

Children Activities booklet.



WHY IS JESUS CALLED THE ROCK of Ages



Mr. John buried a piece of rock and a very strong wood on 1st January 1978. Both items were subjected to rain, sunshine and heat. On 31st December 1978: that is after 12 months, Mr John dug up the soil to see what has happened to the wood and the rock. The wood

had rotten away and totally mixed up with the soil, but the rock still remained the same. Mr. John buried the rock again. He checked it every 31st December. Till date the rock is still the same, 40 years after!!!

Rocks are one of the most durable materials on earth, rocks are;

- *Durable.*
- *Constant.*
- *Strong.*

Does Jesus behave like this? Yes, even more!

*Jesus has neither Beginning nor Ending. Just as explained, Rock is one of the most durable materials on earth, yet these rocks were made by Jesus. Jesus had been before the world was made. He made the world including the Rocks! The Bible says in **2Pt 3:10** " **But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heaven shall pass away with a great***

noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up”

Jhn 1:3” All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made”

Col 1:14-16” In whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins: who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: for by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible, whether they be thrones or dominion, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him , and for Him”

WATER FROM THE ROCK ; NUM 20:1-11

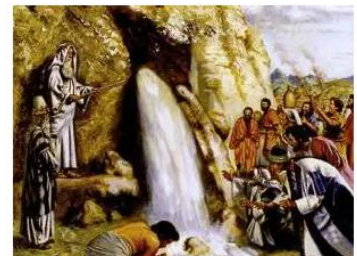


The Israelites were still on their journey from Egypt to the Promised Land. They got to the desert called Zin. In a desert, nothing grows because all the land is either sandy or rocky.

Here Miriam; Moses senior sister died and as if that was not enough problem, their water got finished and there was no sight of water nearby. Just imagine that, no water to drink, cook, and bath!! Am sure everywhere will smell.

Soon, a protest broke out against Moses and Aaron. “Give us water or send us back to Egypt! Why did you bring us here? Is Egypt not better? Please take us back! ” The protest probably grew larger and larger. There was tension and Moses knew he could not produce the water, so he prayed to God who can do all things. We too should learn to do this too.

Did God do anything? Yes! He asked Moses to take his staff with Aaron to meet with the whole Israelites and speak to the Rock that water will come out for the people to use. However, by this time



Moses was angry with the people. Maybe because of the way they spoke rudely and angrily. In that rage, instead of speaking to the Rock he struck the rock: In spite of this water gushed out for the people.

Now, supposing, this water was not provided, what would have happened to them? They would have all died.

In the New Testament, after many, many years, Paul referring to this incident said, "that Rock was Jesus."

1 Cor10:4" And they all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ"

Did Jesus end His journey here with His people? No! Hear what the Bible says:

Matt 28: 20b" I am with you always, even unto the end of the world"

In the New Testament, He became flesh (man) here on earth and did many mighty works (miracles) by the power of the Holy Spirit. However His stay on earth as man was not for too long. His becoming a man was to die and shed His blood to remove our sin. Only blood can remove sin and Spirit does not have blood, therefore Jesus had to become a man to achieve this purpose. He focused on this assignment.

Heb 9:22" And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission"

One day He told His disciples that He will soon die but that He will rise from dead on the 3rd day. Some of the disciples probably pretended not to hear what Jesus was saying. May be a big joke! However Peter was bold enough to speak up; stop saying such nonsense" said Peter. True to His word, He died, was buried and rose from the dead on the 3rd day just as He said. Therefore you can trust His word written in the Bible.

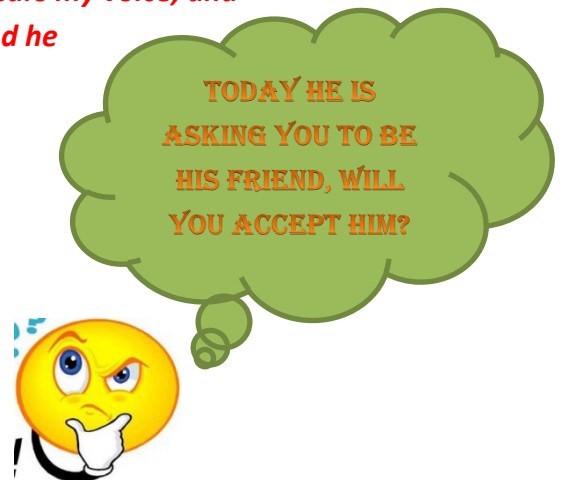
He rose! His disciples and other people saw Him walk the streets again! But that was very brief. Soon He went back to heaven. Till date and forever Jesus lives on!



More durable than the physical rock!! The physical rock will melt away at a time but Jesus the Rock lives forever

Heb 13:8" Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever"

Rev 3:20" Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hears my voice, and opens the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me"



PRAY THIS PRAYER NOW; DEAR HEAVENLY FATHER, I COME TO YOU IN THE NAME OF JESUS. I BELIEVE IN MY HEART THAT JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD, JESUS I ACCEPT YOU AS MY LORD AND SAVIOUR, FORGIVE ME ALL MY SINS AND FILL ME WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT. HELP ME TO LIVE FOR YOU. THANK YOU JESUS. AMEN

TWO HOUSES: MATT 7:24-27



In Nigeria, every young adult desires to own a house. Am sure your dad has one in which your family lives in. Some build or rent or buy from mortgage banks etc. Two people in our story today decided to build their house themselves.

One built his house upon the rock while the other upon the sand. May be they both built during the dry season when there is not much rain. Soon, the rainy season came; the rain and the wind blew against the two houses. As the rain was falling down, the flood was rising. After sometime, the house built upon the sand fell down. What a waste! However the one build upon the rock stood tall as if nothing happened!



Again this Rock is Jesus.

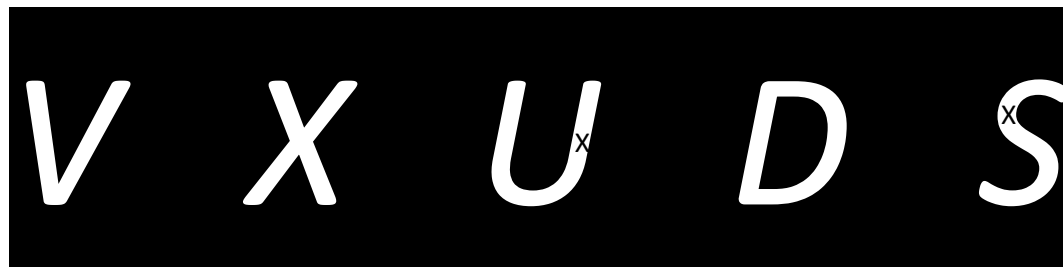
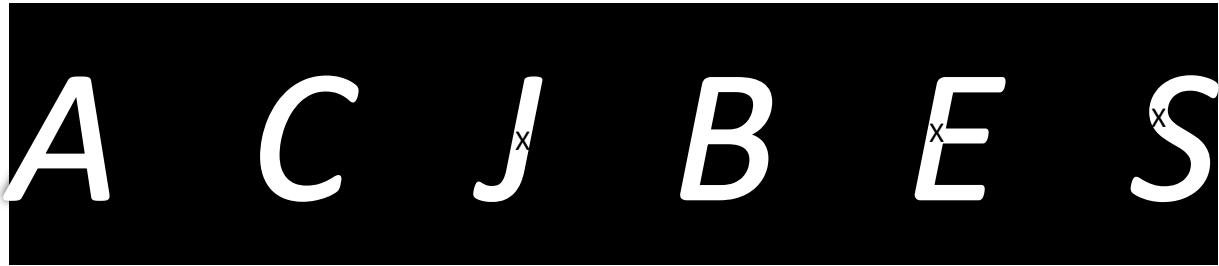
But how does one build upon this Rock today?

First, you must accept Jesus as your saviour, and then you allow His word (The Bible) guide your daily decisions and action.



EXERCISES:

Colour every letter marked "x" the real Rock will appear.



2. Write out every alternative letter, the way to build upon the Rock will be seen.

Example: adbocidneg fgsohd's jwkolrmk—(Doing God's work)

a. Ubsy vroecaxduicnwg cybocusr sbiivbxlye

b. Cbuy osbuesyvitnng qwhzaot vixs bwpruixtitaebn xisn vtuhxe ubqipbolse

c. qtshvrcobuxgyh zpqearcsdoenfagl hpirjakylemrns

d. Abcy dperfagyhiknlg mwniotph qortshteur vcwhxrylzsaticadn

e. Atbecldeifnng iojtkhiemrns oapbqorust tjuevswuxs

3. why is Jesus refered to as the Rock?

Busy fingers (Craft)

Jesus is My ROCK
craft



Produce the drawing above, you can add your special designs

Materials: Card-board paper or carton and crayon.

Home work

Read 2 stories in the Bible that shows that Jesus has all the power. Write out one of the storie

