

2a Communities Need Foundations – Bible Story

Everybody who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise builder who built a house on bedrock.

(Pretend to build a house on a strong foundation.)

The rain fell, the floods came, and the wind blew and beat against that house.

(Make sounds of rain falling, strong wind blowing, thunder and lightning.)

It didn't fall because it was firmly set on bedrock.

(Give each other high fives.)

But everybody who hears these words of mine and doesn't put them into practice will be like a fool who built a house on sand.

(Pretend to build a house on sand, a weak foundation.)

The rain fell, the floods came, and the wind blew and beat against that house.

(Make sounds of rain falling, strong wind blowing, thunder and lightning.)

It fell and was completely destroyed.

(Make sounds of a building collapsing.)

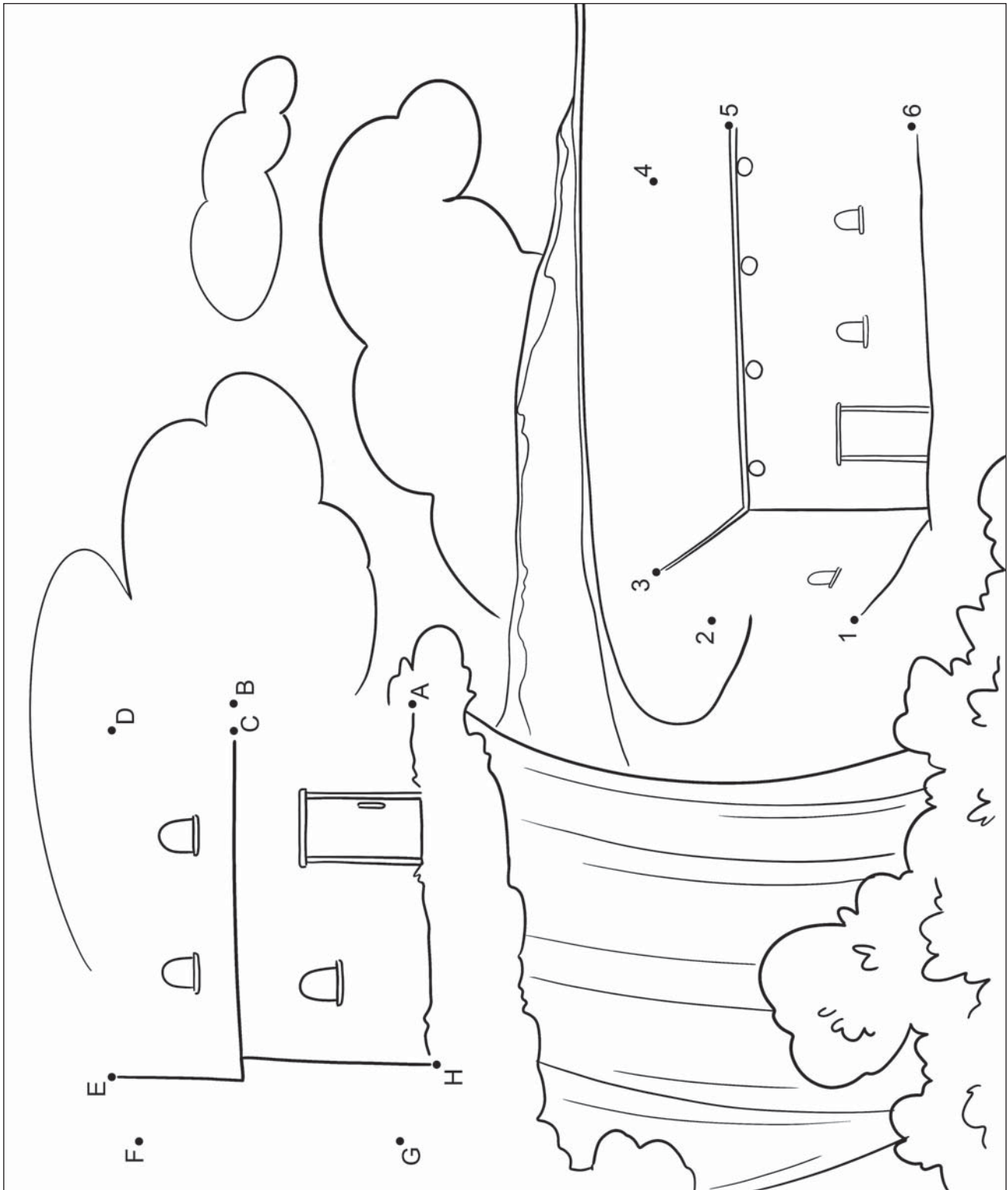
(Based on Matthew 7:24-27)



Dot-to-Dot – Puzzle (Preschool)

2b

Draw the two objects in your puzzle by connecting the dots. One picture uses numbers, and the other picture uses letters.



2c Word Search – Puzzle (Younger Elementary)

The words in the word bank can be found in our Bible story, Matthew 7:24-27. See how many of the words you can find in the puzzle.

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BEDROCK
 BUILDER
 DESTROYED
 FLOODS

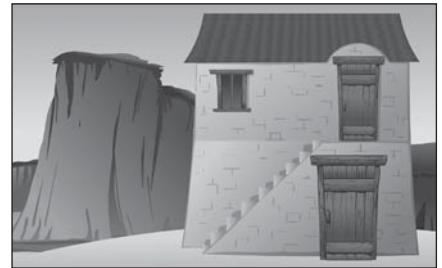
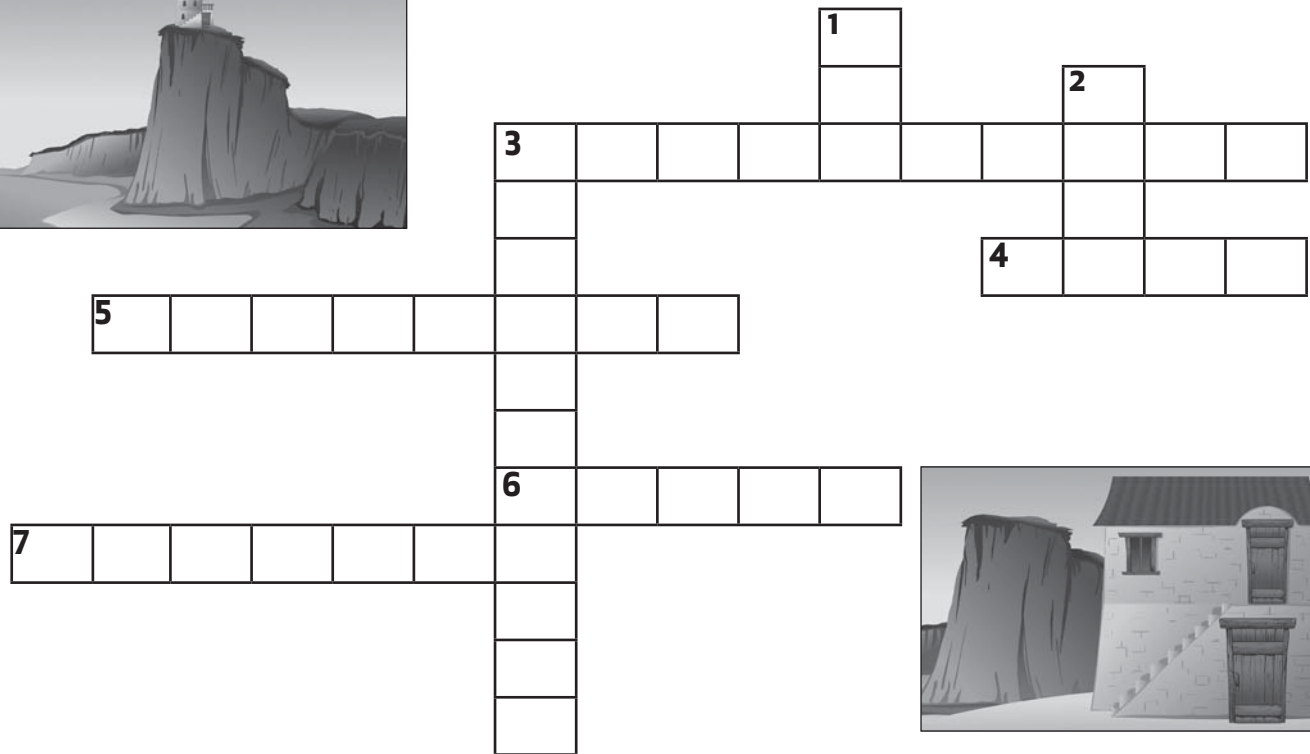
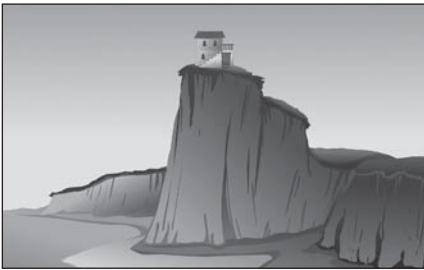
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 BLEW
 HOUSE
 WISE

BEAT
 SAND
 FALL
 RAIN

Crossword Puzzle – Puzzle (Older Elementary)

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Fill in the answers to the questions in your crossword puzzle.



Down

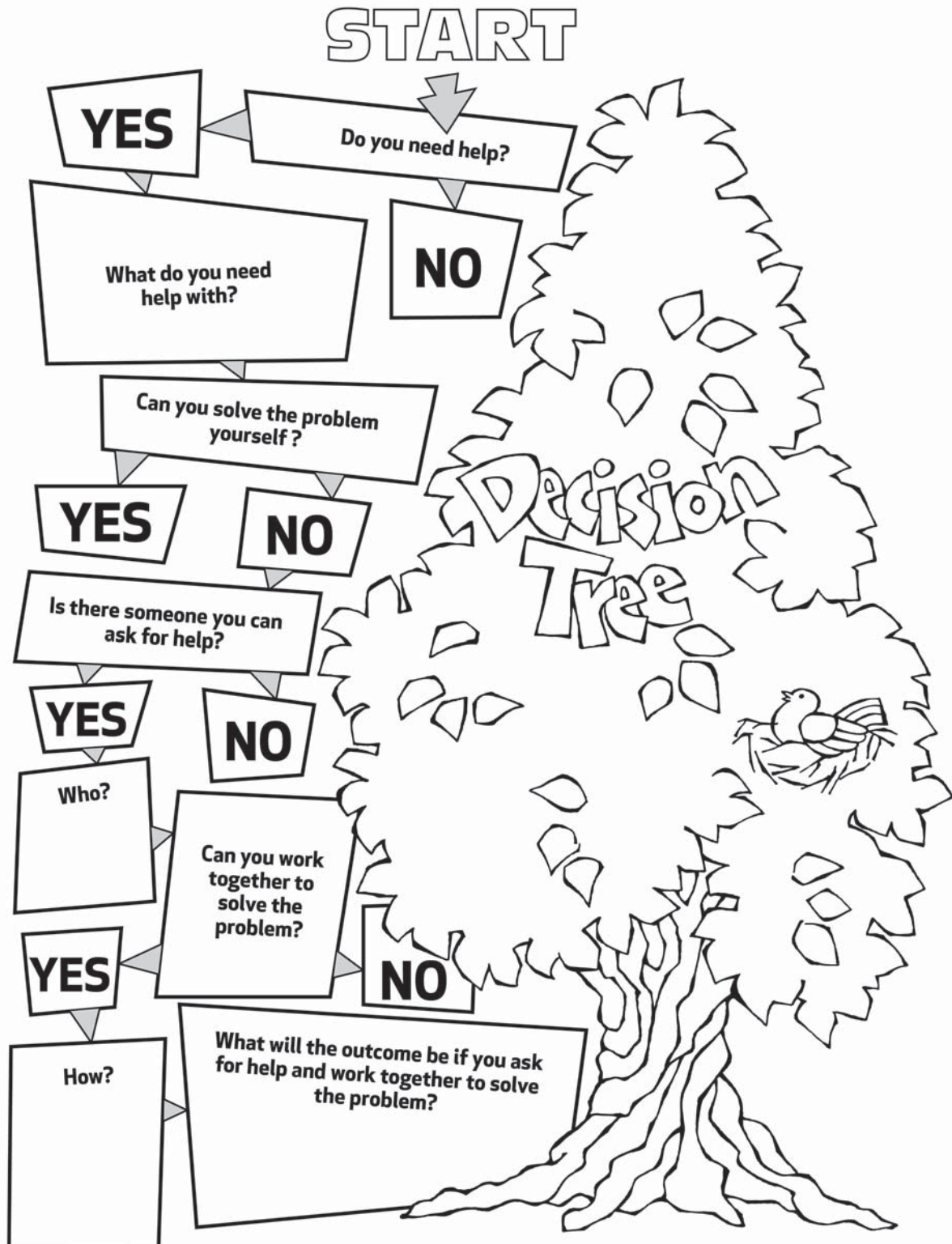
1. Who is the foundation for our Christian life?
2. What did Jesus call the builder who built his house on bedrock?
3. How can we keep our spiritual lives strong?

Across

3. What is the most important part of a new house ?
4. What happened to the house built on sand when the storms came?
5. What are the storms in our lives?
6. Who is telling this story?
7. What do we call this type of story?



2e Making Wise Choices – Activity



Building a Good Foundation – Activity

Your challenge today is to build a tower using gumdrops and toothpicks. Your design needs to be a strong foundation that will hold a book on top of it for 10 seconds.

Rules for Building

1. You can only use the supplies provided to build a tower.
2. The tower can be any shape you choose, but it has to be at least as tall as a small paper cup.
3. When you are finished building your tower, place a book on top of it. The tower must support the weight of the book for 10 seconds.

Materials Needed:

Gumdrops

Toothpicks

Small paper cup

Book



Directions:

- You can work individually or in groups. Each person or group needs about 30 gumdrops and 30 toothpicks.
- Think about the challenge and plan your method of building before you start.
- Begin building your tower. Expect to fail several times before you get your tower strong enough to hold the book.
- When you think you can meet the challenge, tell your leader you're ready to test it.
- Test your tower. Is it taller than the cup? Does it hold a book for 10 seconds?
- Congratulate the groups who meet the challenge.

Communities Need Foundations

Matthew 7:24-27

Jesus liked to teach people by telling stories. These stories are called parables, and they help people understand important things. The story of the two houses teaches us about good foundations. A building needs a solid foundation to be strong. The house built on bedrock was strong, but the house built on sand wasn't strong and fell during the storm. People need good foundations to be strong too. Jesus and his teachings can help us build a strong foundation for our life.

Verse of the Month

Now faith, hope, and love remain—these three things—and the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13:13

What Do You Think?

What was the difference between the foundations of the two houses in Jesus' story?

Why do you think sand isn't a good foundation?

Family Activity

Check out the foundation of your house. Find some things that make it strong.

Use blocks to build a tower. Start with just a few blocks for the foundation and see how many blocks it takes to make a good foundation for the tower

Talk about the foundations in your family and your Christian lives.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for the parables you taught. Help us follow your example and teachings; in Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.