

The Two Builders Parable



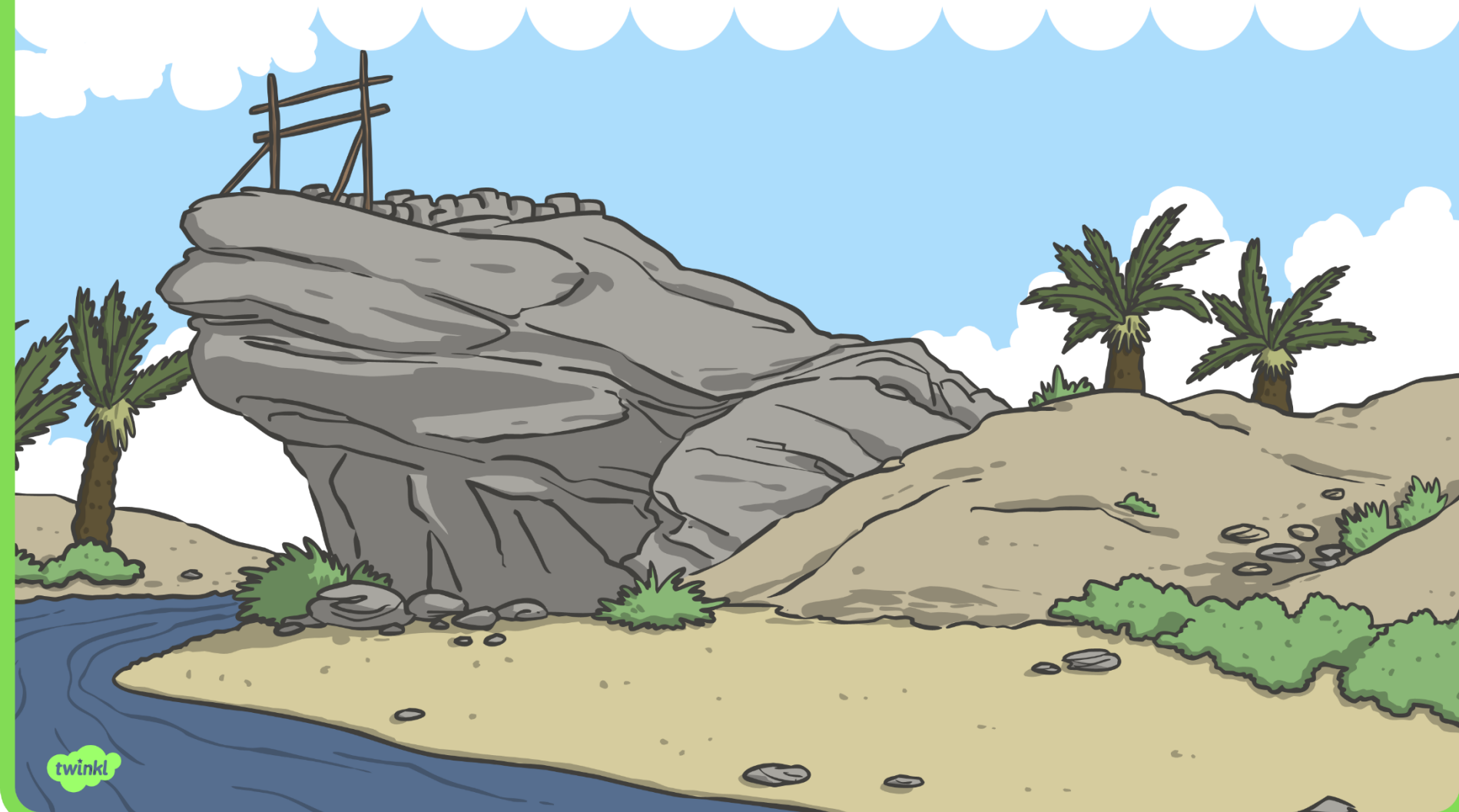
While Jesus was preaching and teaching, there were many people who said they would follow Jesus. They called themselves his disciples but they did not practise what Jesus preached, like loving others and changing their attitude.



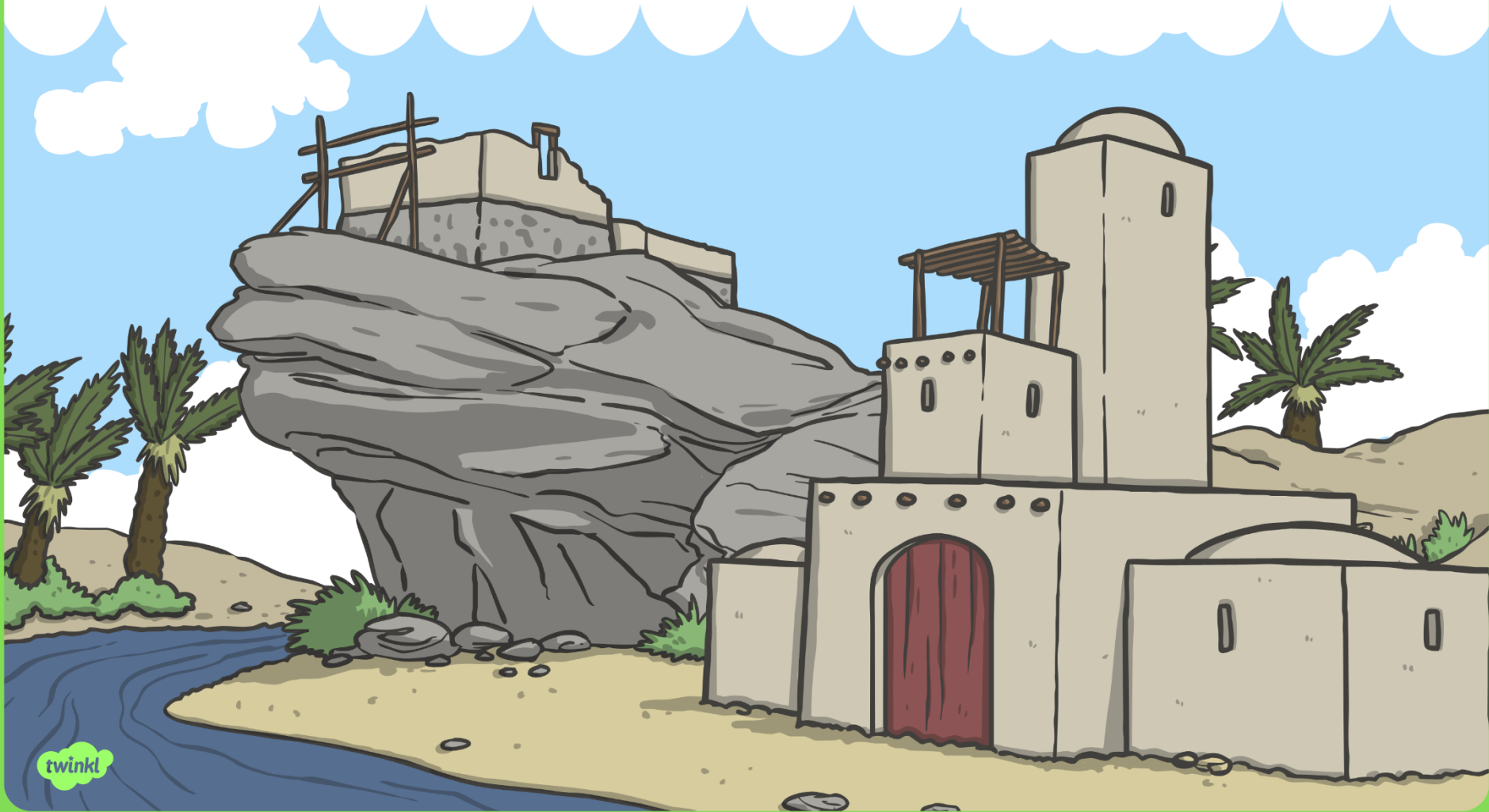
So Jesus decided to tell them a story of how two men built their homes. It is called the parable of the two builders. Here is his parable:



All those who listen to my words and do something about them are like a wise man who builds his house on a rock. The man laid a strong foundation by digging deep into the earth. Then he worked carefully and slowly, making sure the building was strong and secure on the rock.



While the wise man was building his strong house, his neighbour didn't have the same outlook. The person who hears my words and does nothing with them is like a stupid or foolish man who built his house on the sand. This man did not build a strong deep foundation and built his house very quickly. His tall house was built fast and he moved in feeling safe.



Soon, the rain and floods came and the wind blew, beating against the houses. The tall house without a strong foundation just couldn't stand up to the flooding and winds and it cracked and the whole house collapsed. The house that had a strong foundation was sturdy and secure and could withstand the storm.



The crowds were surprised at Jesus' story. Jesus warned them that if the people did not build their life on a deep foundation and follow his teachings then they too would find that their house had fallen down.

