

Two Builders



Challenge

Make a tower using things you have at home.

Make sure you ask your parents what items you can use. You can also ask them to post a picture of your tower or experiment to our Facebook page



How long did your tower last? My cushions fell down soon after the picture was taken. It wasn't a very well built tower. In the Bible, Jesus tells a story of two people who built a house. One of the people built their house on sand, the other built on rock.

Experiment

Step 1 – Draw 2 houses or cut out the templates below. Leave a tab at the bottom so they can be folded and stand up.



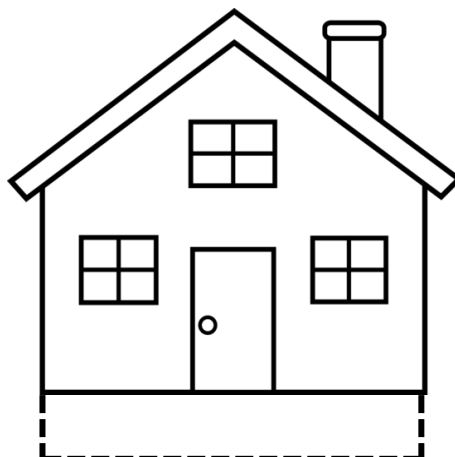
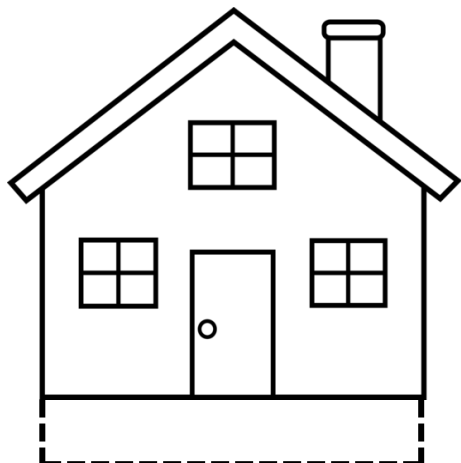
Step 2 – Attach one of the houses to something solid, that you don't mind getting wet. I used a paint pot and some sticky tape.



Step 3 – Stand both the house that's by itself and the house attached to something in a watertight container, a roasting tin or something similar.



Step 4 – Pour water into the container and see what happens.



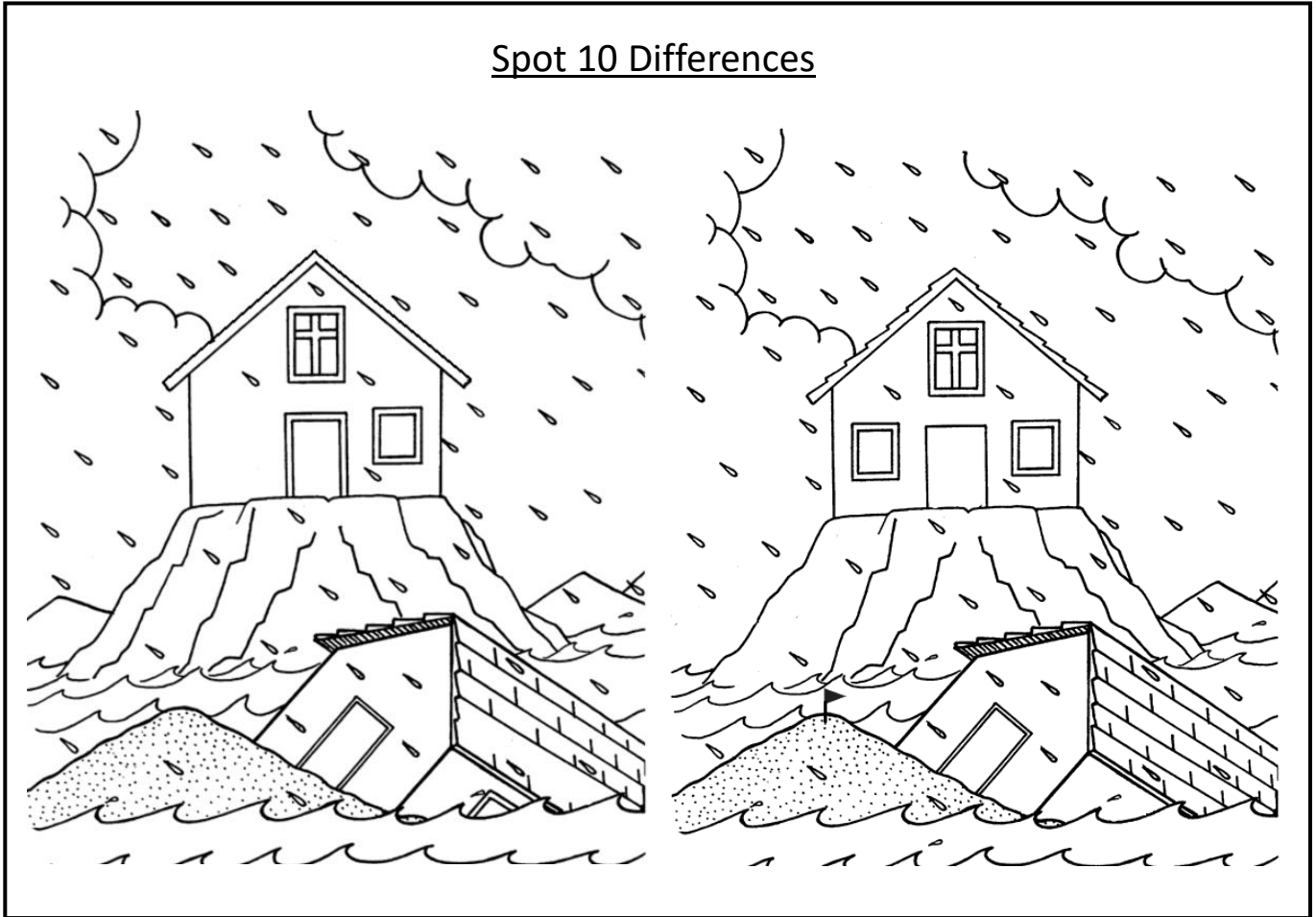
Hopefully you found that the house by itself fell flat but the house attached to something stood firm. In the story Jesus told, he said that once both houses were built along came a huge storm! As a result the house built on the sand came crashing down but the house built on rock stood firm.

Why do you think the house on the sand and your house just by itself fell down?

It's what the houses were built on that made the difference. That's called the foundation, sand isn't a good foundation but rock is perfect as it is solid and doesn't move when storms come.

Christians believe that Jesus told the story of the two builders because he wanted us to know that listening to him and putting our trust in him is like building a house on a rock. He is a great foundation to build our lives on.

Spot 10 Differences



Bible Verses

Matthew 7:24-27

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.

