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Come, Follow Me: Book of Mormon

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A Strong Foundation

"I don't get it," May piped up. "Jesus said we should not be like a foolish man who builds his house on the sand. What's so bad about building a house on the sand? I'd like to live on the beach!"

"Well," Dad began. "Sand is really squishy. You know when you walk on sand, your feet sink down?"

"Yeah!" May exclaimed.

"Think about building a house on squishy sand," Dad explained. "It would be super wobbly. And if a storm came, the sand would wash away- and the house would wash away with it!"

"Oh that would be so sad," May stuck out her bottom lip. "But wait! How do you build a house? If people build their houses on dirt, wouldn't the same thing happen?"

"Probably!" Dad laughed. "Before you build a house, you need a solid foundation. Lots of people use concrete. And the concrete is really strong; sort of like a rock. So when a big storm comes, the house will be safe!"

"I would like to live in a safe house," May exhaled.

"I think we all would," Dad winked. "So Jesus spoke in a parable. He means we need to make sure the base of our testimony is strong, like the rock foundation of a house. A good base of a testimony is knowing The Book of Mormon is true or knowing that Jesus Christ is our Savior. From there, you can build your testimony, like a house! And when something bad happens to us in our life, our testimony won't be knocked down because we will have a strong foundation."

"I'm probably like the wise man then," May remarked. "Because I know that Jesus is our Savior!"