

## REFLECTION IDEAS

### Making wise choices – Wise and foolish builder

#### Matthew chapter 7 verses 25-27 and Luke chapter 6 verses 46-49

This GenR8 Connect looks at a parable that Jesus told about two builders - one wise and one foolish. It helps us think about what foundations we build our lives upon and how we can distinguish between 'wise' and 'foolish' choices. Wise choices are not always the easy ones – worthwhile things can take time and commitment. One builder dug in the sand which was easy but it was not the best choice.

#### Reflection

- We make choices every day – some do not matter e.g. what cereal to have for breakfast whilst others are more important. What choices have you made today?
- Thomas Edison said, "Genius is 1% inspiration and 99% perspiration" – do you think this is relevant to your experience?
- There are lots of things (foundations) that people build their lives upon. Who or what will you build your life upon?

*"He (God) alone is my rock and the one who saves me. He is my strong place. I will not be shaken."*  
King David, Psalm 62 verse 2.

#### Story Link

A short cartoon version of the parable as shown in the GenR8 Connect video can be found here:

<https://www.max7.org/en/resource/WiseFoolishBuilders>

Here are two other versions – please check it they are suitable for your group:

Parable told using Lego: <https://youtu.be/kjoqMrFXx-k>

Cartoon version from Saddleback kids: <https://youtu.be/I6S3cRVLmfQ>

### Inspire Prayer Space Activity – Difficult Choices

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#### Equipment

You will need some coins. Real ones work best but pretend or play coins will work too.

#### Description

Sometimes it can be really difficult to make a decision. It can be tricky to decide if there is a 'correct' choice. It can be helpful to reflect on the reasons to say 'yes' and the reasons to say 'no'. This activity uses the two sides of a coin to help reflect on this.

#### Instructions

Think about a decision you need to make at the moment. Hold a coin and look at the picture of the Queen's head. Think about the reasons why you should say yes. Now look at the other side of the coin, the tail, think of reasons why you should say no. Take your time. Turn the coin over in your hand. As you do this, you may like to say a prayer to ask God to help you make a decision. If you feel ready, you could place the coin down on the table as a sign you have made your decision.



See below for activity sheet

Adapted from a Prayer Spaces in Schools resource

## Making Wise Choices – Colouring Page

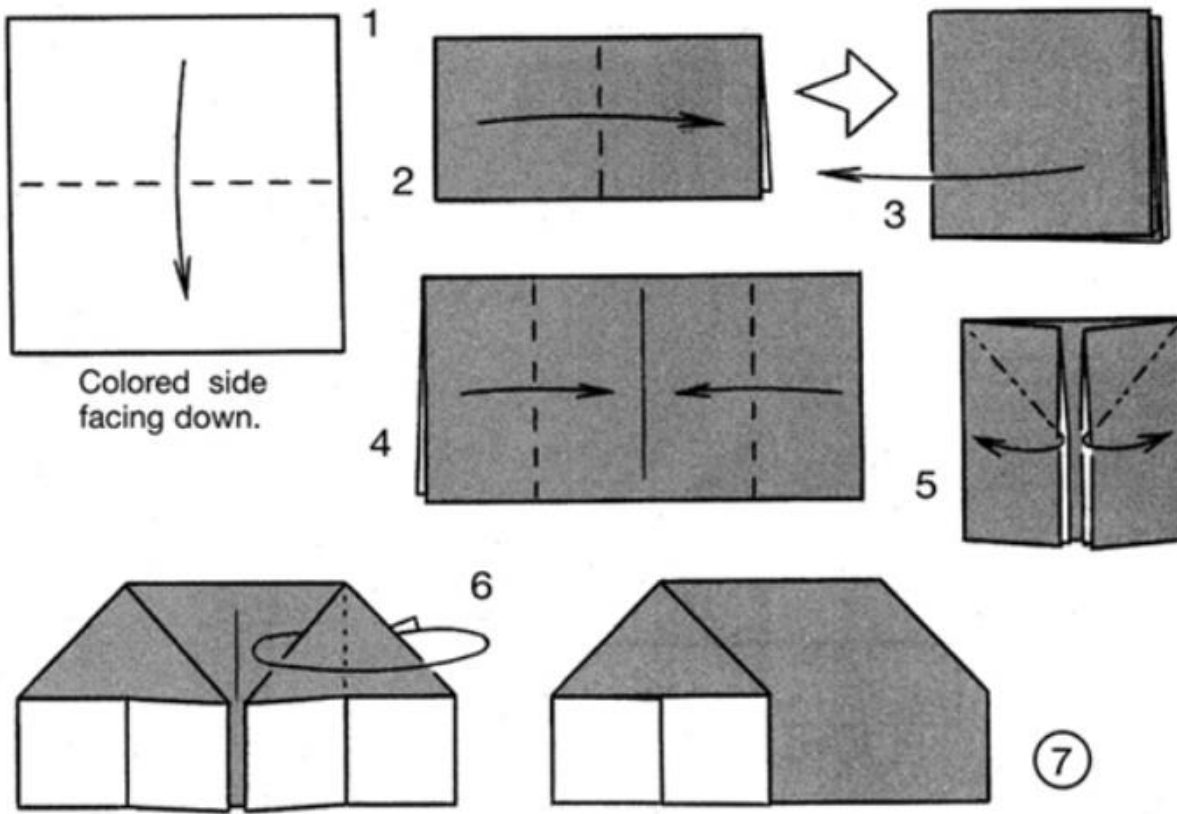
Luke chapter 6 verses 46-49

Colour the pictures that shows what happened to the house built on the rock and the house built on the sand when it rained!

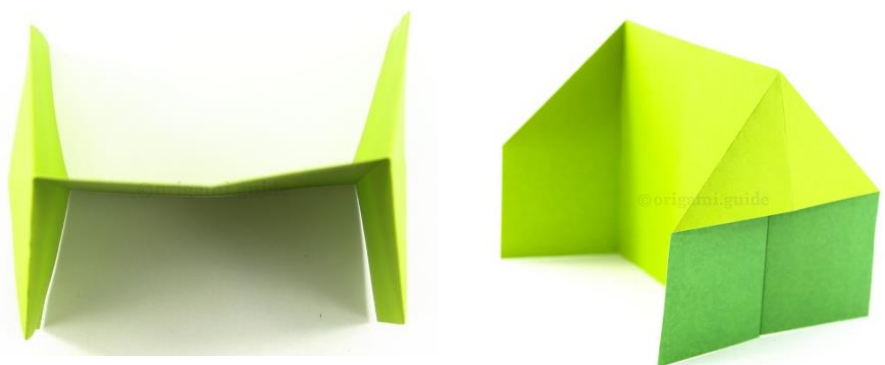


## Making Wise Choices – Origami House

Follow the instructions below to make an origami house out of a square of paper. You can draw on a door, some windows and other decorations if you like.



1. Take a square piece of paper and fold it in half as shown. It helps if your paper is differently coloured on each side but not essential.
2. Fold in half again
3. Make a crease on the fold you have just made and then unfold.
4. Fold one side as far as the crease you have made. Then fold the other in too.
5. Open out one of the side section, pushing down the top point of the section to a triangle. Repeat with the other side section.
6. You can now decorate your house if you want. If you pick it up and fold half of each side section backwards, forming an H shape, your house will stand up.



There are lots of versions of this available on line to look at or watch, to help to understand what to do:

<https://origami.guide/furniture/origami-houses/easy-origami-house/>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2MQv9dUDYiw>

## Making Wise Choices – Wordsearch

Find these words from the story in the house

HEARS

FOUNDATION

PRACTICE

WISE

BUILT

HOUSE

WORDS

RAIN

STREAMS

WINDS

CRASH

ROCK

FOOLISH

BLEW

SAND

FELL

Y Y K V T B L E W A Z N G D L  
M K Q J S A H F Q X O M N X L  
H K C H R S U U B I Z A Z W Y  
J Y R P I J L Y T S S H V T C  
Z Z U L W K R A U S S K K S R  
V H O P C P D H M X B X W S A  
I O O O R N T A F A T X R Q S  
F W R U U A E K Z N E A T E H  
I I W O S R C V T M E B I D Y  
C S F F T E B T T H W O R D S  
Y E C S D P O F I I V X G Z N  
R V W I N D S T F C Z F E L L  
O A O A E D N I W M E Q T N B  
H T I B U I L T X U Q H P Y P  
J Y R N Q Z C J E L O T D T R

## Building on Sand or Rock? – re-tell the story

Use Lego bricks or your origami house and a tray with sand and a brick or rock and watering can to show how sand is not good as a foundation because it gets washed away. Use this to re-tell the story.