

Illustrate the Parable of the House Built on the Rock

A “Rock” means Divine truth from the Lord and the Lord Himself.

(see *Apocalypse Explained* 411:11)

Suggested Materials

2 pieces of construction paper or cover stock (one for each house)
optional: white or gray construction paper (for a torn paper rock)
colored markers or oil pastels
sand paper or sand
glitter
glue stick
optional: thin blue ribbon or yarn (one way to indicate the rain)



Procedure

1. On one sheet of paper, draw a house built on a rock. First tear white or gray construction paper to make the rock. Because the rock symbolizes truth from the Lord, you may want to show it sparkling with glitter to hint at its special meaning.
2. Then use colored markers or oil pastels to draw the house.
3. Show the sun shining on the house built on a rock, to illustrate that this house is still standing after the storm.
4. On the other piece of paper, draw the house built on the sand. Use sandpaper for the sand (or try painting the area with watery glue and then sprinkling with sand).
5. Then use colored markers or oil pastels to picture the house on the sand—before the floods come and the house falls.
6. Now show the rain falling on the house built on the sand. (Rain fell on both houses, and you may choose to show rain falling on both.) If you are using the thin blue ribbon or yarn for the rain, cut pieces to tape or glue to the top of the page so that they hang down over the house. OR make downward streaks or stripes with a glue stick or blue marker to indicate raindrops.
7. Tape the 2 sheets of paper together so that you have a house on each side. If you used ribbon or yarn for the rain, you will be able to “make it rain” on the house on the rock or the house on the sand, just by adjusting the ribbon to one side or the other.
8. Now add a quotation from the parable, such as:

“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)