

The Wise and Foolish Piggies (Builders)

CHARACTERS: 4

COSTUMES/PROPS: Can use Pig puppets

RUN TIME: 3 minutes

SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: Matthew 7:24-29, Luke 6:47-49

NARR: Once upon a time, after the Big Bad Wolf had destroyed two of their houses, the three little pigs decided to move to (insert name of place) build new homes.

PIG 1: No straw for me this time. I have learned my lesson. I'll use brick.

PIG 2: Me too.

PIG 3: Me three and I'm going to build on this rock. It is a firm foundation.

PIG 2: Not me. I'm going to build my house on the sand. It's quicker and easier.

PIG 3: Also stupider. Sand is a poor foundation. It could wash away in a storm.

PIG 2: That's just crazy talk. Houses don't wash away. I want mine right next to the river so it's quick and easy to get a drink of water.

PIG 3: What about erosion? It could destroy your house.

PIG 2: (*worried*) E. Row Shun? Is that some kind kung Fu wolf?

PIG 3: No, it is the wearing away of the soil by wind or water.

PIG 2: (*grouchy*) You build your house your way and I'll build mine my way.

PIG 1: I'm going to build mine six times as big as before.

PIG 3: You don't have enough money.

PIG 1: Do so.

PIG 2: Have you added up the costs?

PIG 1: No way. I hate math and I'm not good with numbers. There's just too many of them.

PIG 3: You really ought to add up the costs before you start building.

PIG 1: (*peevish and petty*) You build your house your way and I'll build mine my way.

NARR: So the three little pigs built their houses. A couple of months later

PIG 2: Looks like you only have a foundation and half of a wall.

PIG 1: (*defensively*) So? Maybe I was going for an open concept house.

PIG 3: Looks like rain. Lots of cumulonimbus clouds.

PIG 2: The weather report said it was going to be a three day thunderstorm. (*to PIG 1*) You're gonna get really wet in a house with no roof and only half of one wall.

PIG 3: Do you want to stay at my house since you never finished your house?

PIG 2: (*laughing*) The two sided wonder house! What a funny looking thing! No roof and only two sides. (*laughs with snorting sounds some more*)

PIG 1: I guess I should have counted up the cost before I started to build.

PIG 3: Come stay at my house and be safe from the storm. Actually, both of you should come.

PIG 2: No way. I'm staying at my beach house by the river.

PIG 3: With all that rain, the river will rise and wipe out your foundation.

PIG 2: (*grouchy*) You stay in your house and I'll stay in mine.

NARR: The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against the houses.

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PIG 3: I'm glad I built on this solid foundation of rock.

PIG 1: Me too. It is not washing away because it has its foundation on the rock.

NARR: Meanwhile over at Pig 2's house ...

PIG 2: Oh no, something is huffing and puffing and blowing my house into the river. It must be the Big Bad Wolf.

NARR: But it wasn't the wolf. It was the little piggy's own stubborn fault. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew. They beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.

PIG 3: *(to audience)* So it is with Jesus words. Everyone who hears his words and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

PIG 2: But everyone who hears Jesus' words and does not put them into practice is like a foolish piggy who built his house on sand.

PIG 1: Count the costs and build your life on Jesus.