

Every story takes place somewhere.

Princess stories take place in castles and mystery stories take place at the scene of the crime. Did you know you have a story? It's your life! And your story is taking place in God's Kingdom!

God's Kingdom is everywhere—it's all around you. As you learn more about who God is and how much He loves you, you will become a Kingdom Girl! A Kingdom Girl loves God. She loves other people, too!

God's Kingdom is a big place. Jesus told stories to help people understand it. His stories were called parables. We're going to explore some of Jesus' stories so we can learn more about Him!

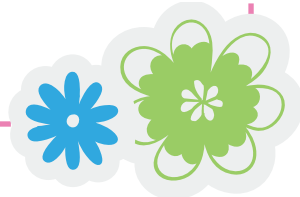


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JESUS IS MY ROCK!



The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Builders

Dear _____,

Have you heard about Jesus? Everyone is talking about Him! People are saying He is God's Son. They say God sent Him to be our Teacher and King. He is healing sick people. He even helps blind people see!

The other day, Jesus went up on a mountain to teach. My dad said Jesus tells parables when He teaches. He tells stories to help us understand things about God and life and what it means to believe in Him.

One of the stories was about two builders. One was wise and one was foolish. The wise man built his house on a strong foundation. He built it on rock. It rained and rained. The wind blew. The streams rushed and swirled around the house. But, the house did not fall down. It had a strong foundation. It was built on rock!

The other man built his house on sand. When the rain fell, the streams rose, and the wind blew, his house fell—crash!—right to the ground!

I didn't get it at first, but my dad helped. He said the wise man is like a person who listens to Jesus and then believes in Him. The wise man is like a person who follows Jesus. She puts her faith in Him. He is her rock—her strong foundation. The foolish man is like a person who hears the words of Jesus, but does not listen to them. When life gets hard, she will fall apart because she will not have Jesus, her strong foundation, to lean on.

I really like the idea that Jesus is my Rock. When I am scared, or sad, or life is hard I can lean on Him to get me through!

Your Friend,
Sarah

Words to Know

Parable: A short story that teaches a lesson.

Foundation: The base of a house—it keeps the house from sinking or falling down.

Memory Verse

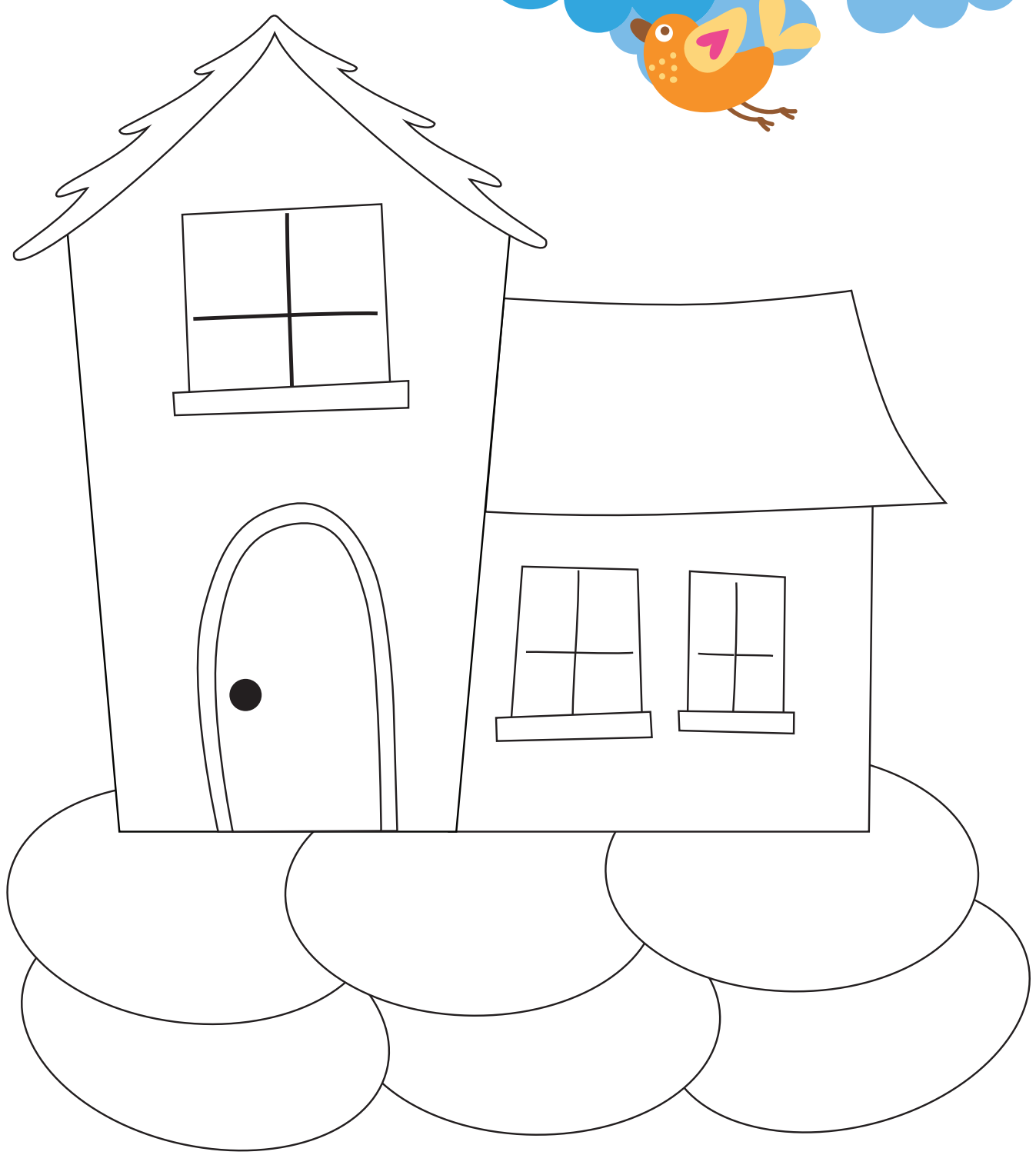
The Lord is my rock (Psalm 18:2a).





Strong Foundation

Your life is like a house! Design the house however you like. Then think about what it means that God is our Foundation. In each rock, write or draw one thing that comes to mind when you think about God as a firm Foundation.



When Storms Come

Even when God is our Foundation, life will still have storms! Add rain, lightning, and wind to the storm clouds. What's one thing in your life that feels like a storm? Write it on a cloud. Will you trust God to be your Foundation?



Dear Sarah

If you could respond to Sarah, what would you say? Use the prompts to write or draw a letter back to her!



Dear Sarah,

When I got your letter
I felt ...

After reading it I
wondered about ...

I would love to know
what it was like when
Jesus said ...

I'm excited to know
God ...