Another activity aimed at emphasizing the study as kids interact with the pictures and the words.

Please note that the instructions are generic to educators. You know your child/children best; so, feel free to use language that is right for the age group you are teaching.

We hope you will find these resources useful in your homes, classes, churches, or any other location where you teach children the word of God.

We welcome any feedback you might have about using these resources. Please send an email to contact@godlypearls.com or reach out to us through our [Facebook page](#).

Thanks, and God bless you.

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Bible References: Matthew 7: 24 -27.

You can use this resource to:

- ❖ *Discuss the story of the wise and foolish builders from the Bible.*
- ❖ *Discuss lessons from the story and what it means for kids today. Some suggestions are provided in the main story.*
- ❖ *Engage kids in the various activities to reinforce the story and the lessons.*

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Jesus told a story to teach people how important it is to listen to His words and obey them.

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Jesus said, "Whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock".

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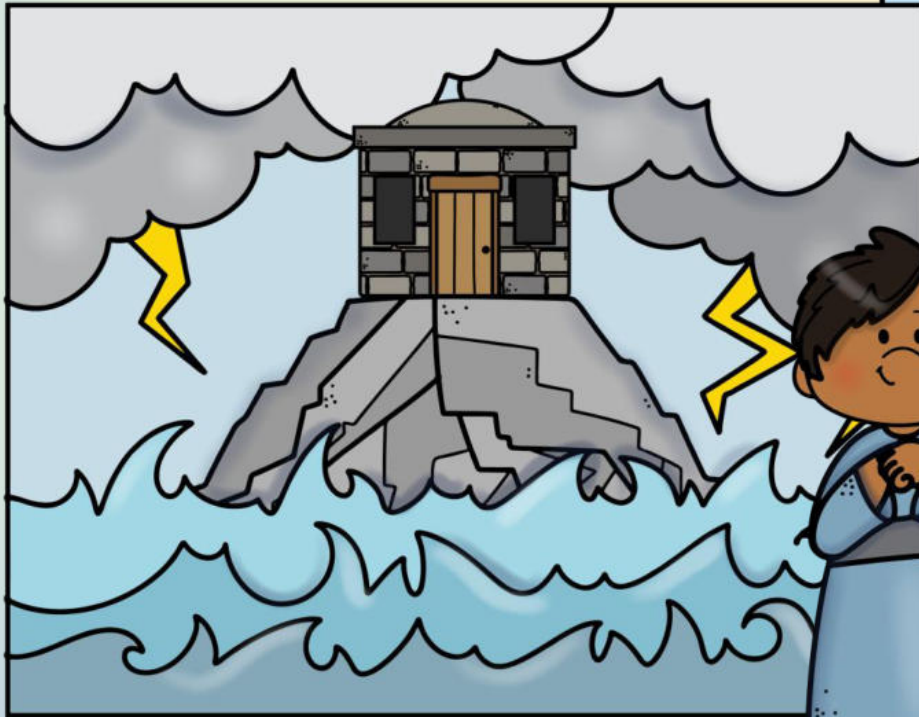


The wise builder carefully chose a strong, solid rock for his foundation.

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When the rain came, and the flood rose, and the wind blew, the house did not fall.



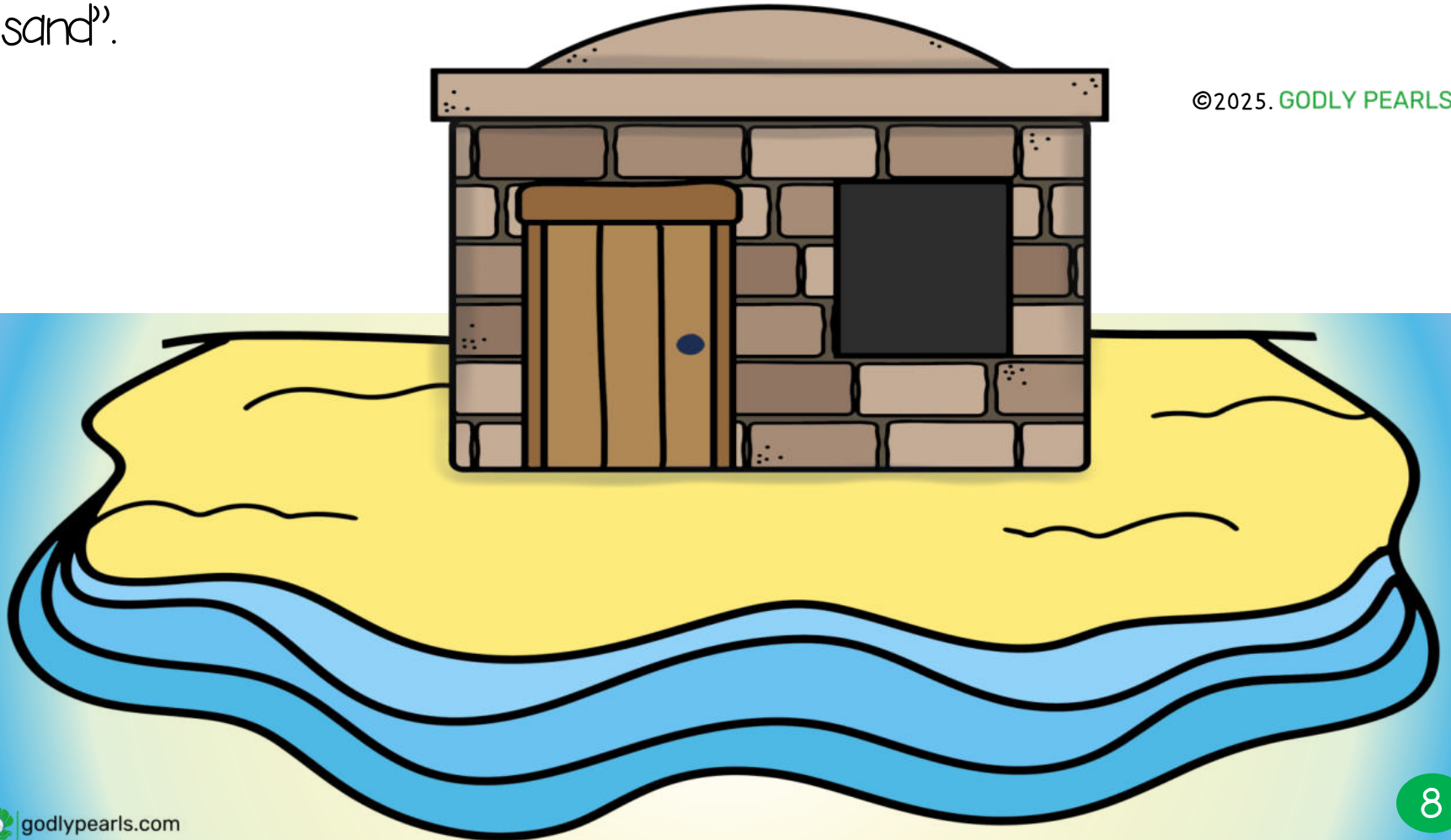
because the house was built on the rock.

Then, Jesus talked about a foolish builder.

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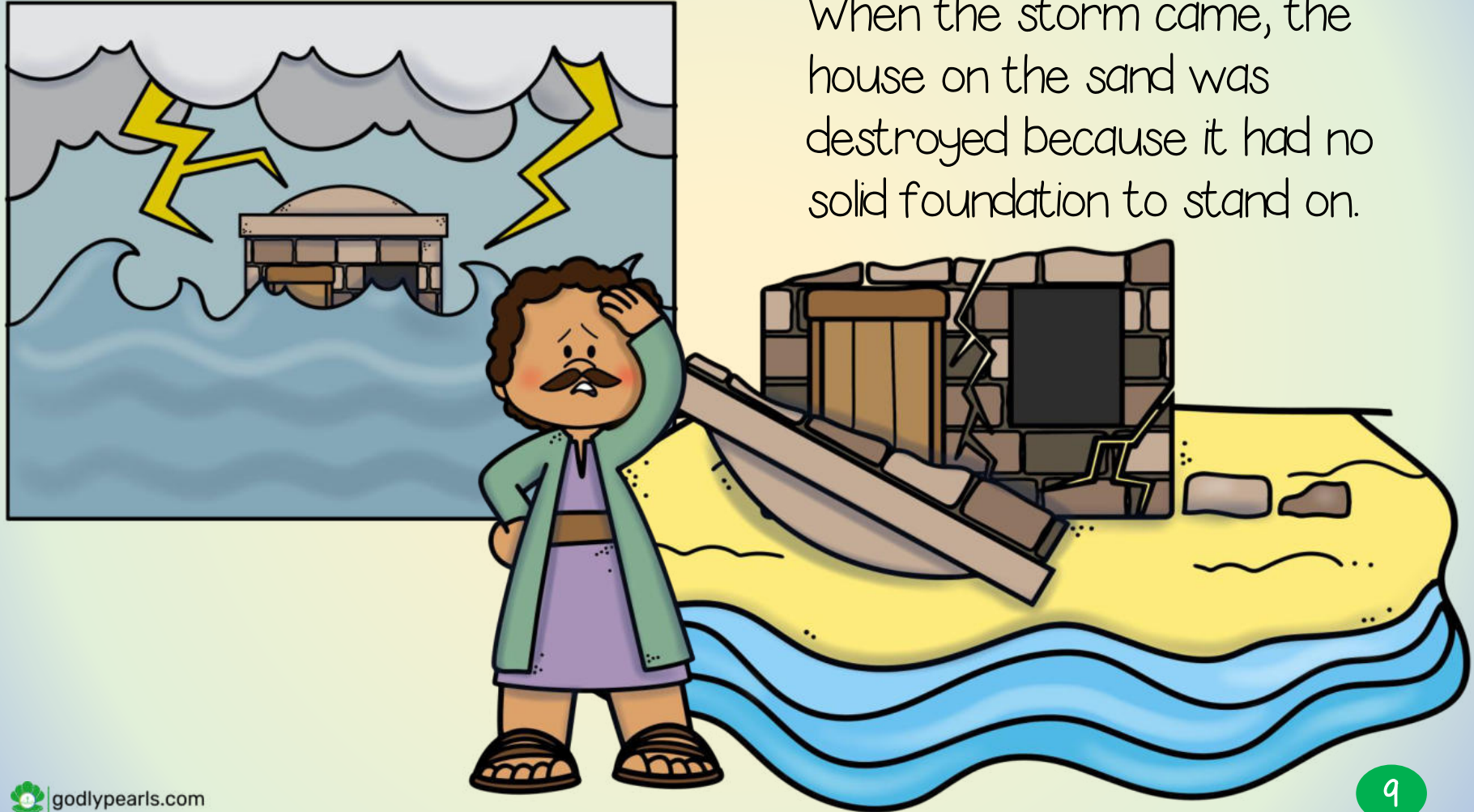
Jesus said, “But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand”.



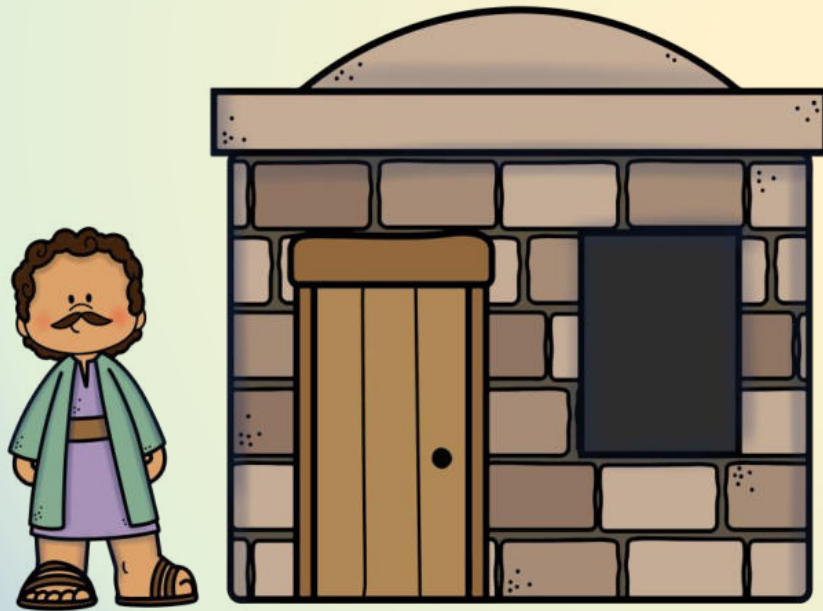
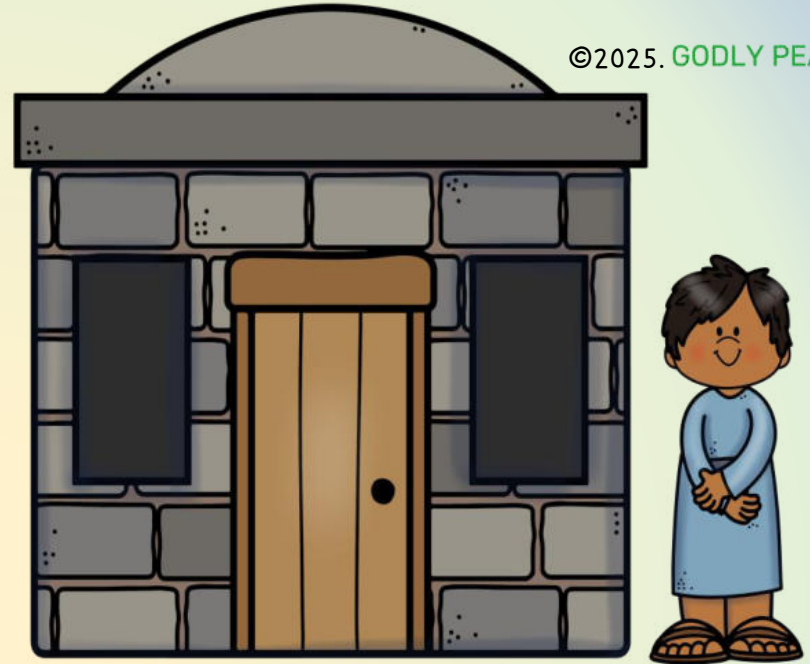
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The foolish builder didn't choose a strong foundation.

When the storm came, the house on the sand was destroyed because it had no solid foundation to stand on.



Jesus explained that those who hear His words and do them, are like the wise builder, who builds on a strong foundation.



But those who hear His words and don't do them, are like the foolish builder, whose house will fall when tough times come.

It is important to
listen to the
words of God
and to obey them.



When we trust
and obey God,
He helps us stand
firm, just like a
house on a rock.



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We hope you find it impactful on you and the kids you teach the word of God. We hope this resource will enable a deeper understanding of who God is - and help develop a personal and life-long relationship with God who loves us so much.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. We will be happy to help as much as we can.

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In this story, what did the wise builder do?

In this story, what did the foolish builder do?

What happened to the house of the wise builder when there was a flood?

What happened to the house of the foolish builder when there was a flood?

What does Jesus want us to do when we hear His word?

What two things did you learn from the wise and foolish builders?

1

A wise man ...



2

When ...



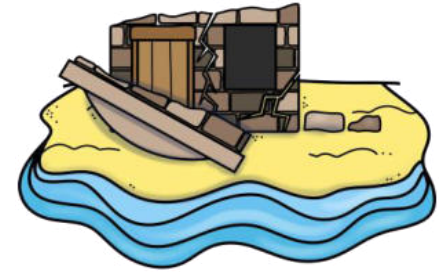
3

But the foolish ...



4

When ...



5

Those who hear ...



6

But those who ...



STORY STARTERS

Why is it important to listen to, and obey the word of God?

1

What are some of the things that could distract you from listening in church?

2

What are some of the things that could distract you from listening to your parents at home?

3

How can you be a better listener?
How can you obey God?

4



I CAN MEMORIZE

Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock.

Matthew 7 : 24

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I CAN PRAY

Dear God, thank You for the bible through which I can learn more about You. Help me to listen, trust, and obey Your word in Jesus' name. Amen.

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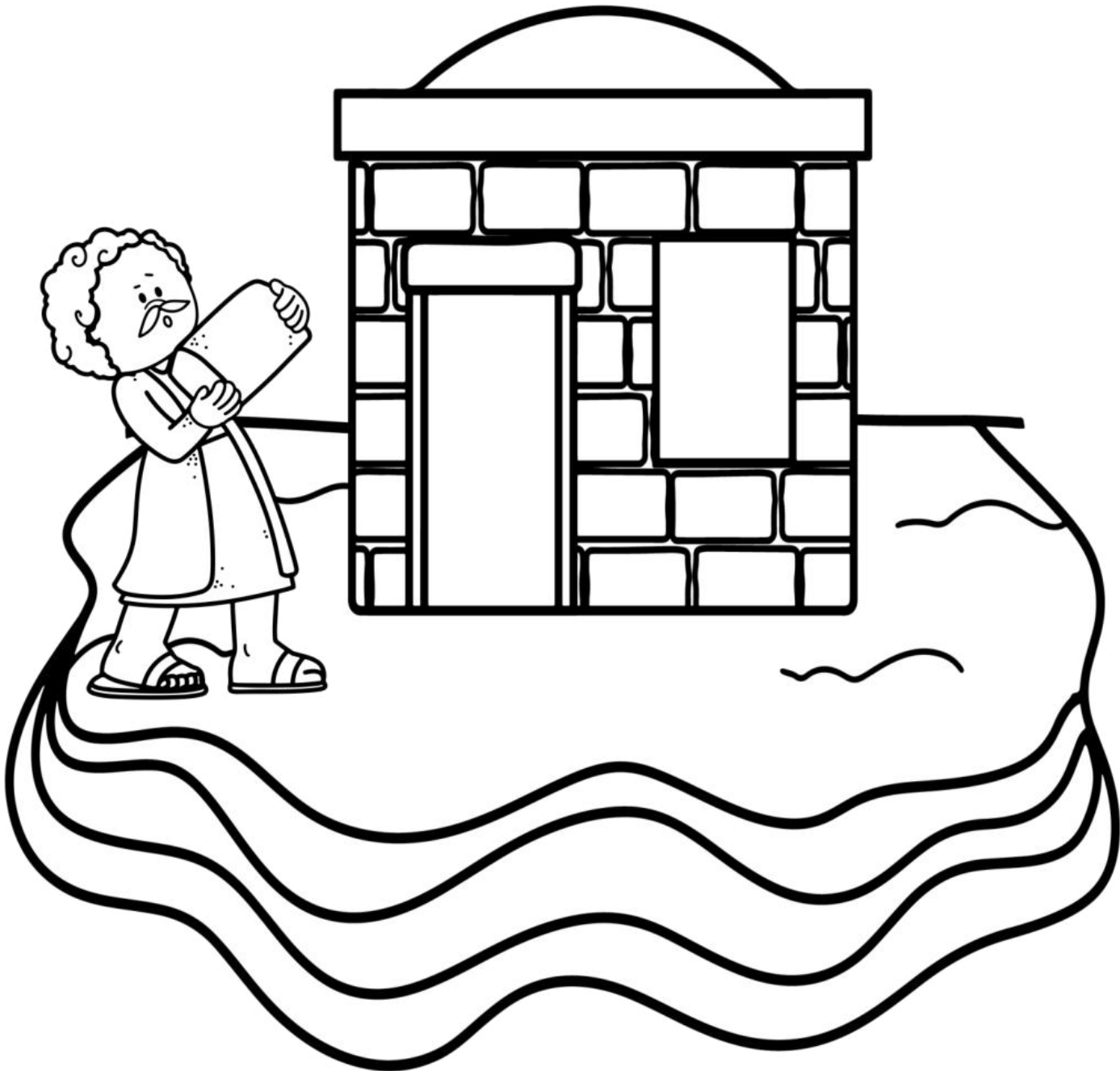


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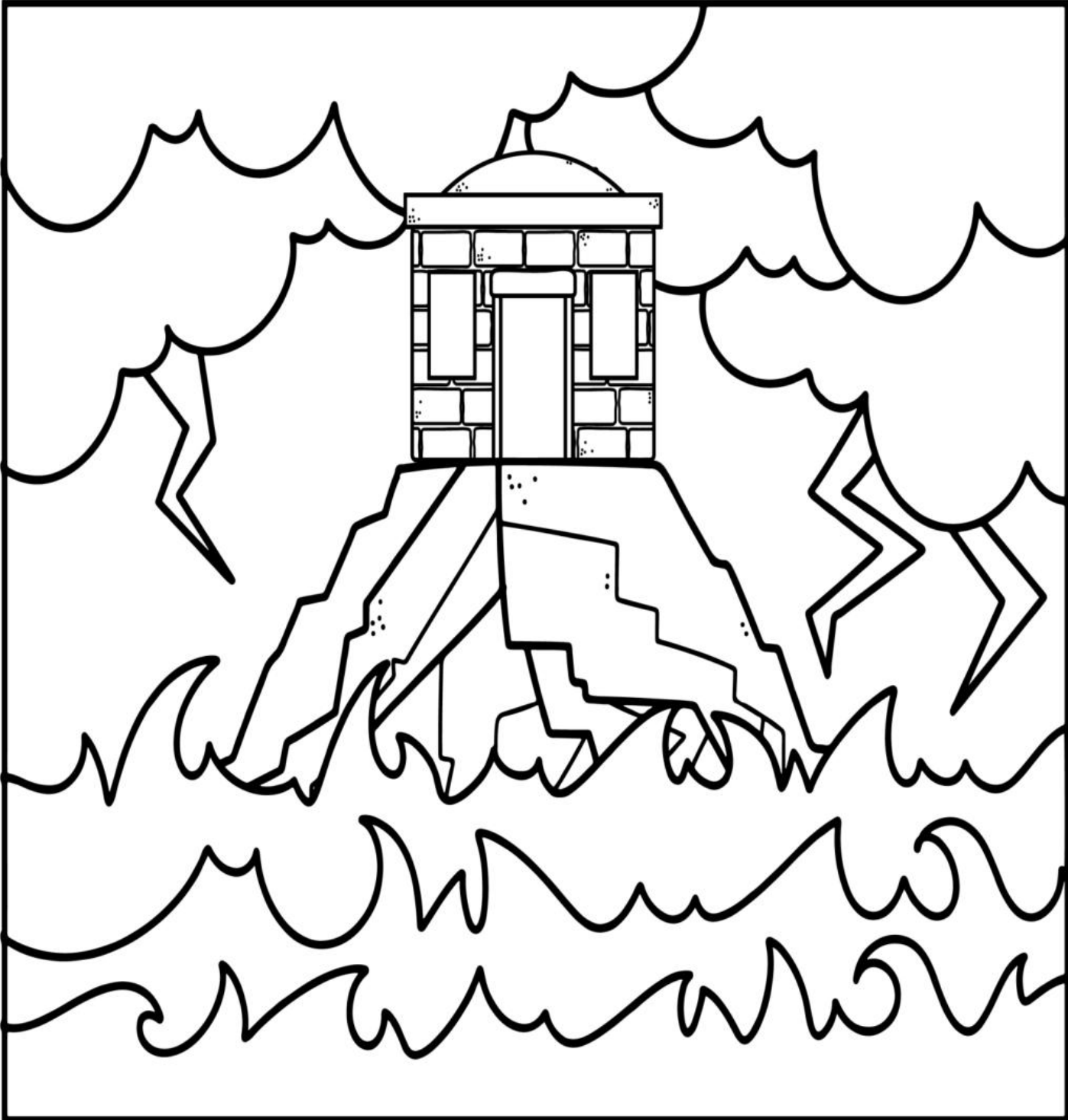
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The wise man built his house on the rock

Name:



When the rain came, and the flood rose, and the wind
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Word Search

Find and circle the words below

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p	f	r	f	r	r	y	q	k	c	m	m	w
d	j	f	y	j	q	e	k	q	x	v	f	q
l	r	f	o	c	o	q	d	c	d	o	x	g
w	b	m	n	u	a	t	r	l	o	h	e	d
d	f	b	n	f	n	e	n	l	i	g	w	a
d	j	w	i	s	s	d	i	i	x	u	s	b
i	v	j	g	u	j	s	a	m	x	o	b	c
v	m	x	o	m	h	a	u	t	p	t	z	e
k	i	h	p	o	h	s	m	x	i	r	h	c
a	p	e	r	o	b	e	y	n	r	o	z	b
e	n	e	t	s	i	l	a	x	u	f	n	u
l	g	q	m	x	y	w	m	x	m	e	m	p
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Listen

Obey

Foolish

Builder



House

Foundation

Destroyed

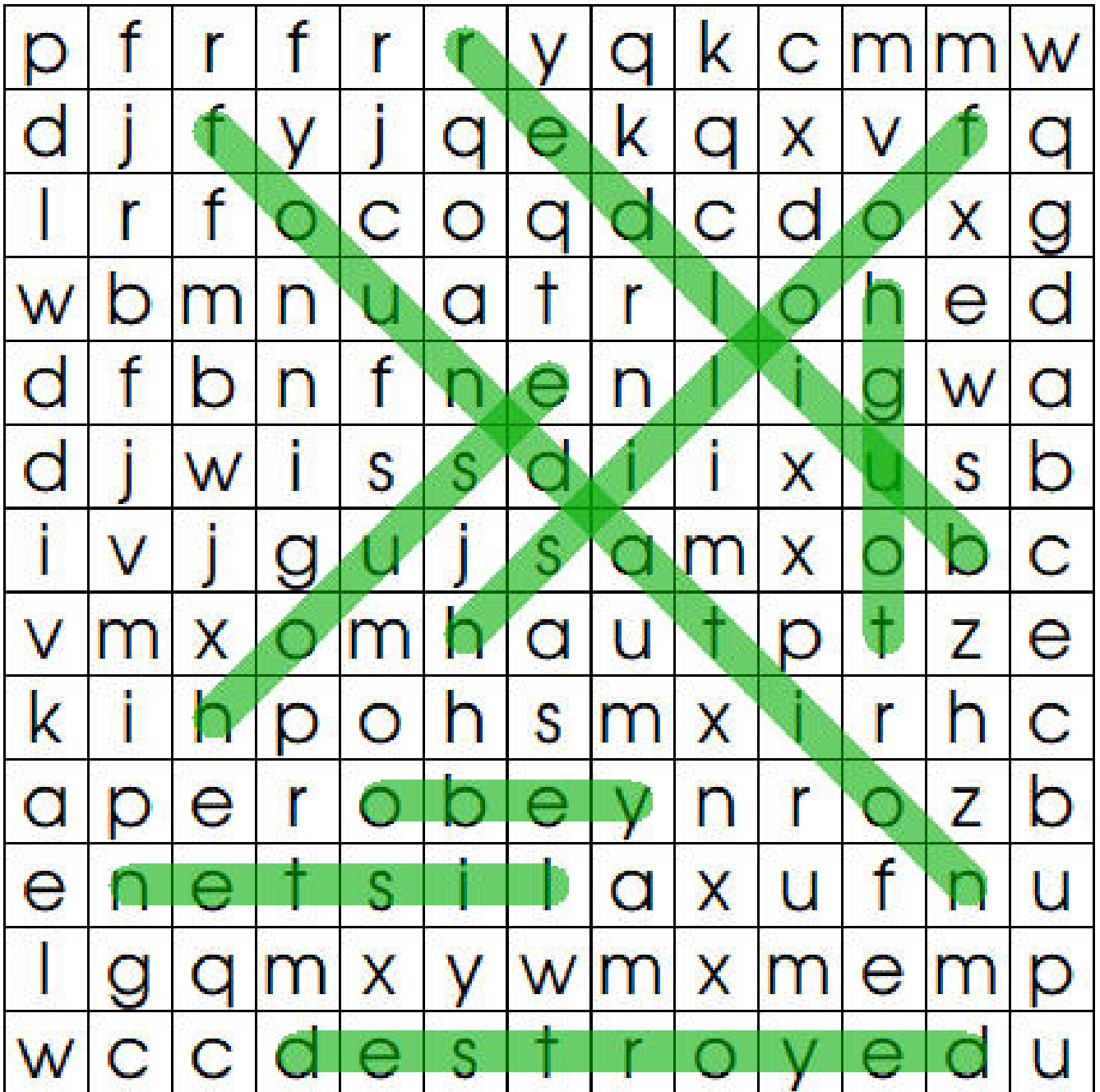
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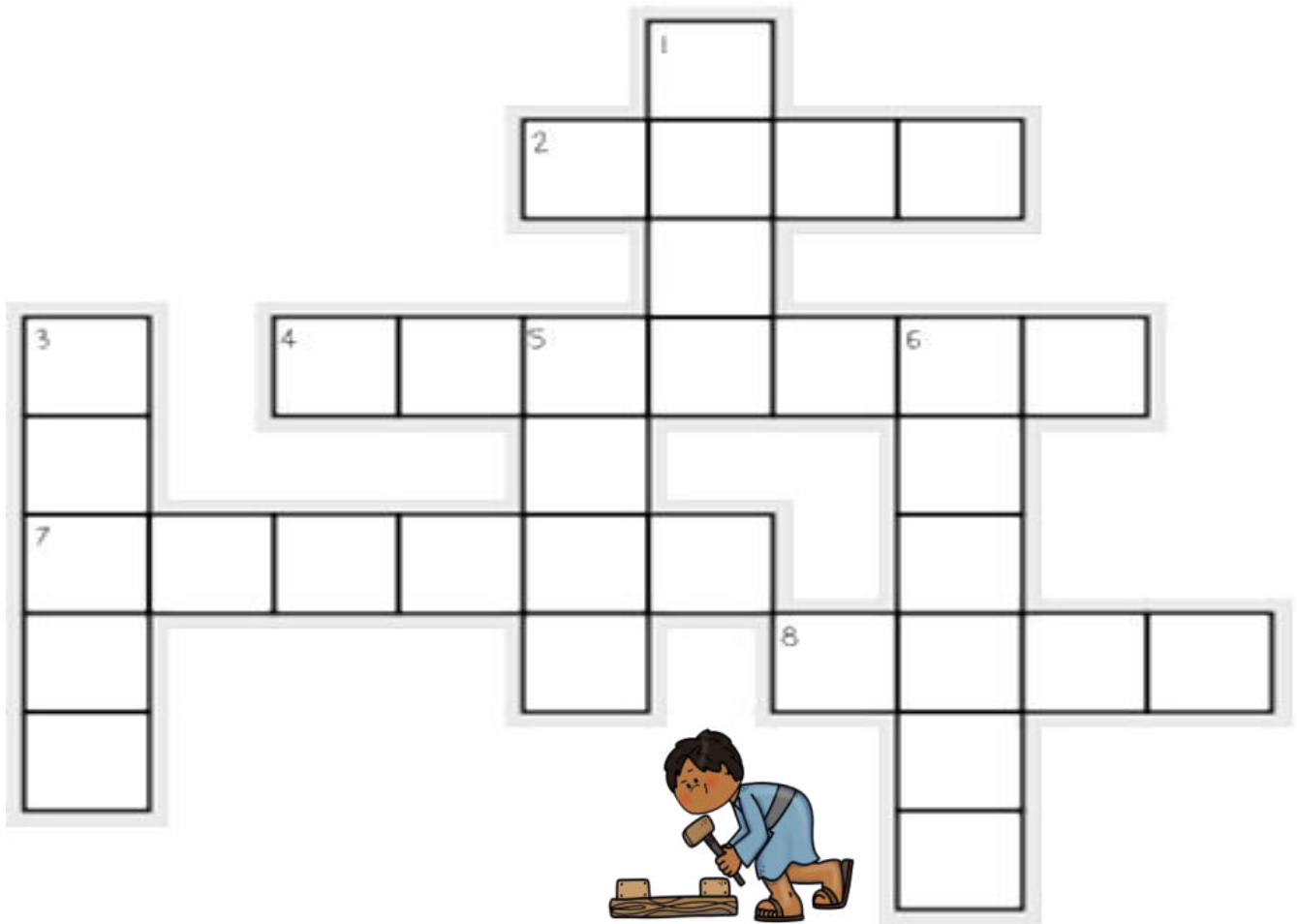
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Crossword Puzzle

Read each clue. Then, write the missing word in the puzzle.

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Across

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- 1. When the flood rose and wind blew on the house of the wise man, it did not (4)
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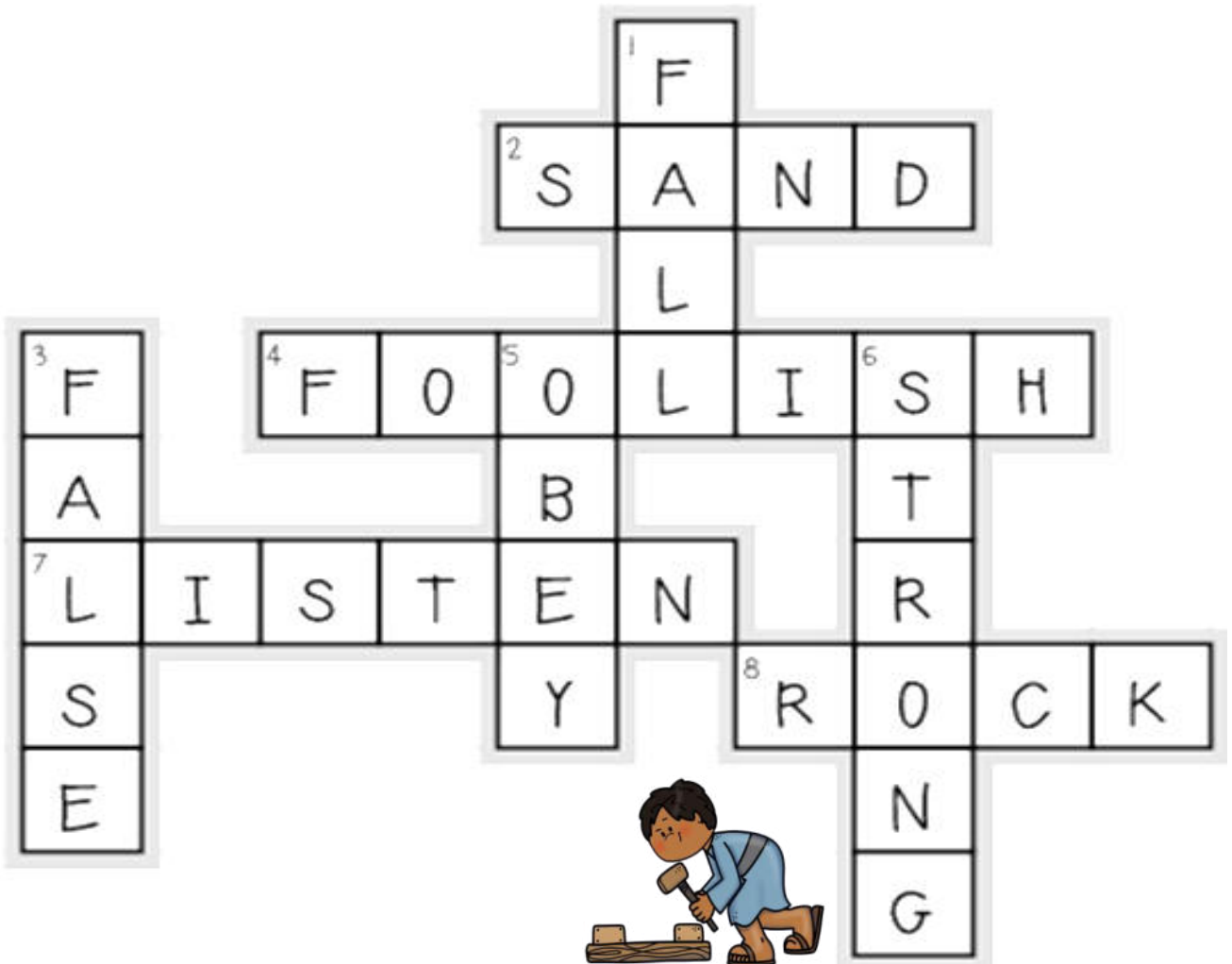


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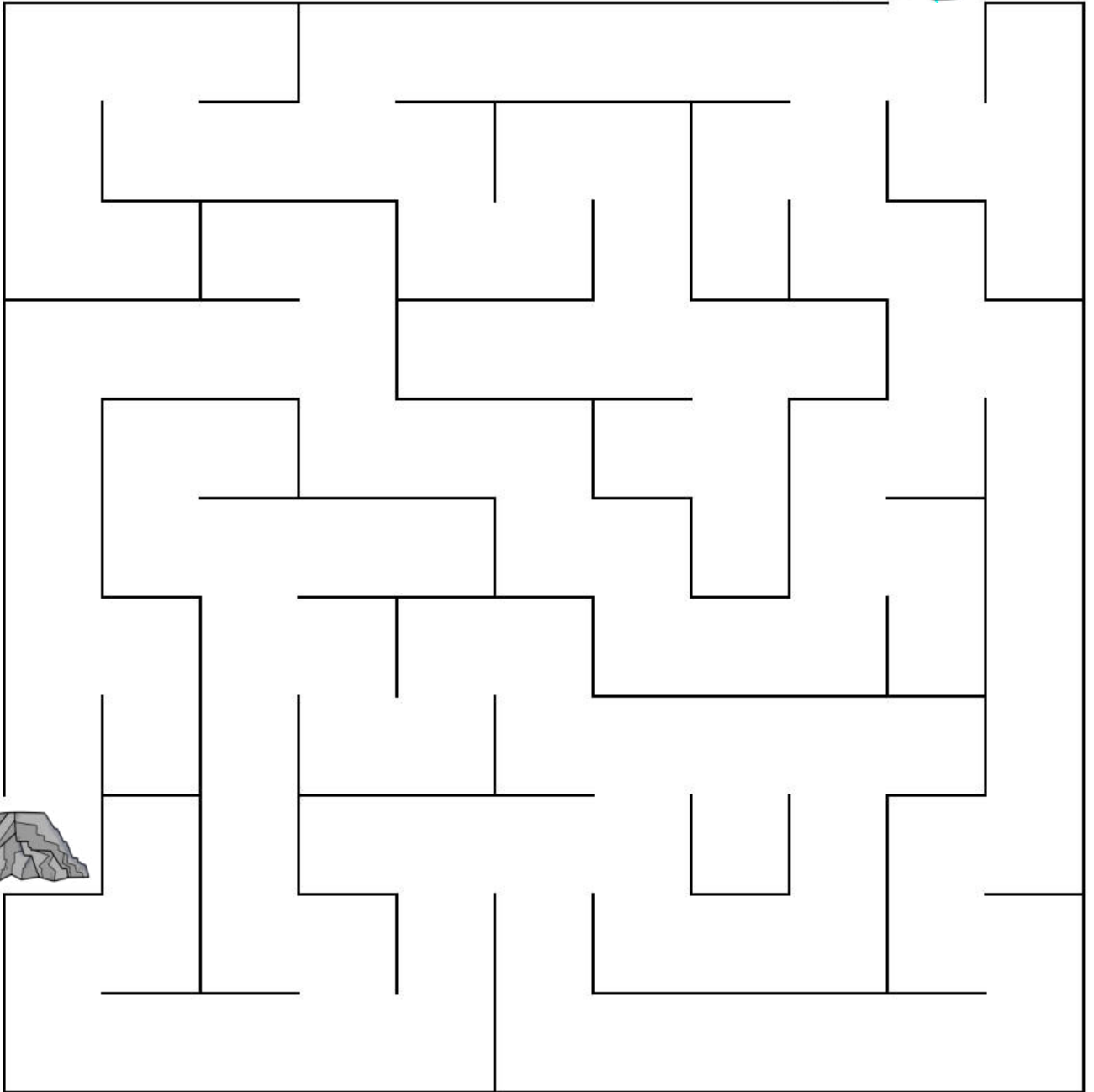
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Puzzle sheet

The wise builder is ready to build. Can you help him get to the rocky foundation?

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Word Scramble

Instruction: Unscramble the words below using clues from the word list

Name:

DIWN

RTMSO

OCRK

NDAS

DOLOF

LALF

AHRE

IEWS

Word list

Rock
Flood
Hear
Wise



Sand
Fall
Wind
Storm

