

# the Two Builders

Here is a man. He is looking for a place to build a house. He climbs to the top of a big grey rock. 'Ah! Here is a good place.' he says. The man begins to build his house.

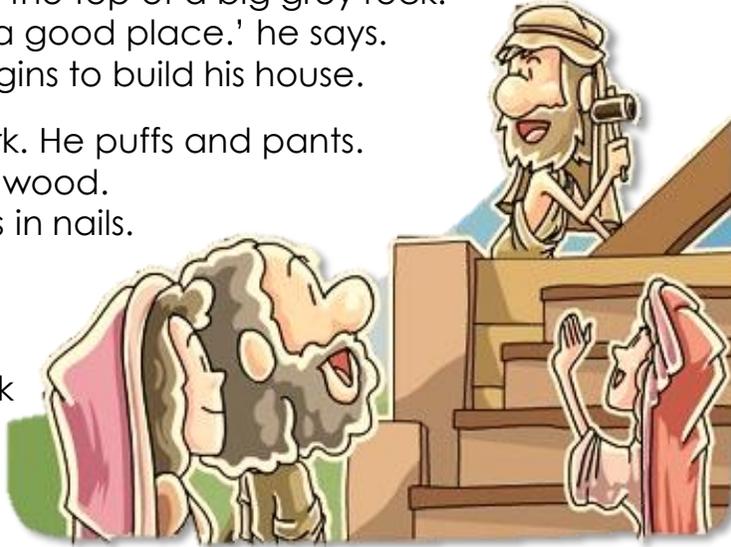
It is hard work. He puffs and pants. He saws the wood. He hammers in nails. He pushes and pulls. All day long until the work is done.

The man is pleased. 'Just in time,' he says, It looks like rain.

The rain pours down. The lightning flashes. The thunder booms. The storm is terrible.

The water splashes round the house and splashes the rock. But the rock stays firm. The house is safe. The man was wise to choose the rock.

Here is another man. He wants a house. 'I want it now. I want it quick.' he says. 'This place will do' says the man. He builds his house down on the sand. 'This won't take long' he says, and he whistles as he works.



He saws the wood. He hammers in nails. He pushes and pulls. And by the end of the morning the work is done.

The man is pleased. He goes inside and shuts the door. A raindrop drips on his nose. Oh dear! The rain pours down. The lightning flashes. The thunder booms. The storm is terrible.

The water rushes through the house and splashes his knees. The sand is washed away and the house falls flat. The man was foolish to choose to build on sand.

Jesus told this story. He says 'I am like the wise man's rock. If you trust me, I will never let you down.'

And he won't. No matter what storms you find yourself in. The rock is The safest place to be



Today's story at Messy Church is from the Bible, in the book of Luke, chapter 6, verses 47-49.