

The story of the two builders

Do you like building? Maybe you have building blocks at home or maybe you have built a sandcastle on a beach this summer or built a den to play in?



Watch together: Today's story that Jesus told is all about two builders, you can watch Ruth telling the story here: <https://youtu.be/h3cz-HaspD0>

And you might like to read the story in a Bible story book!

Maybe you can find some building blocks and retell the story, instead of using sand you could use a cushion and for a rock you could use something solid like a Bible. Don't pour water over them though - just pretend!

Think together: Whenever Jesus told a story it always had a meaning. In this story Jesus was talking about some people who listen to him and trust him and about some people that don't bother to listen to him.

Which of the builders is the one who listens to Jesus do you think?

Sometimes when things are difficult it's a bit like a storm in our lives. People who listen to Jesus can say - God loves me, God knows what is happening to me, I can trust God to help me. and when the difficult times are over they feel a bit stronger and a bit braver.

People who don't listen to Jesus say things like - Help! Everything is going wrong! I don't know what to do! And when the difficult times are over they still don't know what to do, they might feel lost or confused.

I wonder what sort of person you want to be?

Pray together: find a Bible and some building blocks, or you could write 'Jesus' on a piece of paper. Sit together and place the Bible or 'Jesus' in the middle. Give everyone a brick. When we trust Jesus and listen to him he will help us. Take it in turns to place your brick on the Bible or 'Jesus', and say a prayer. You might like to say this prayer:

Father God, thank you that you look after us when we love Jesus and when we are friends with him. Amen

Make together:

Have fun building and while you build (or draw or paint) chat about story and what it means. Maybe you can share an example of when you have trusted Jesus and he has helped you?

Junk modelling - could you build a house on a rock to remind you of the story? You could use a big stone for the rock and a little box for the house.

Draw a picture - could you draw a house on a rock?

Build a den - can you make a den inside or outside? What could you use to build your den? When you've made it you could sit inside and remember that when we are friends with Jesus and ask him to, he will help us!

Here are some ideas:



