

Wise Man / Foolish Man Optical Illusion Craft

What You Need: “Thaumatrope Pictures” Activity Pages; colorful pens, crayons, and/or markers; dowel rods, gray tissue paper, tape, glue sticks, sand, scissors

What You Do: [Watch 'how to' video here](#)

- Give each kid a set of Activity Pages and a piece of tissue paper.
- Tell kids to decorate their pictures:
 - Tear small pieces of gray tissue paper, roll them into tight balls, and glue them to the bottom of the A1 and A2 circles.
 - (Optional) Glue sand/dirt along the bottom of the B1 and B2 circles.
 - Color the other parts of the pictures.
- Hand out scissors, and tell kids to cut out their four pictures or cut them out.
- Show kids how to tape one end of the dowel rod to the back of A1 and the other end of the dowel rod to the back of B1.
- Help them glue the back of A2 to the back of A1. Repeat with B2 and B1.
- Tell kids to place the middle of the rod between their hands and then rub their hands back and forth to make it spin. They should be able to see the wise man's house sitting on the rock and the foolish man's house falling on the sand as the craft moves.

What You Say:

“What was Jesus trying to teach us through the parable of the wise man and the foolish man? (*Pause for responses.*) Jesus was saying that the wise man is the one who listens to Jesus' words and obeys them. The Bible says that God is the source of all wisdom. Foolishness is the opposite of this. Jesus' parable encourages us to choose to be wise and build our lives on His teachings. Today you get to take home this fun craft that will help you remember to be wise and to help tell others who the source of all wisdom is: God! Let's say our Bottom Line together. **You can HEAR from God.**”

Discussion

- How can we HEAR from God?
- What will you tell people about God when you show them this craft?

STEAM OPTION

Bubbles Challenge

What You Need: Large container of bubble solution, straws, chenille stems, scissors

What To Do: [Watch 'How To' video](#)

- Guide kids to create their own one-of-a-kind bubble wands from the straws and pipe cleaners. They can cut the items as needed. Encourage the older kids to try to make three-dimensional wands. Let them experiment with different sizes and shapes of wands.
- Tell kids to see if their wands work to make bubbles.

What to Say:

"Each bubble is unique, just like how God created each of us. Because we are all unique, we can hear from God in different ways. What are some ways you can hear from God? *(Pause for responses such as: hearing from God in worship music, reading the Bible, talking to others who know Him, etc.)* Let's say today's Bottom Line together. **You can HEAR from God.**"

Discussion

- What makes you unique?
- Where do you like to hear God?