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## Activity Time

## *Building on a Firm Foundation*

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**Description:** Why is a firm foundation so important? Build these two "houses" and place one on a firm foundation, and one on a sandy foundation. Which one stands even after the "storm"?

**What you need:**

- A copy of "Houses" artwork (included with this lesson), scissors, tape, wash tub or pan, a rock or brick (approx. 6" x 6"), sand, and water.

**Preparation:**

1. Print out the artwork.
2. Cut out all pieces.
3. Fold heavy black lines inside (toward the blank side). Fold all tan tabs out (toward printed side). Leave red lines flat.

**Activity:**

Explain that you are going to build two houses. One house will be built on a rock foundation, and the other will be built on a sandy foundation.

Have family members help assemble the houses.

The wise man's house will be built using parts 1,2, and 3 and the foolish man's house will be built using parts 4,5, and 6 (match up letters and tape together).

After the three sections are built for each house, put the three sections together one at a time. Match letters on section 1 and 2 and tape together. Then match letters on 1 and 3 and tape together to build the wise man's house. Do the same with sections 4 and 5 and 4 and 6 to build the foolish man's house.

Place the rock and sand in the pan for the foundations.

Tape the wise man's house to the rock foundation and the foolish man's house to the sand foundation to complete.

Pour water over the rock and sand, to imitate a flood, until the foolish man's house is washed away.

Explain that the rock is the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the houses are our testimonies. We want our testimonies built upon the rock so that they will be like the wise man's house and withstand life's storms.









