

Build It Better!

A Storyland Magic Building Challenge - Classroom Leader Guide

Leonard built with straw. **Marcus** built with old fence boards and bent nails. **Curly** took his time and built a strong brick house.

Now it's the children's turn!

Before You Build

- What happened to Leonard's house?
- Why wasn't Marcus' house very strong?
- What made Curly's house different?
- What do you think makes a house strong?

The Challenge

Can you build a house that is strong, safe, and built to last? Provide a variety of building materials. Children may work individually, with a partner, or in small groups.

Building blocks	LEGO-style bricks	Craft sticks	Straws
Cardboard	Paper cups	Index cards	Tape

Other classroom building materials are welcome, too!

Test Your House!

When the houses are finished, ask: **How can we test them without destroying them?** Children might gently blow on their houses, fan them with a piece of cardboard, or give the table a small shake.

Then ask: **What worked? What would you change if you built it again?**

STORYLAND MAGIC CHALLENGE

Encourage children to improve their designs and try again.

Sometimes the first idea doesn't work - and that's okay. Good builders learn, make changes, and try again!

Head - Heart - Hands

HEAD	HEART	HANDS
What did we learn about building?	How did it feel when our idea worked - or didn't work?	What did we build, test, and improve?