

## LESSON 21

### THE BUILDERS

Matthew 7:24-27

Jesus told the people a story about two men who both built a house.

One man was careful. He wanted to make sure that the part underneath his house would not move at all. So he built his house on a rock. When the rain and wind came, the rock didn't even move, so the house stood firm.

The other man was foolish. He built his house on the sand. The rain poured down and strong winds blew and made the sand shift. The house on the sand fell down.

Jesus wants us to be as wise as the man, who built the house on a rock. We must listen to Jesus' lessons; we must think carefully about them, and then do exactly as those lessons tell us.

### ACTIVITY

Draw a black cloud (or paint cotton wool) and rain. Glue sand around the base of the house. Paint the illustration.

### FURTHER SUGGESTIONS

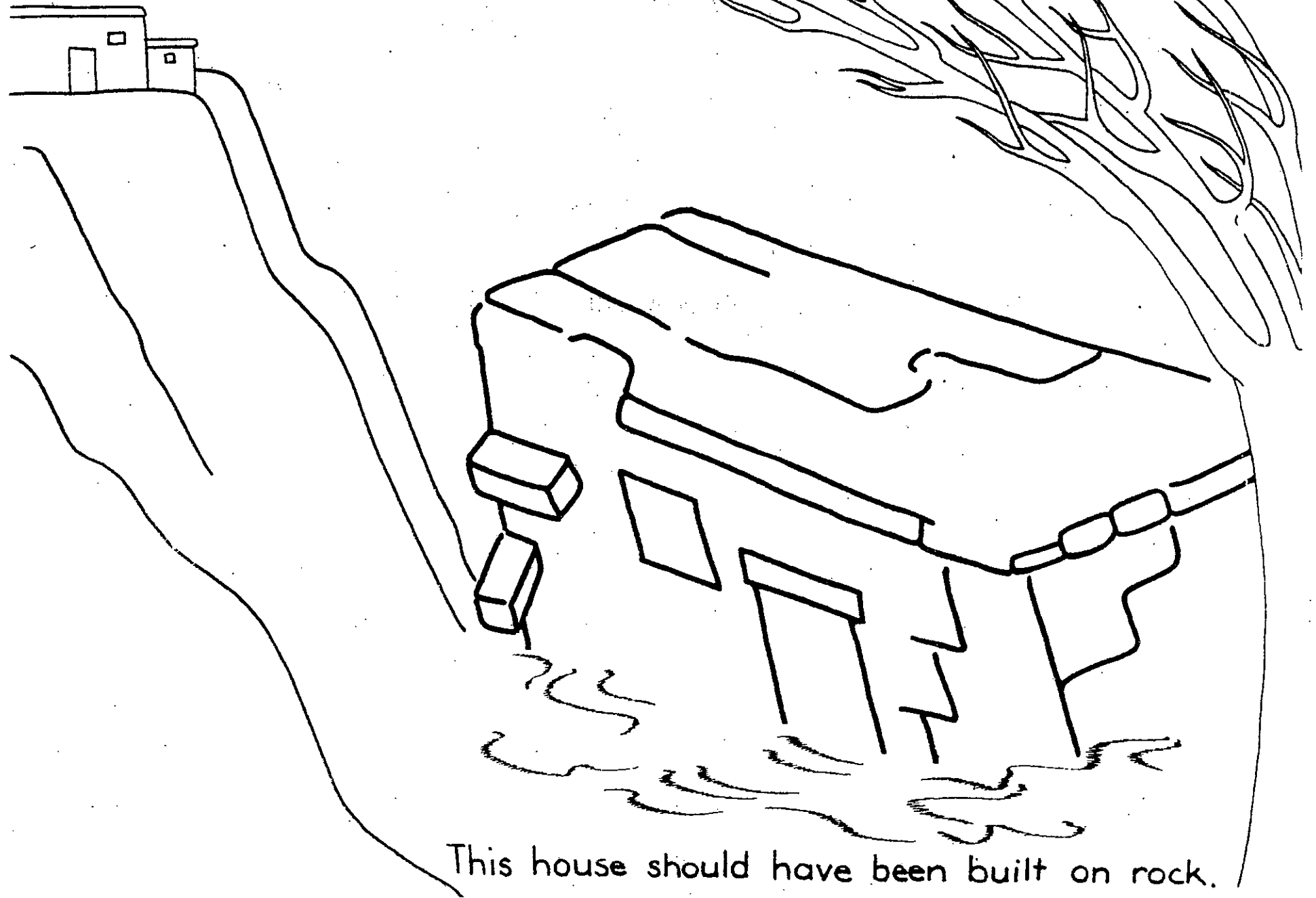
Make a house from building blocks.

Discuss the need for firm foundations - show pictures of modern buildings.

Go outside and look at the foundations of the building you are in. If possible, go under floor and look at pillars, etc.

Use a sandtray and collect rocks. Using two small cardboard boxes (shoeboxes) as the houses put one on the rocks and the other on the sand. Pour water on them both and show how the sand moves as it is wet, whereas the rocks stay firm.

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This house should have been built on rock.