

Lesson 63 - The House Built on Rock

Aim

- * to understand the importance of listening to parents and learning God's way
- * to learn to do things in the right way with care

Materials

- * Bible story - The Wise & Foolish Builders (Matt 7:24-27)
- * The Two Builders, by Margaret Williams and Steve Smallman
- * a picture to colour
- * Spot-the-difference pictures
- * 3 paper house template, scissors, glue

Lesson Outline

1. Introduction
2. Story & Discussion
3. Activities - build a 3D paper house, draw a picture, colour a picture, spot-the-difference pictures
4. Review the aims
5. Prayer

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1) Introduction

* Ask the children if they listen to their parents and do what they say. Talk about how parents want us to be good children and learn to do things in the right way - God's way, Do they do things carefully or sloppily? Ask the children if they know the right and wrong way to do the following things:

1) Food

- eat everything or waste food
- say thank you or complain
- eat healthy food or only what you like

Parents want us to have good eating habits

2) Toys

- tidy up or leave out
- put away carefully or carelessly

Parents want us to take care of our toys

3) Clothes

- fold them neatly or grab them in an untidy pile
- put them carefully in the right place in the wardrobe or put them anywhere.

Parents want us to take care of our clothes

4) Making things

- colouring, drawing, cutting, glueing carefully or sloppily

Today's story is about two men and how they built a house

2) Story & Discussion

The wise man built his house on a rock foundation

1. The house withstood rain, floods and strong winds because it had a strong foundation.
2. Jesus said everyone who hears his words and puts them into practice is like the wise builder.

The foolish man built his house on sand

1. Rain, floods and winds also beat on this house.
2. The foolish man's house was destroyed because the foundation was weak.
3. Jesus said everyone who hears his words and does not put them into practice is like the foolish builder.

* Why did the house built on sand fall down? The wind and rain took the sand away. The man didn't build it properly. He was in a hurry

* Why did the house on rock not fall down? The rock is strong, so the house is strong. The man was very careful and took his time.

* We should build a house properly, then it won't fall down. Our homes have foundations underground, which makes them very strong. If we want something to last and be good and strong, we have to do it carefully.

* It is important to do things in the right way with care

- 1) Food - eat healthy food, eat everything, take plate away, say thank you,
- 2) Toys - tidy-up, put them in the right place carefully
- 3) Clothes - fold them neatly, put them in the right place in the wardrobe
- 4) Making things - colouring, drawing, cutting, glueing carefully, then we can make beautiful things.

* It is also so important to listen to parents and do what they say. Parents want to teach you the right way to do things, God's way. Jesus taught God's way. He wanted us to listen to him and do what he said. Parents teach children to talk politely, to say thank you, please, sorry, excuse me. Children must be good children to their parents. This is God's way. Then children can be strong like the house built on the rock.

3) Activities

- * Make a 3D paper house



1. Color in the template outlines
2. Paste Jesus' words onto the roof.
"People who listen to my words and put them into action are like the wise man who built his house on the rock."
3. Cut out the template pieces.
4. Fold along all of the lines.
5. Use the tabs that say "glue" to guide you where to apply glue.
6. Paste the templates together and make your house on a rock

- * Colour a picture of the house on a rock
- * Spot-the-difference - Find 10 differences between the pictures
- * Draw your own picture of a house on a rock

4) Review the aims

- * to understand the importance of listening to parents and learning God's way
- * to learn to do things in the right way with care

5) Prayer

- * Say a prayer to thank God for all the good things we have; food, toys, clothes. Ask God to help us to take care of things. Say thank you to our parents for teaching us right and wrong. Promise to listen to them and do what they say, so we can be strong like the house built on rock

The Wise and Foolish Builders

Matthew 7:24-27

Jesus said, "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."

The Two Builders

by Margaret Williams and Steve Smallman

There were once two men who decided to build a house. The first man found a nice sandy place, with a stream gurgling past.

"That's great!" he thought. "I can't wait to sit outside in the sun."

So he started to build on the sand. He didn't bother to dig foundations - he was in far too much of a hurry. He built his house with stones that were lying nearby. He put on a wooden roof and tiles. It was quickly finished. The man sat outside his house in the sun.

But his friend had hardly started! For his friend had searched carefully for the best place to build. At last he found some hard rock. He dug into it. It was hard work and it took a long time. He cut a trench in the rock. Then at last he started to build. Gradually the walls grew higher. Finally he added neat tiles and a chimney. At last it was finished. He was very glad to sit down. He was *very* tired!

But almost at once storm clouds gathered. The rain fell, the wind blew. And the little stream grew into a great river. Both men raced indoors. In alarm, they watched from their windows. The rain fell, the lightning flashed, the thunder roared. And the river rushed past, wider and stronger.

Then CRRRAASH!!! The first man's house fell flat! The foolish man who built on sand was left with - nothing! Not even his deckchair.

But in spite of the rain, the second man's house stood firm. The wise man had built on rock. His house was safe in the great storm.

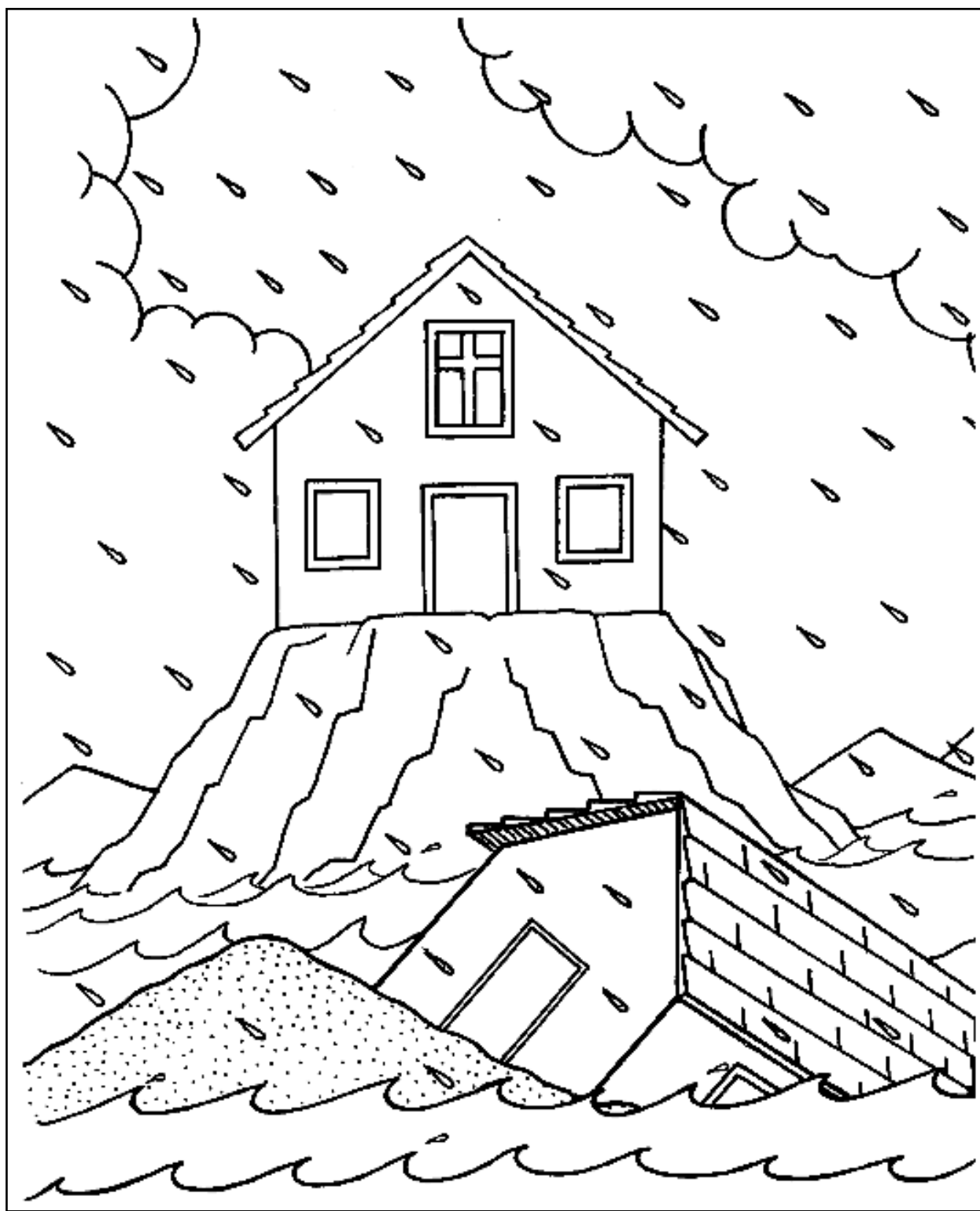
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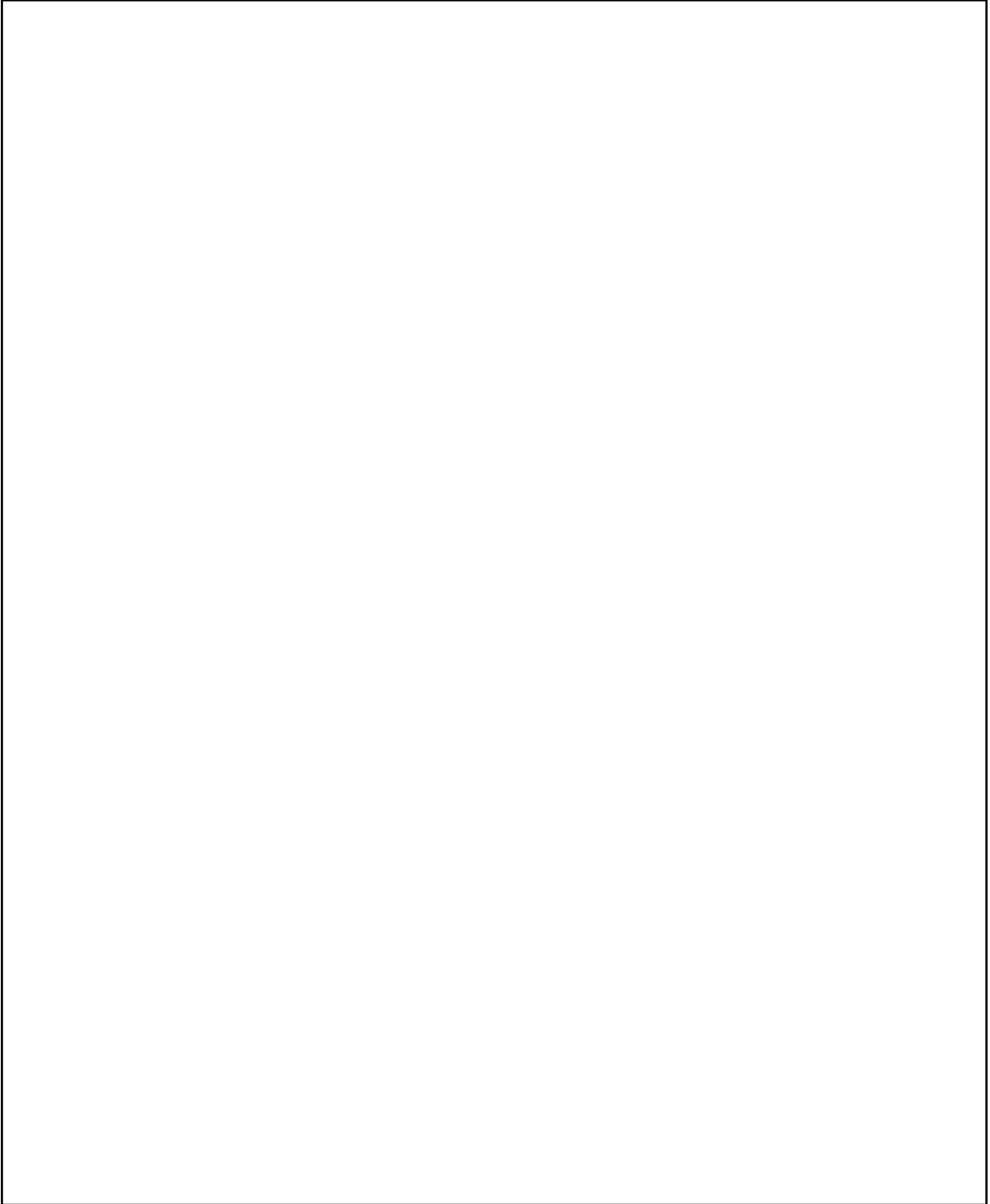
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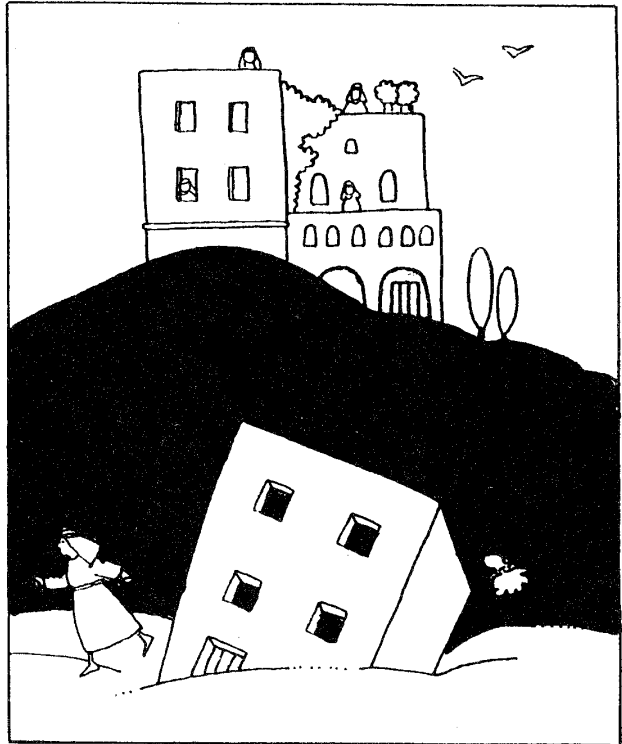
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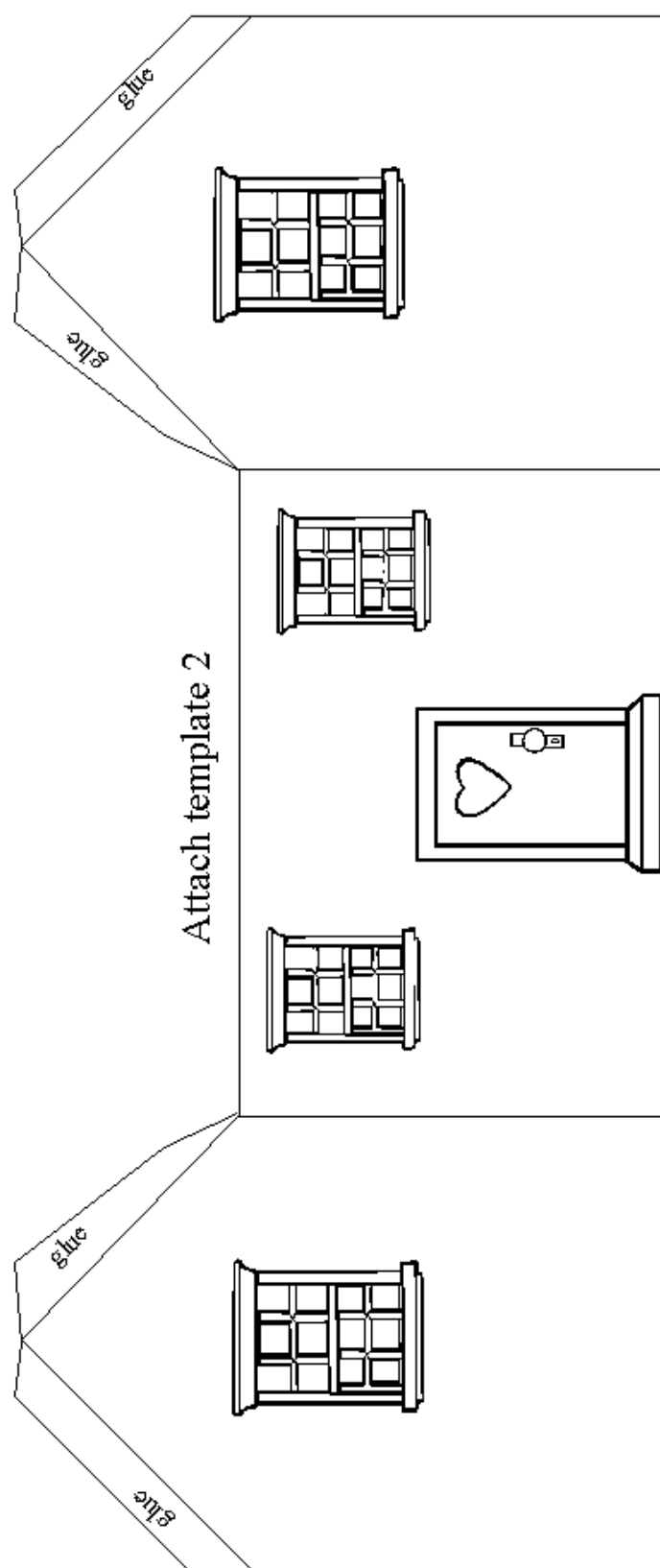
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Find 10 differences between the pictures



"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock." Matthew 7:24

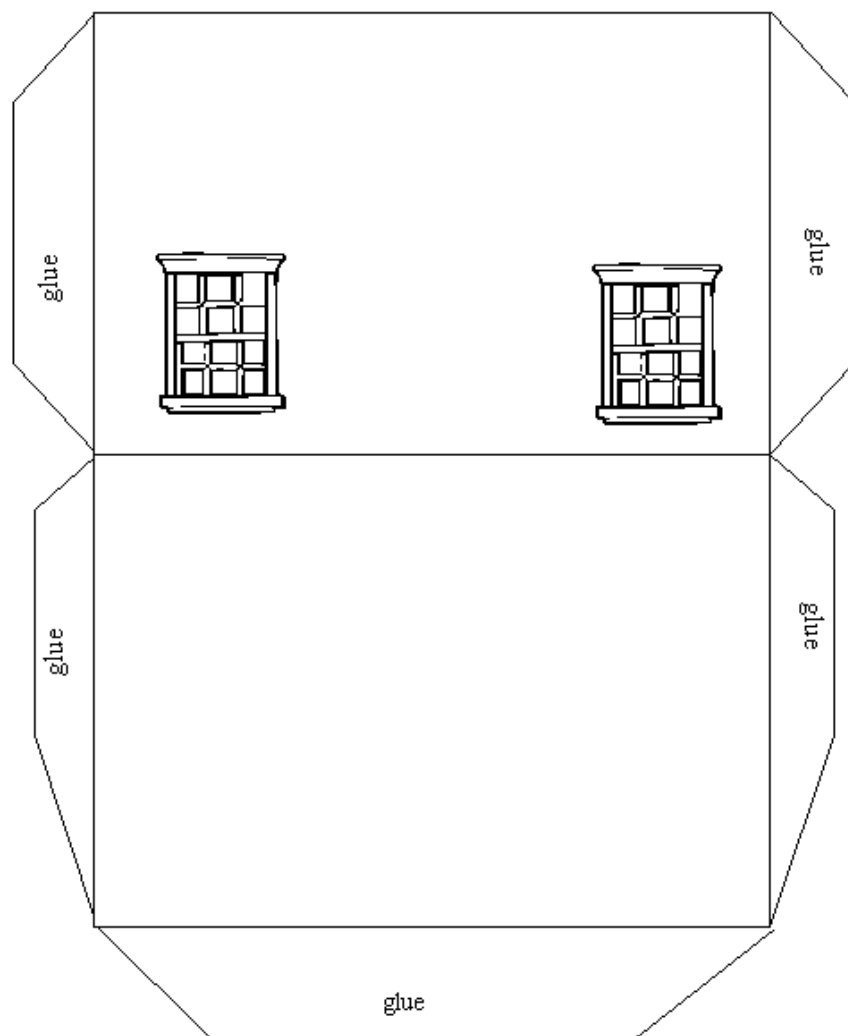


Paper house template 1

- Color
- Cut out
- Fold along solid lines
- Glue where indicated

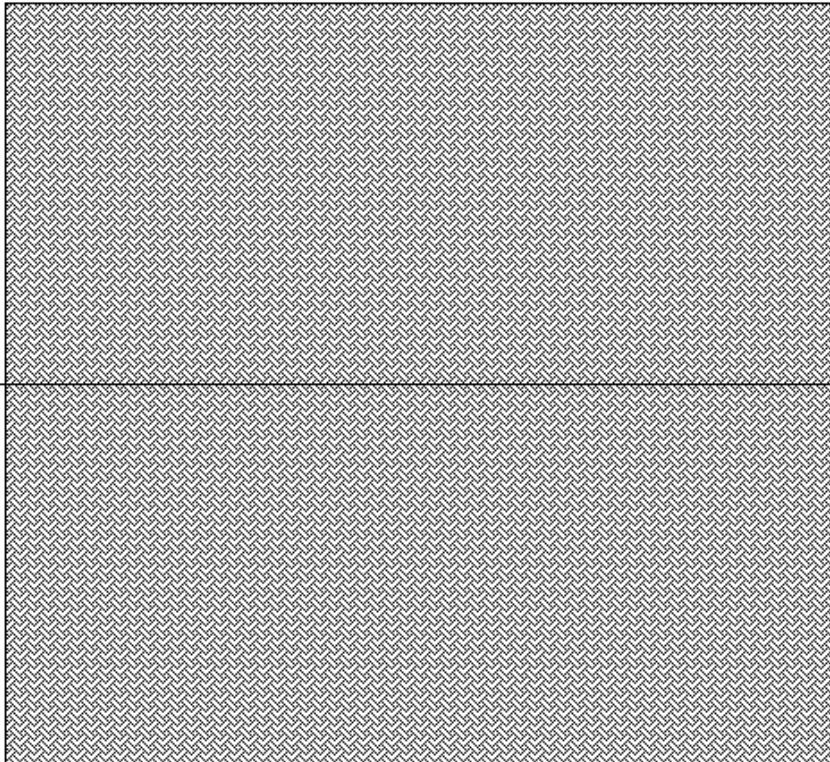
Paper house template 2

- Color
- Cut out
- Fold along solid lines
- Glue where indicated



Paper house template 3 - roof

- Color
- Cut out
- Fold along solid lines
- Fold and place over the house



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are like the wise man who built his house on rock.”