

# The house on the rock lesson outline

Matthew 7:24-27; Luke 6:46-49

PROPS: Making a prop for rock and sand. Yellow card and black card? A yellow towel and a brick. Sand in a basin that you pour water over?

See included Barry and Larry figures, flat house template, 3d house template; 'life changes like the weather' visual, and discussion starter houses. These can be printed, laminated and cut out.

Possible houses. See template for flat house to laminate or 3d house to fold and stick

## STORY IDEA:

Barry (Builder figure) and Larry (Beach figure) were chalk and cheese. They were as different as could be.

But one thing they both wanted to do. They wanted to build a house. Busy Barry saw that today, the weather was good. The sun was shining. But he wanted to build a house that stood up when the sun went away and the weather got bad. He built his house on a rock. It was hard and slow Dig dig dig (blow your lips together to make the sound of a pneumatic drill)

Lazy Larrys looked at the hot sun and thought, silly Barry. All that work, when he could be like me. He built his house on the sand. Fast, easy, luxurious. He didn't even have to dig. He spent the rest of the day enjoying the sunshine. His life was good. Lalalala

The weather didn't stay good. It got bad.

There was thunder, and lightning, and rain and clouds. (use cardboard clouds with thunder and rain)

The rain and wind and thunder beat against Larrys house. It didn't matter what the house was built of. It mattered what it was built on. The sand washed away underneath it and the house blew away

Barrys house didn't look different to Larrys house, but when the wind and the rain and the thunder beat against the house it stayed up. It didn't matter what the house was made of. It mattered what it was built on.

It was built on rock built so even though the weather outside was really bad, inside the house, Barry was safe and warm.

We don't build a house, but we live a life, with every day like a new brick. And everyone lives for something. Everyone makes something the most important thing in our life.

## DISCUSSION:

Cut out houses and put them in a bag, such as a pillow case, that children can take turns to pull out (leave out being good and Jesus).

Talk about the difference between rock and sand. Hands on exercise of feeling sand and feeling rock? A shallow basin of sand that they can touch.

Rock stays hard and strong when it rains.

Sand washes away and changes

Children take turns to take out the houses: things that we can make life about

Here are some discussion pointers. Kids can place the house on rock or sand.

Be open to hear what kids have to say about this, but we can always bring up these points.

Money: We sometimes have it and we sometimes don't. It can't get everything.

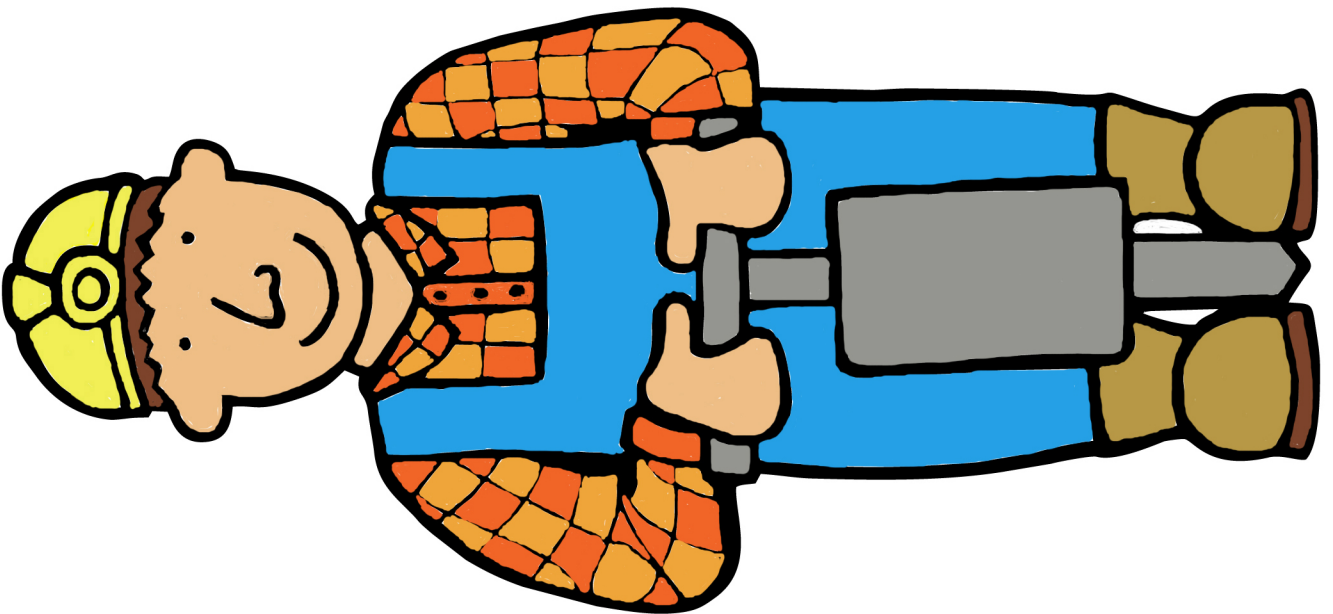
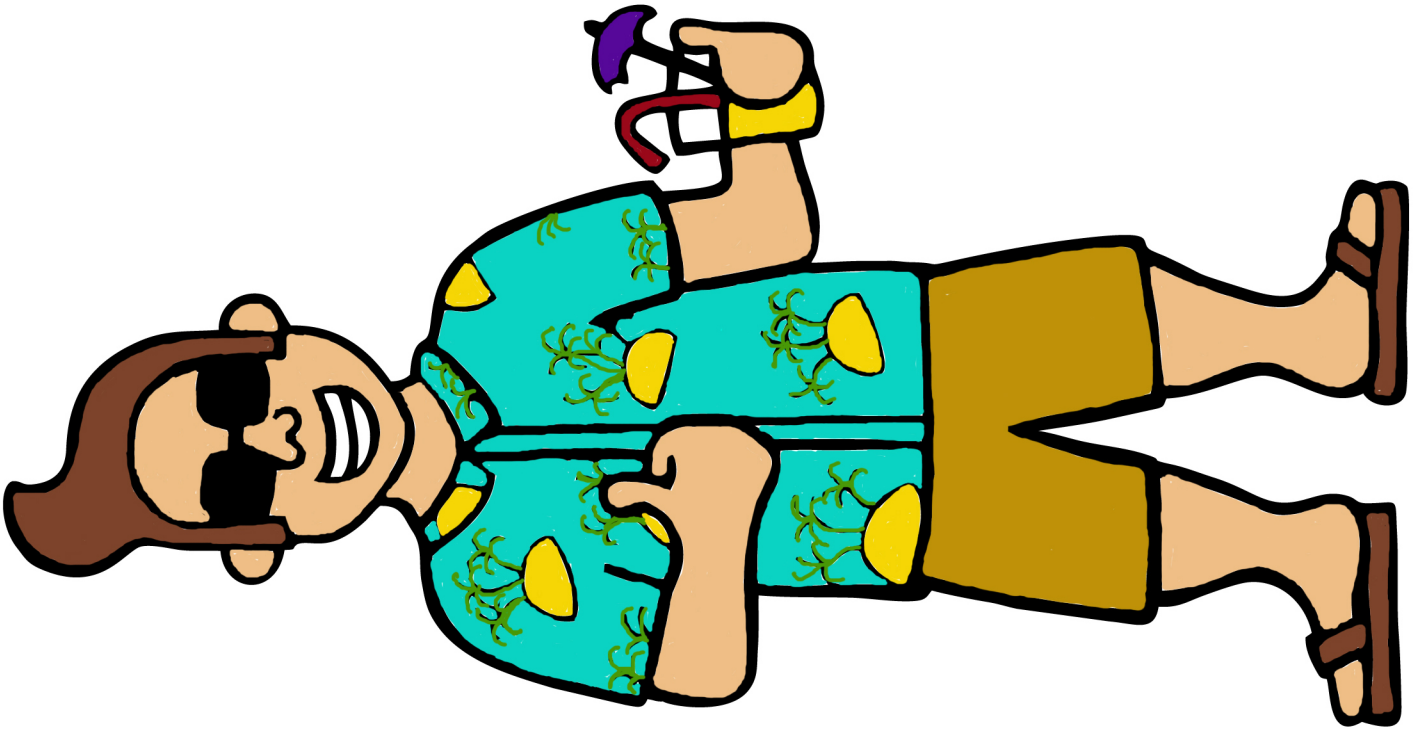
Toys: We can't ever have enough toys. On Christmas day do we say, I never want any toys again?

Other people: Sometimes people like us and sometimes they won't. Sometimes people don't always want to stay friends with us.

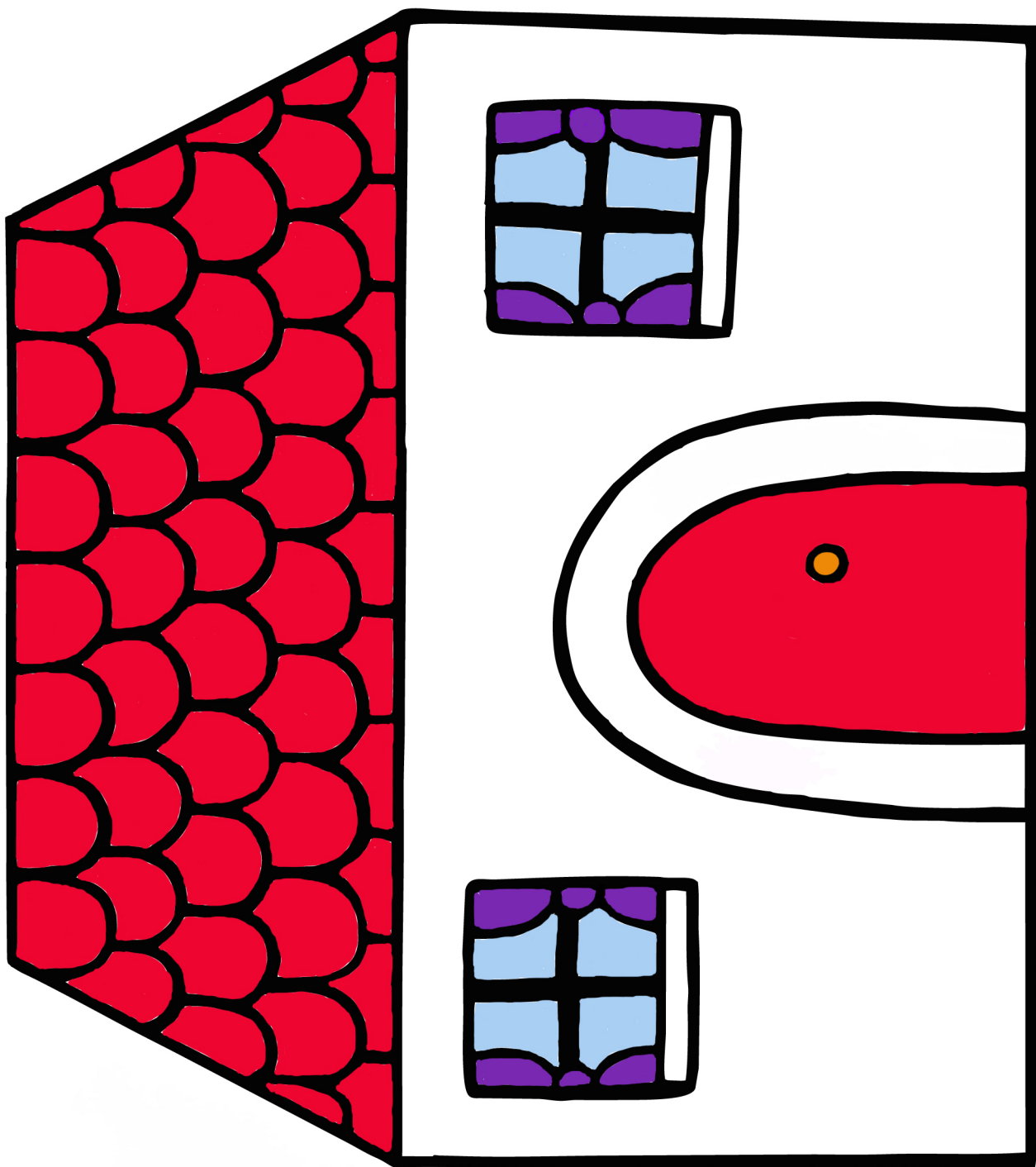
Success: Sometimes we win and sometimes we lose. There is always someone who will be better than us

Fun: Sometimes fun stuff stops being fun. Even fun can get boring.

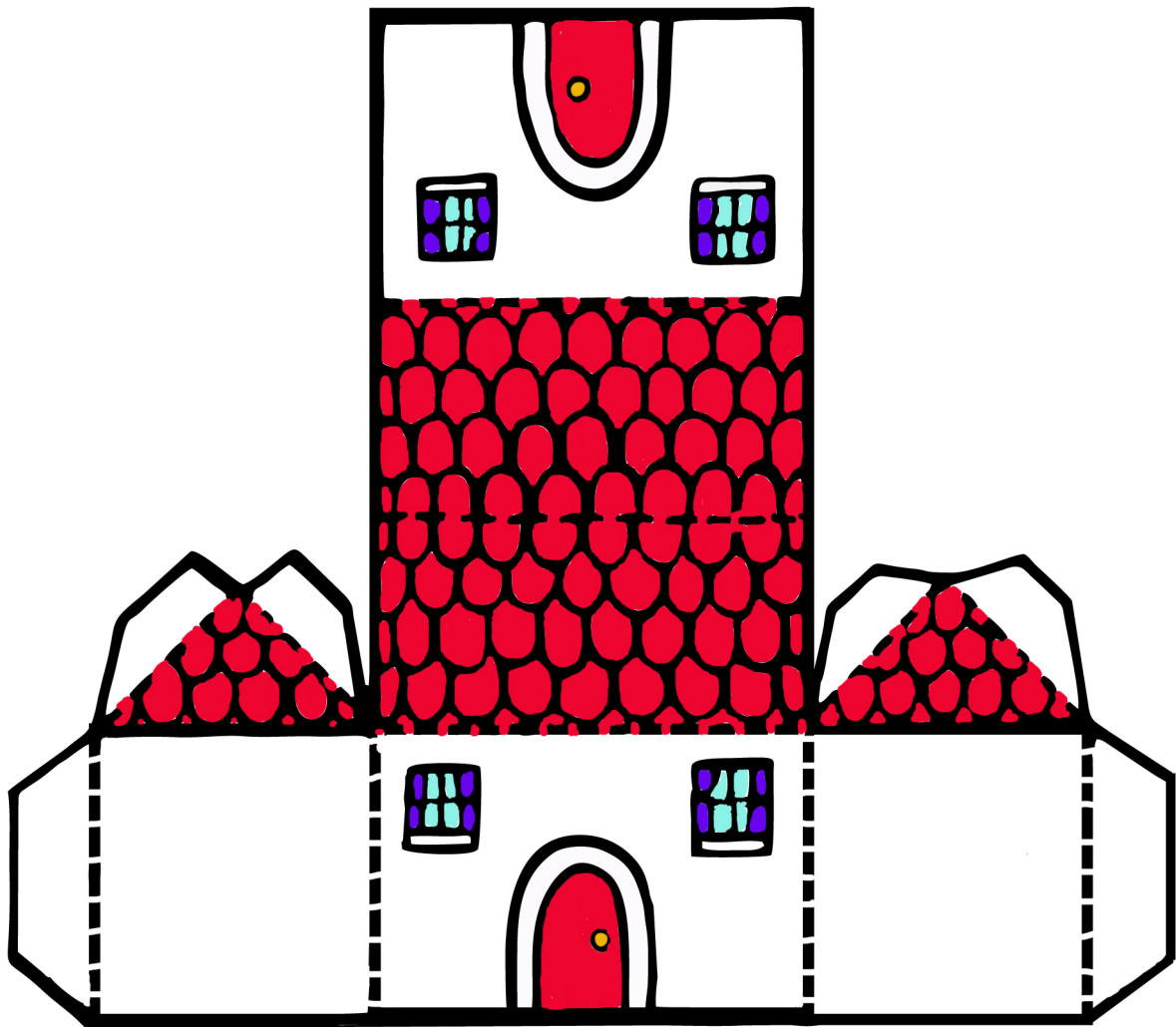
Busy Barry and Lazy Larry



A flat house you can laminate and cut out



3d house to build  
as a craft or a prop



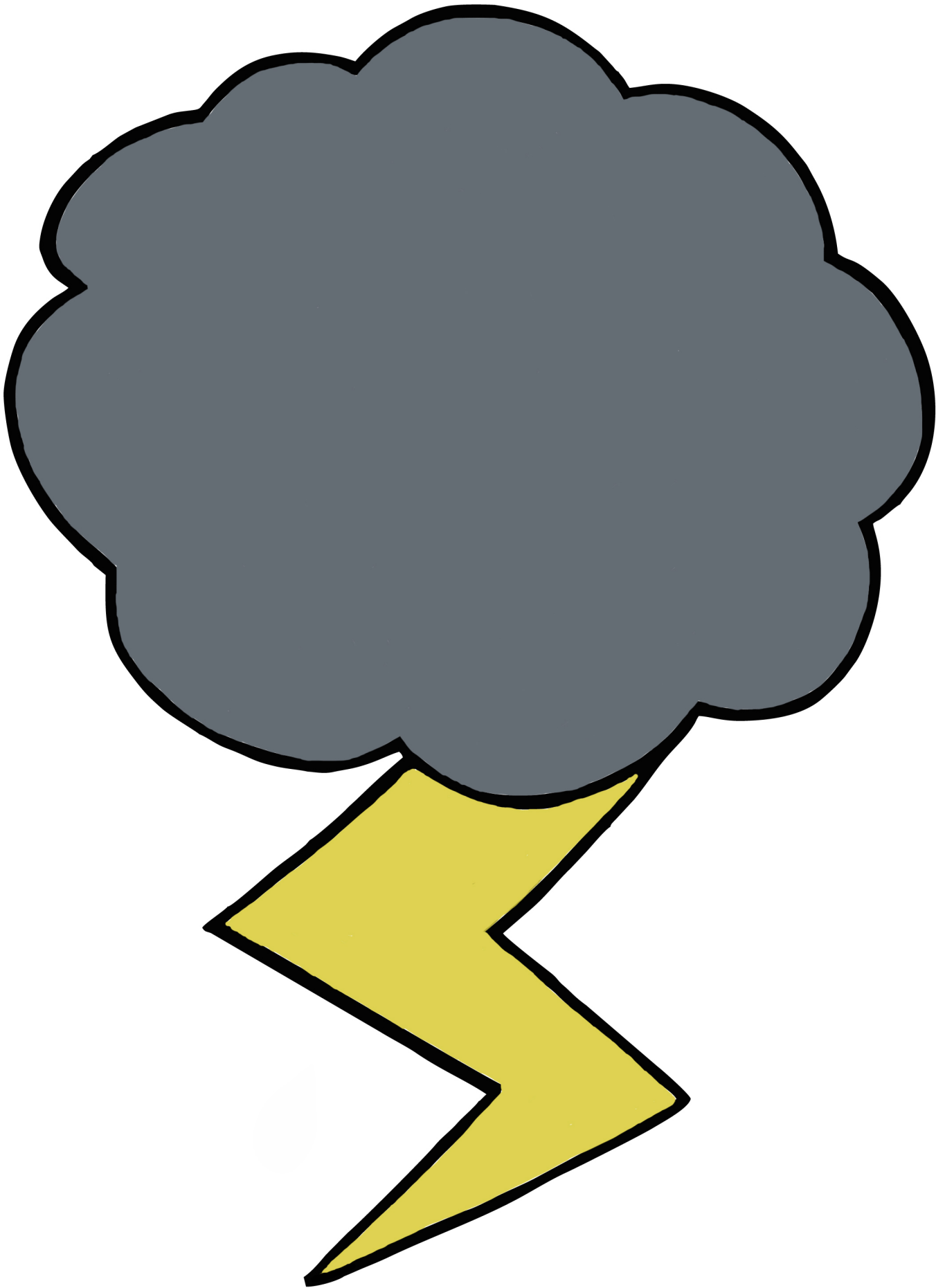
Sunshine



Rain

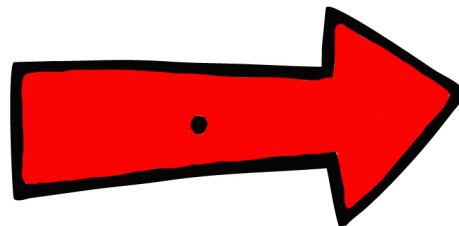
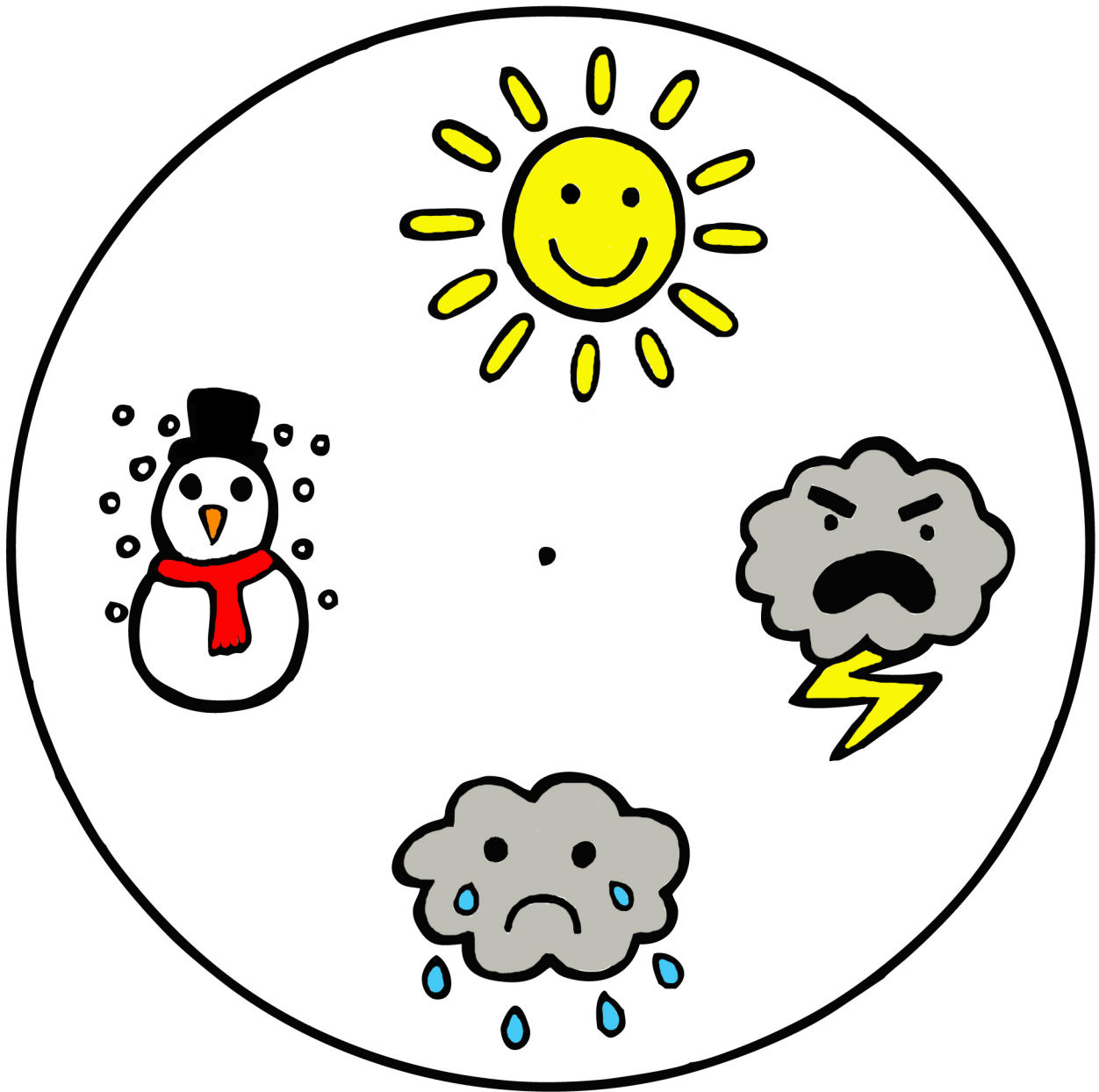


Lightning prop to laminate

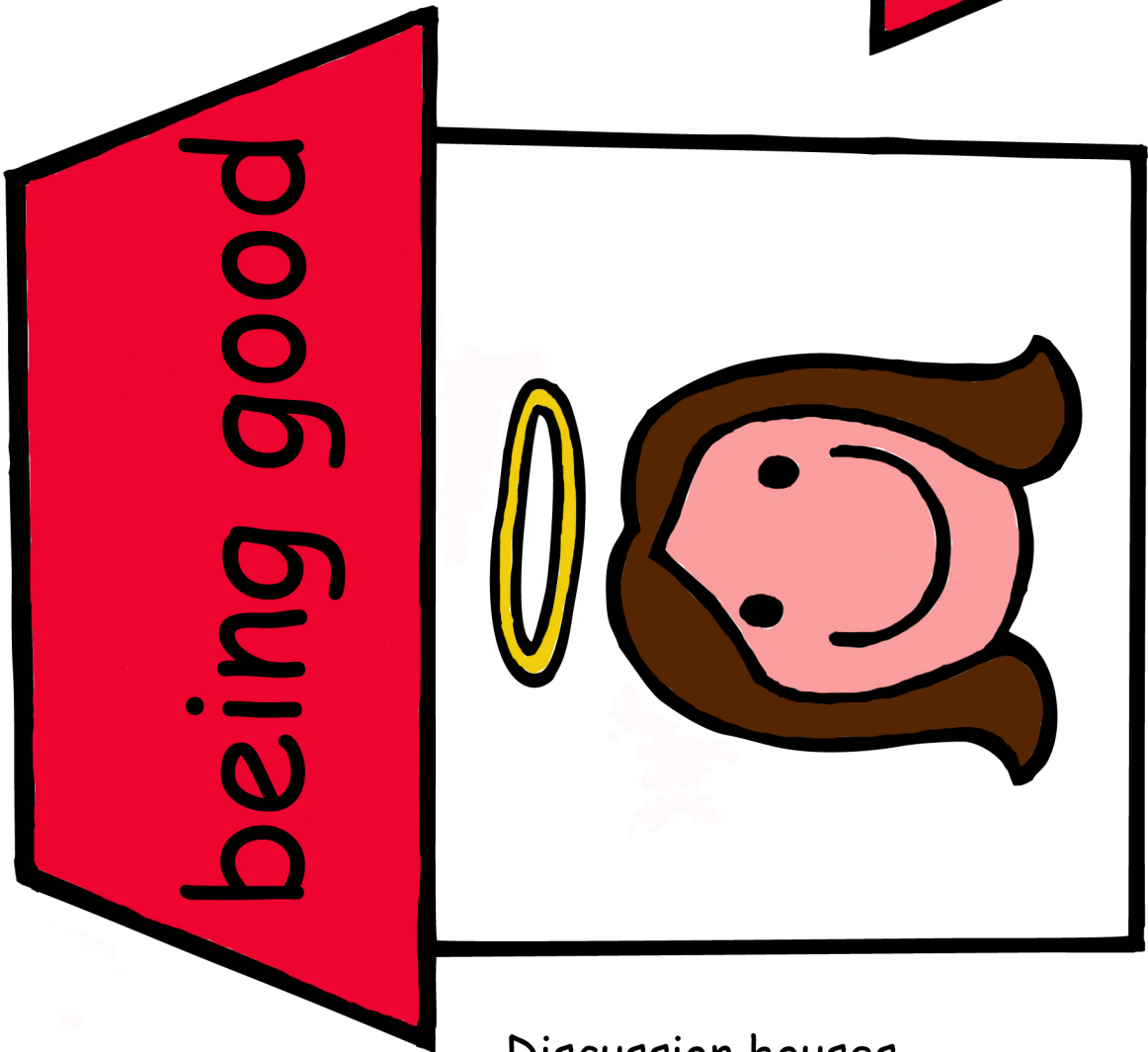
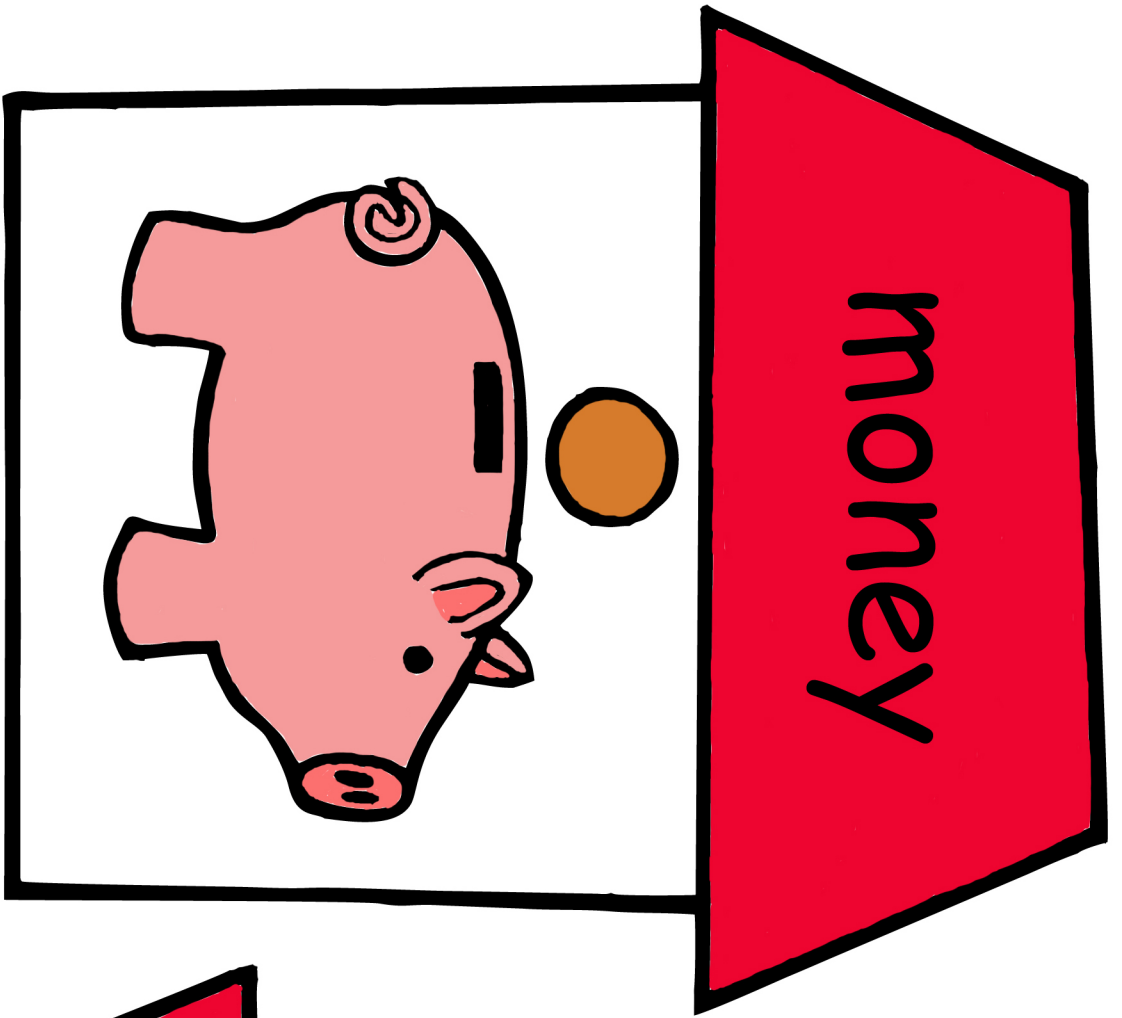




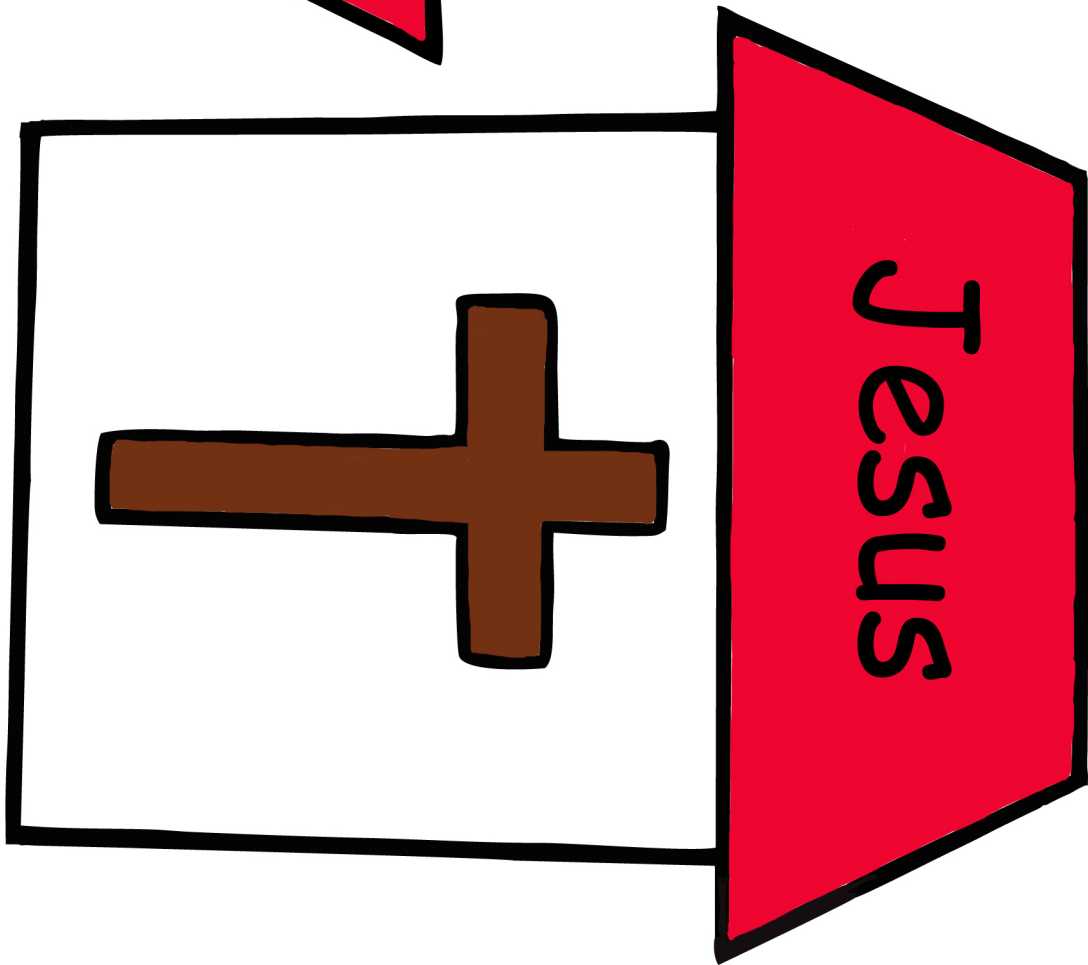
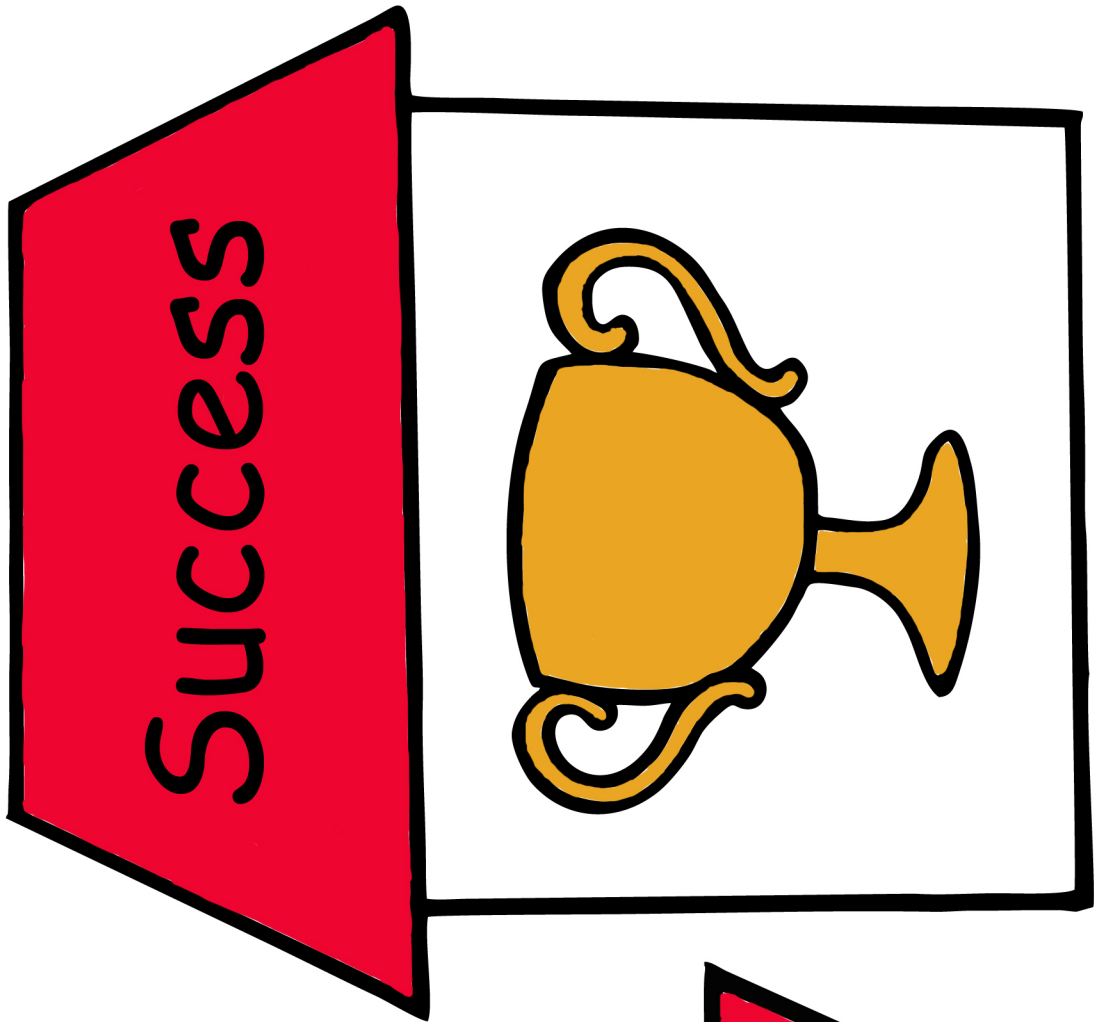
# Weather chart



use a split pin or paper fastener to attach the arrow

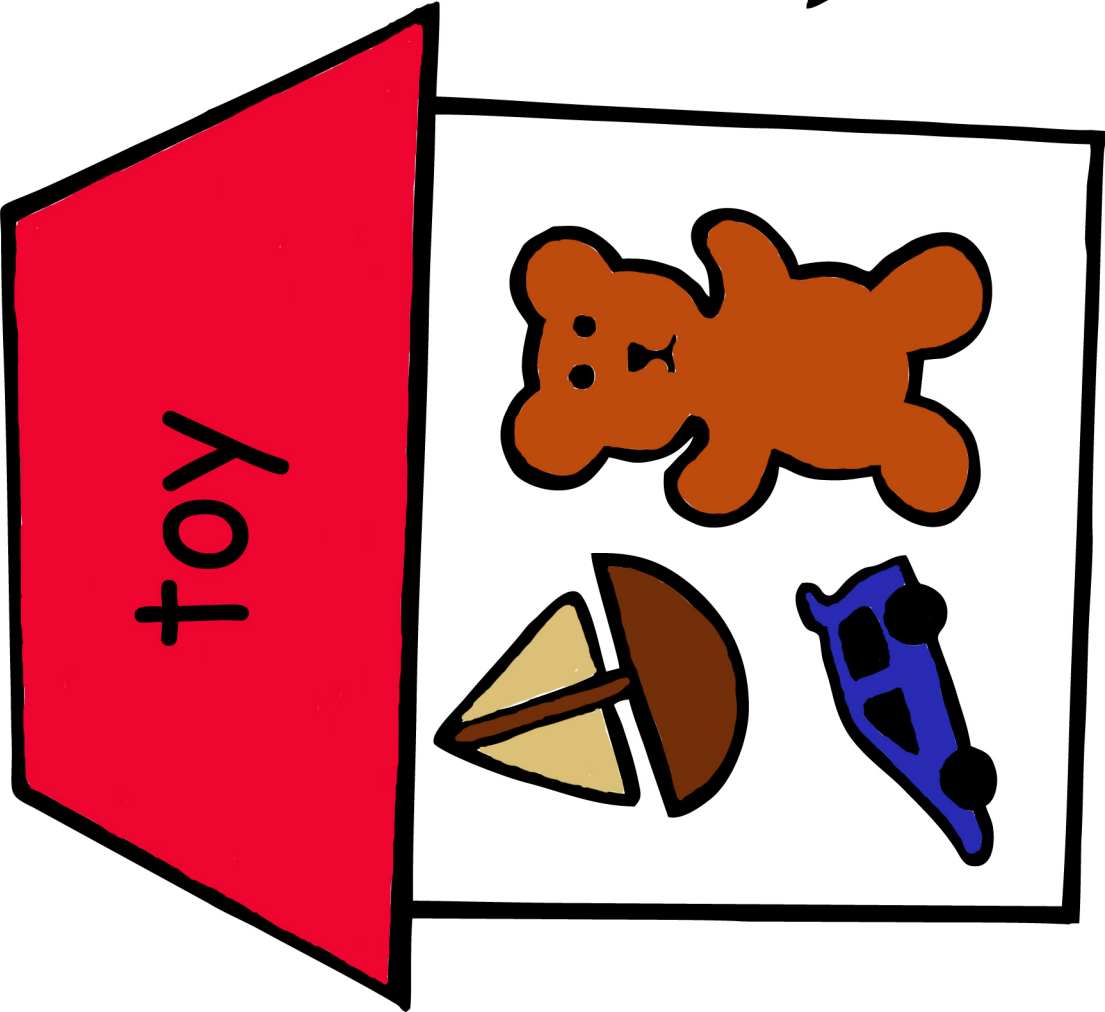
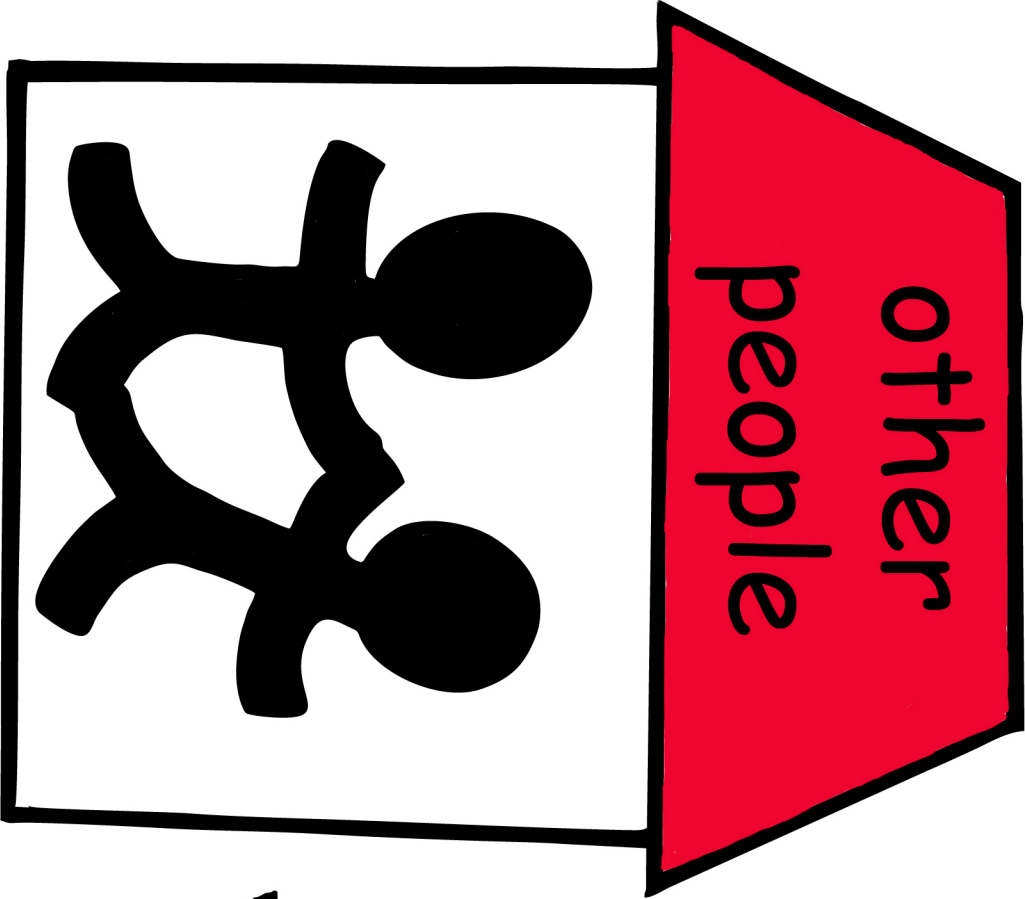


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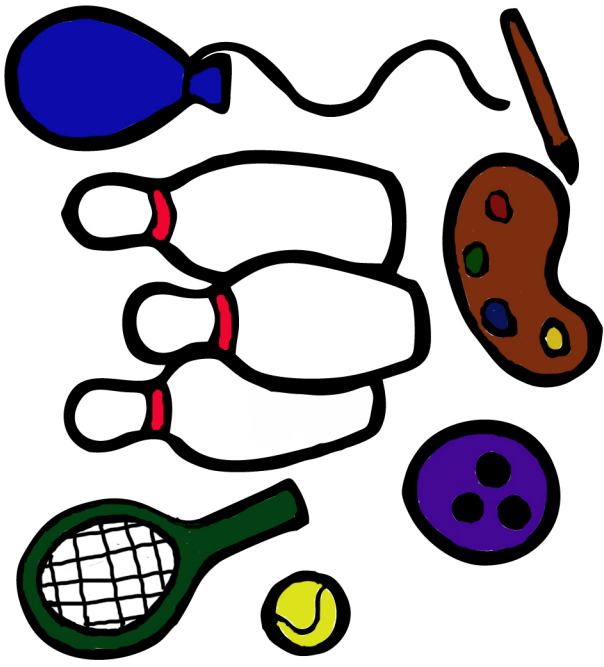
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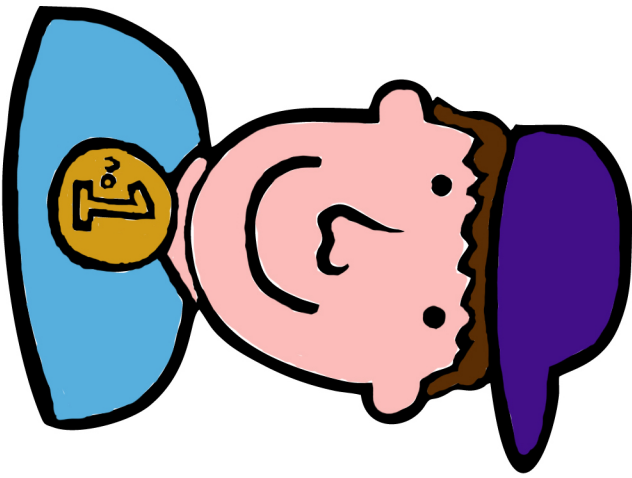


Discussion houses

fun



myself



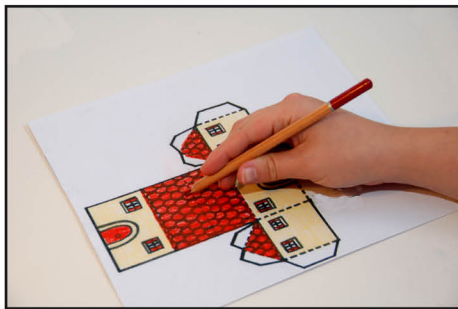
# THE HOUSE ON THE ROCK

## MATTHEW 7:21-28

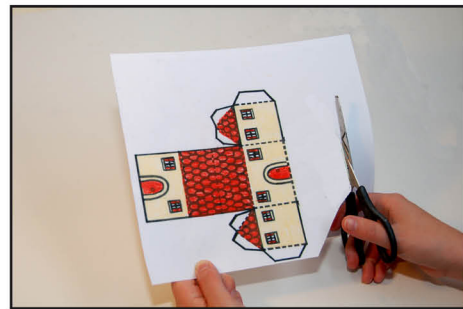


### YOU WILL NEED:

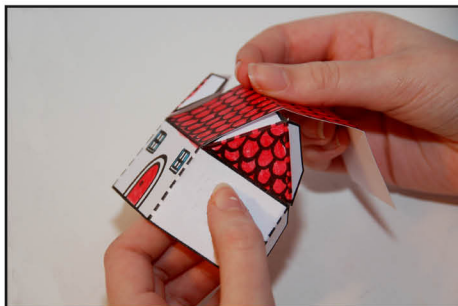
- TEMPLATE PRINTED ONTO WHITE CARD
- POLYSTYRENE OR STYROFOAM BOWL
- BLACK TISSUE PAPER
- COLOURED PENCILS OR FELT TIPS
- SCISSORS
- WHITE GLUE



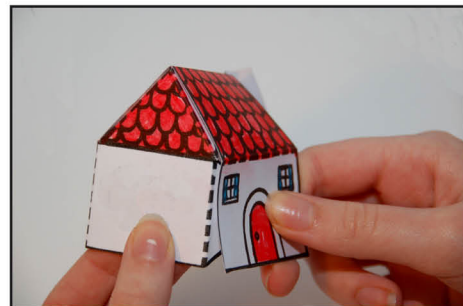
STEP 1: COLOUR IN TEMPLATE



STEP 2; CUT OUT TEMPLATE



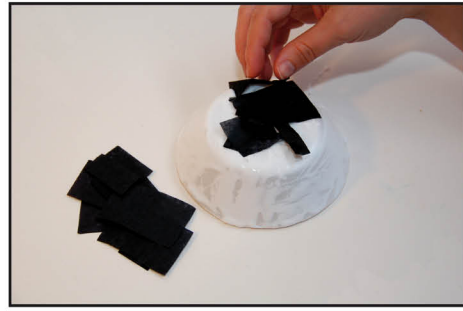
STEP 3: FOLD TEMPLATE ALONG DOTTED LINES, TUCKING IN THE SIDES



STEP 4:: FOLD THE ROOF OVER TO THE OTHER SIDE, AND STICK IT USING THE TABS



**STEP 5: CUT THE RIM OFF A STYROFOAM OR POLYSTRENE BOWL**



**STEP 6: GLUE ON BLACK TISSUE PAPER**



**STEP 7: STICK THE HOUSE ONTO THE BOWL**



**FOR A SHORTER SESSION: PREPARE STEPS 2 AND 5**

