

English for Life

Meet Jesus

Ten Bible-based English lessons

High Beginner

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Lesson 9

PART 1 (APPROX 1 HOUR):

Wise or foolish

PART 2 (APPROX 1/2 HOUR):

The two builders
Matthew 7:24–27

 **Prepare lesson**

Part 1. Wise or foolish

Print resources

- RESOURCE 9.1 – Ten photos**
Print one copy of each photo to display (or remove these pages from this book).
- RESOURCE 9.2 – Ten sentences**
Print one copy and cut up.
- RESOURCE 9.3 – Finishing sentences worksheet**
Print one copy per student.
- RESOURCE 9.4 – Reordering sentences**
Print one copy, cut up, and shuffle sections, ensuring that each shuffled sentence remains in its own separate pile.

Additional equipment

- Sunscreen, hat, long-sleeved shirt, sunglasses, fork, toaster

Part 2. The two builders

Read scripture

- Matthew 7:24–27 in NIV Bible (or another easy-to-read translation)

Print resources (on the next page)

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- Heart language Bible text**
Print one text per student in relevant languages from bible.com or biblegateway.com
- RESOURCE 9.5 – Large sketches**
Print one set of A4 sketches to display.
- RESOURCE 9.6 – Large sentences**
Print one set of A4 sentences to display.
- RESOURCE 9.7 – Small sketches**
Print one copy per pair and cut up.
- RESOURCE 9.8 – Small sentence strips**
Print one copy per pair and cut up.
- RESOURCE 9.9 – Gap-fill worksheet**
Print one copy per student.

Select Variations to activities

(see pages 4–5)

Part 1. Wise or foolish

Activate knowledge

Write *wise* and *foolish* on the board.

Display sunscreen, hat, long-sleeved shirt and sunglasses.

Invite volunteer to put on hat, shirt and sunglasses.

Say 'You're wise.'

Ask 'Why is he/she wise?'

Invite responses.

Pretend to put a fork into the toaster brought from home or alternatively into a powerpoint in the room.

Say 'I'm foolish.'

Ask 'Why am I foolish?'

Invite responses.

Focus on language

Activity 1: Matching sentences to photos

Divide students into pairs – depending on how many students you have.

Display **RESOURCE 9.1 – Ten photos** on tables around the room.

Distribute one sentence from **RESOURCE 9.2 – Ten sentences** to each student or pair, depending on class size.

Invite students or pairs to locate the photo that their sentence describes and stand next to it.

Invite volunteers to read their sentences to each other.

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**RESOURCE 9.3 –
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**RESOURCE 9.4 –
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Activity 2: Finishing sentences

Distribute **RESOURCE 9.3 – Finishing sentences worksheet** to each student.

Encourage students to work together to complete the worksheet.

Check answers together.

Activity 3: Reordering activity

Divide students into pairs, ensuring that all of the pictures from **RESOURCE 9.1 – Ten photos** are still displayed and visible to all students.

Distribute one cut up and shuffled sentence from **RESOURCE 9.4 – Reordering sentences** to each pair.

Invite pairs to order the words correctly by rearranging the sections.

Repeat the activity by exchanging the sentences between the pairs.

Extension activity

Remove all of the sentences about the pictures from **RESOURCE 9.1 – Ten photos** from student view.

Invite students to remember, construct and rewrite sentences about each photo.

Part 2 – The two builders

Matthew 7:24–27

Read for gist

Hold up a hard copy of the Bible.

Say ‘In the Bible story, there’s a wise man and a foolish man.’

Distribute copies of Matthew 7:24–27 in your students’ heart languages and allow time for students to read silently for context, then ask them to put the text away for the rest of the lesson.

Read for detail

Display **RESOURCE 9.5 – Large sketches** in order.

Read the sentences below slowly, pointing to the corresponding sketches as you read.

Sentences:

1. Jesus said, ‘A wise man obeys my words.’
2. Jesus told this story:
3. A wise man built his house on rock.
4. The rain fell, the water rose, and the wind blew.
5. The house did not fall.
6. A foolish man built his house on sand.
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Re-read the sentences, placing the correct sentence from **RESOURCE 9.6 – Large sentences** near each sketch as you go.

**RESOURCE 9.5 –
Large sketches**
Print one set of A4
sketches to display.

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Read the sentences again and invite students to point to the corresponding sketches as you read.

Reinforce the language

Divide students into pairs.

Distribute **RESOURCE 9.7 – Small sketches** to pairs.

Invite pairs to sequence the sketches in the correct order.

Distribute **RESOURCE 9.8 – Small sentence strips** to pairs.

Invite pairs to match the sentence strips to the corresponding sketches. (More advanced students can sequence the sentence strips without looking at the sketches.)

Invite students to retell the story to their partners.

Invite confident students to retell the story to the whole class using only the sketches.

Reinforce the text using some of the 6 **Variations to activities** on pages 4–5.

Distribute **RESOURCE 9.9 – Gap-fill worksheet** to each student.

Encourage students to work together to complete the worksheet.

Check answers together by reading slowly through the worksheet and writing the missing words on the board.

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RESOURCE 9.9 – Gap-fill worksheet

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It's foolish to hold a phone while driving.

It's foolish to put a fork in a toaster.

It's wise to brush your teeth.

It's wise to exercise.

It's wise to listen to your parents.

It's wise to obey police.

It's wise to read books.

9.3 RESOURCE – Finishing sentences worksheet

Complete the sentences by writing the correct words from the box on the lines.

Write the number of the photo that matches each sentence in the small box to the right.

brush your teeth	build a house on sand
carry a lot of drinks	exercise
hold a phone while driving	listen to your parents
obey police	put a fork in a toaster
read books	sit on a train track

- a. It's foolish to _____
- b. It's foolish to _____
- c. It's foolish to _____
- d. It's foolish to _____
- e. It's foolish to _____
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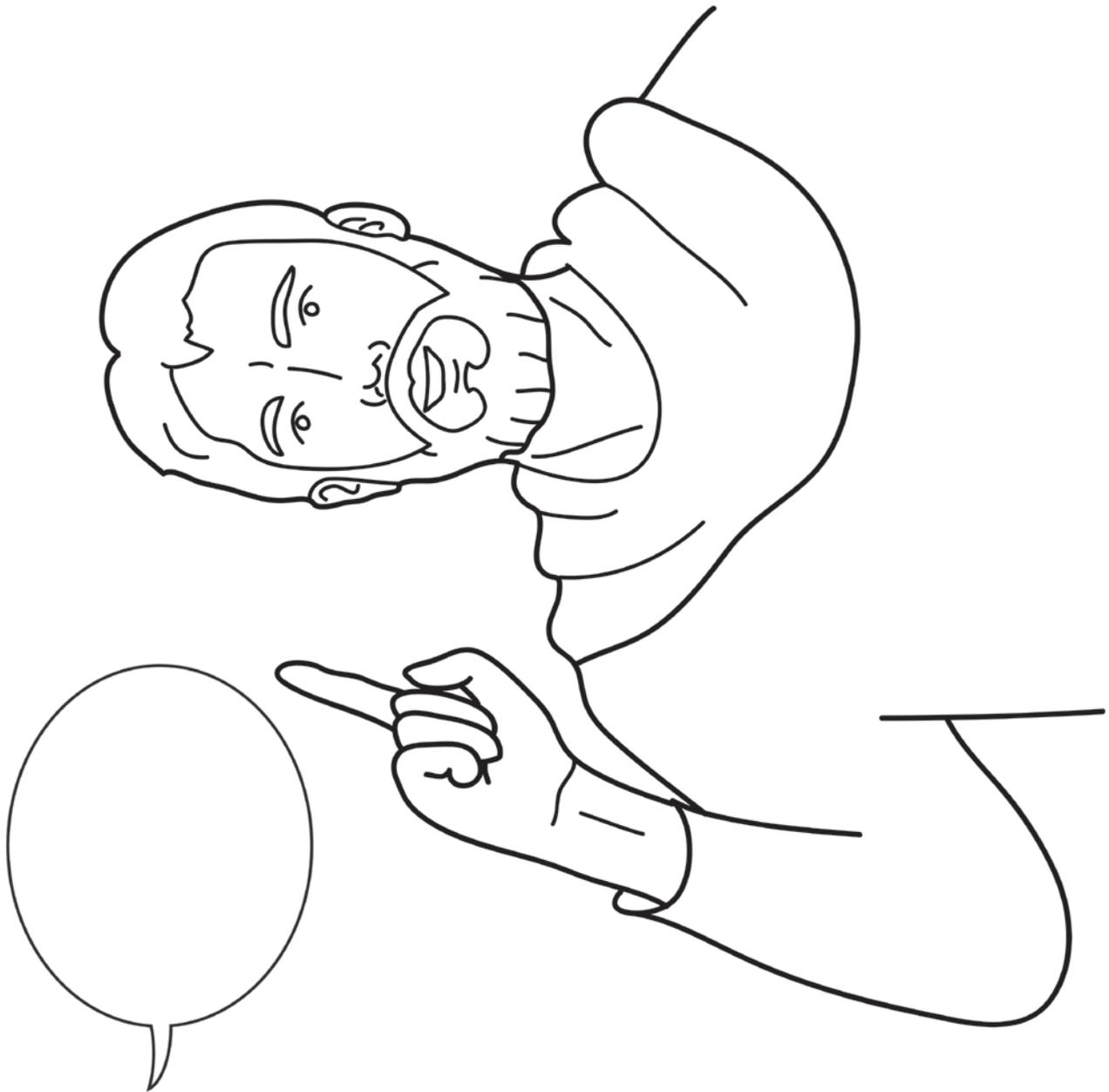
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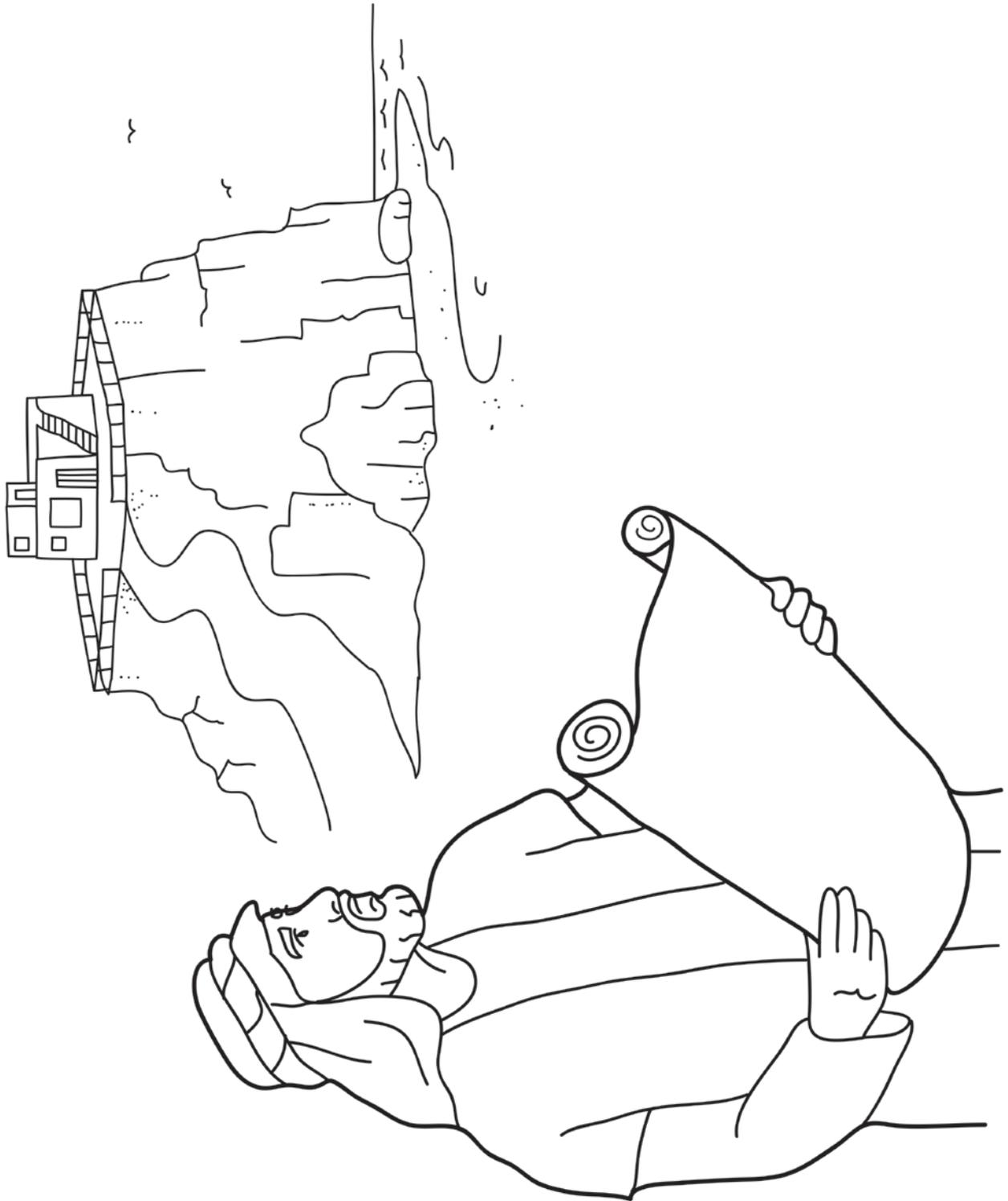
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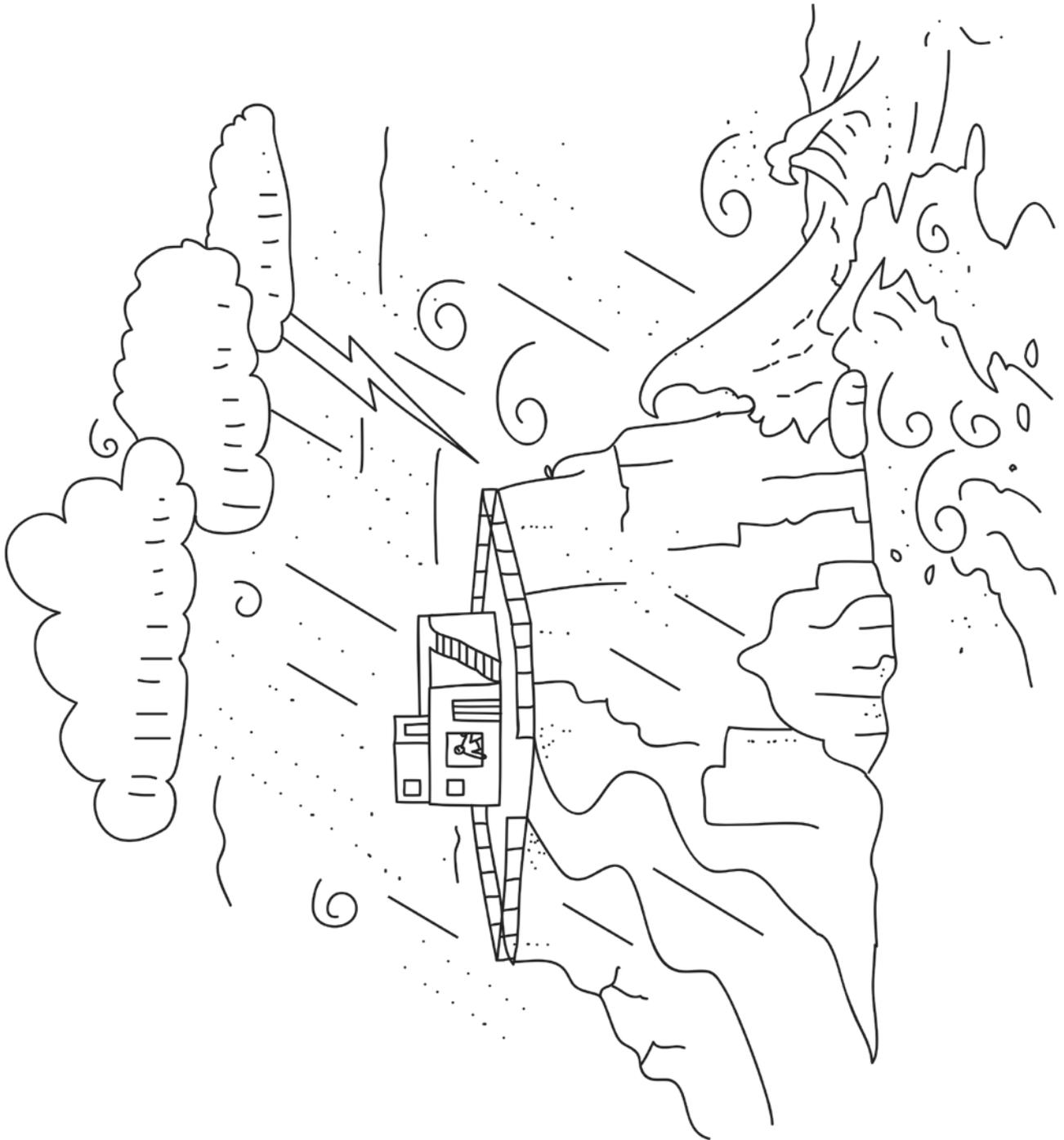
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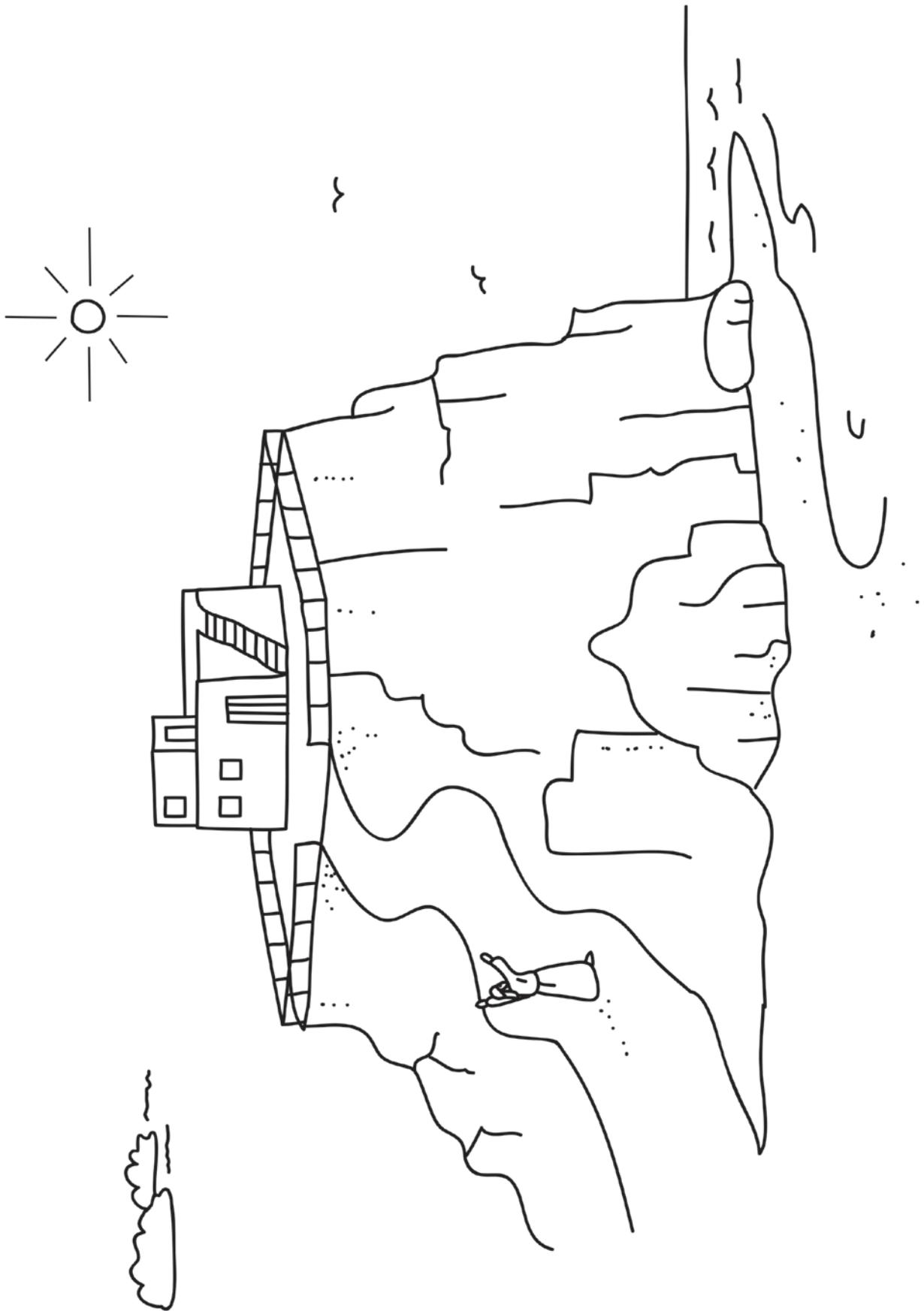
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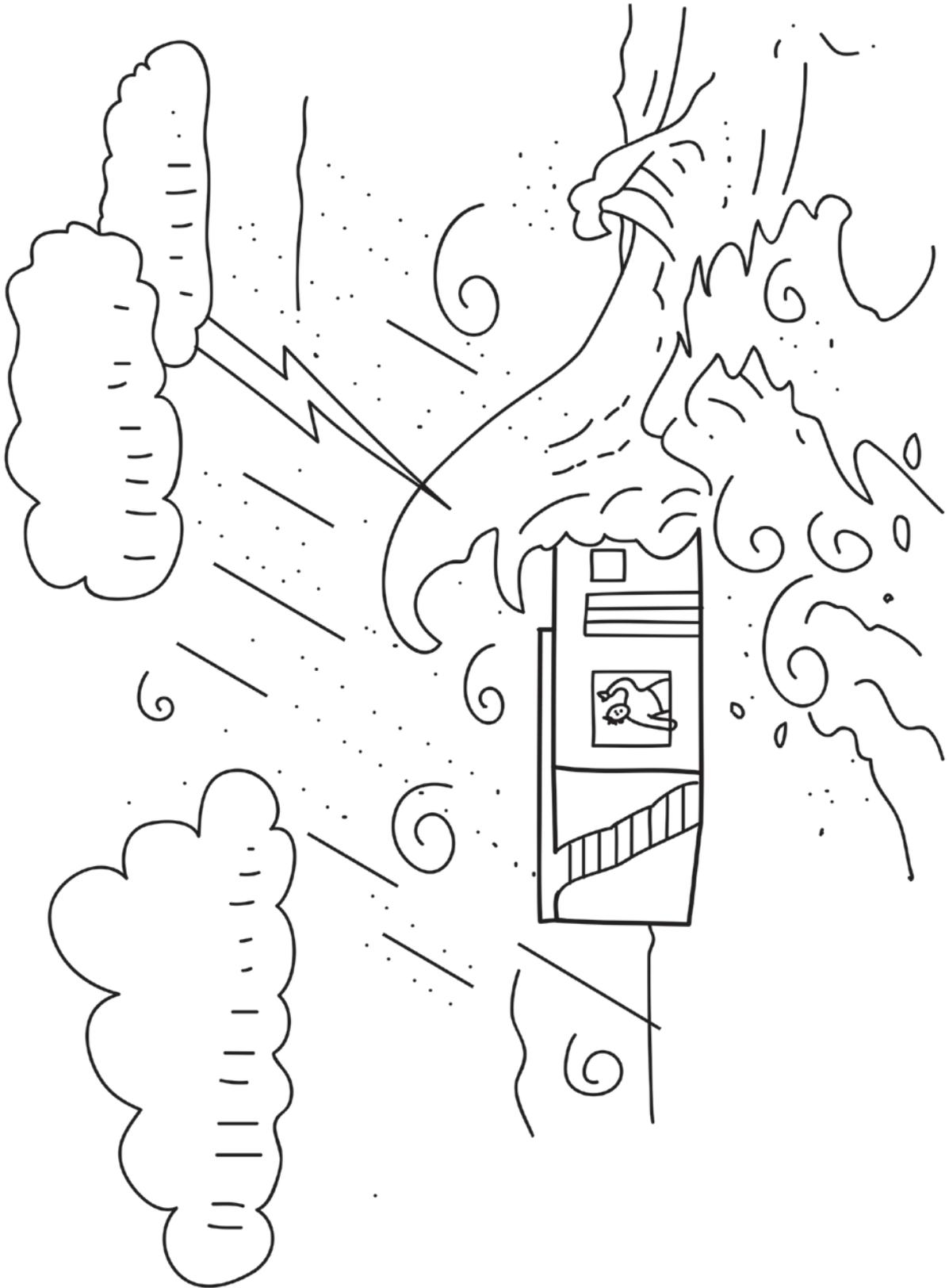
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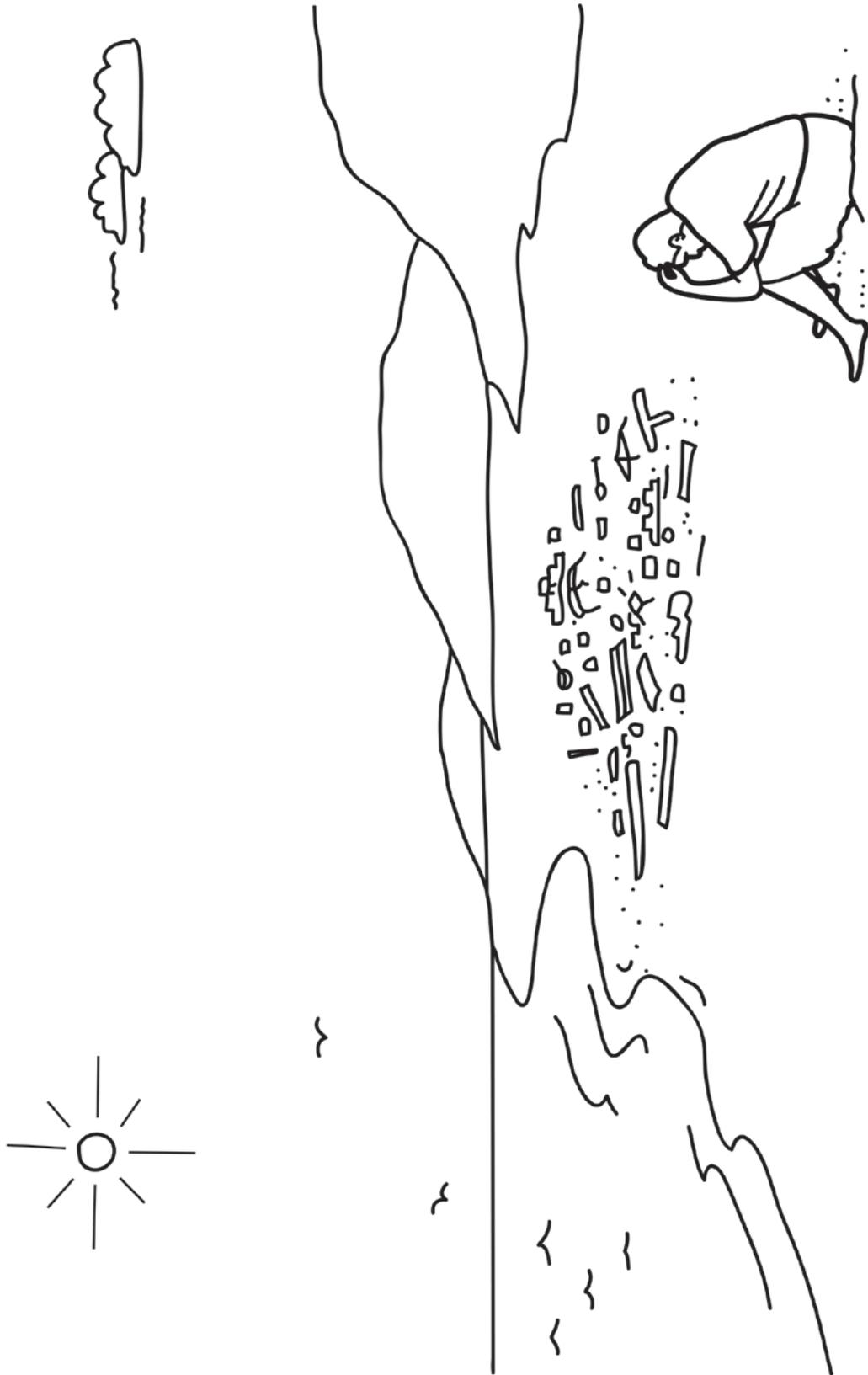
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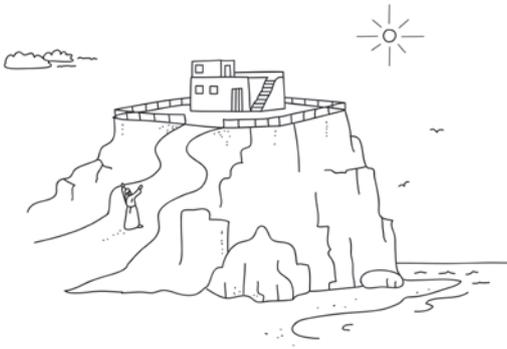
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Fill in the missing words.

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