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“Kiko and the Two Houses”

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“Kiko, come. I want to tell you a story,” Kiko’s grandfather called. Kiko’s grandfather was named Boto, and he was old and wise. “Kiko, see if you can tell me what this story means.”

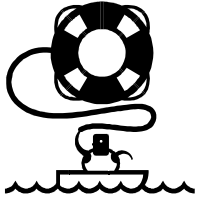
Kiko was thinking about running in the grass and making circles around the trees, but he stopped to listen.

Boto began, “One day Jesus was talking to a lot of people. Jesus told them about two men who wanted to build houses. One man built his house on a rock. Another man built his house on sand. Then it began to rain. And the wind blew hard.” Kiko’s grandfather bugged out his eyes and filled his cheeks with air and blew hard.

Boto continued, “It rained so much that the creeks flooded.” His voice became quiet. “When the storm was over, the house on the rock was standing, but the house on the sand had fallen down. Jesus said, ‘If you listen to me and do what I ask you to do, you are like the house built on the rock.’ What does Jesus’ story mean?” Grandfather asked Kiko.

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Kiko thought and thought. And then he thought hard. And then he sat on a rock so that he could think really hard. He jumped up, ran a circle around a tree, and then just stood there. He didn't know. He couldn't guess. He made a sad face. He was hoping his grandfather would see.

Boto took Kiko's hand and they walked to a big tree with many branches. On one side was a big, strong branch. On the other side was a branch that wasn't strong. Boto lifted Kiko up so that he could reach the big branch. Kiko swung on the branch. He kicked his feet in the air. It felt good. He laughed.

Boto lifted him down and carried him to the weak branch. This time he held tight to Kiko's legs. Kiko grabbed the branch, and the branch broke. Kiko's grandfather said, "That branch is like the sand that a man tried to build a house on. The branch couldn't hold you up, and the sand didn't hold the house up. The strong branch is like the rock the other house was built on."

Boto held Kiko tight in his arms and said, "Jesus loves you just like I love you and that love is like the strong branch. If you listen to stories of Jesus and do what Jesus says, you will be like the house that was built on the big rock, or like swinging on a strong branch."

Kiko grinned and put his arms around his grandfather.

Questions:

1. What happened to the house built on the sand?
2. Why?
3. When Kiko hung on the branch that wasn't strong, what happened?
4. Without Boto, would Kiko have fallen?
5. When Kiko swung on the strong branch, what happened then?

Read the following verses and talk about how they relate to this story:

John 14:6
Acts 4:12
I Timothy 2:5
I John 5:11-12

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