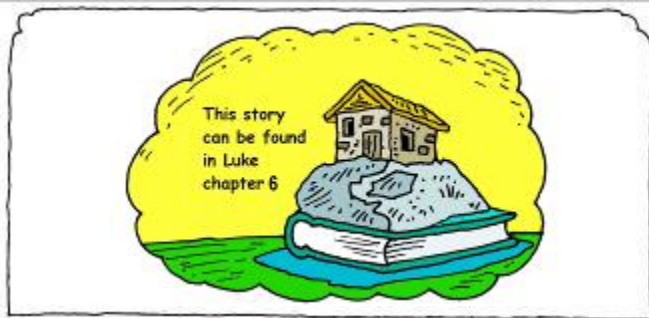


THE two builders

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Jesus told many stories called "Parables," to teach us important lessons for a good life.



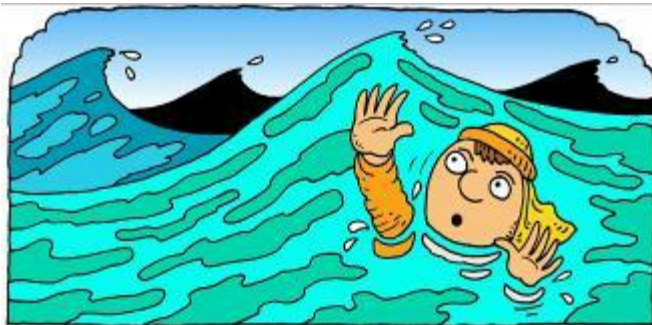
"There was a good builder. He looked for a rock to build a house on. He wanted the house to be strong. It was hard work.



The other builder didn't work hard to make his house strong. It was easier to build on sand. He was in a hurry to get finished.



A big storm came. It rained and rained. The water got deeper and deeper and crashed against the houses.



The water rushed past the house built on the sand. All the sand washed away. That house fell down.



But the heavy rain and the rushing water did not move the house on the rock. The builder knew his house was safe."



This was a story that Jesus told to teach us something important. Following Jesus is like having a safe rock to trust.



Jesus said, "My words will make you strong. You, will be like a house on a strong rock. You will be safe when trouble comes."