

# Smart crabs, wise people.

The children often played on a sand bar that was exposed when the tide was low. It was a great place to play cricket or "keepings off". Sometimes they built dams for the incoming tide to fill. They often saw crabs there. One day when grandpa was helping, they dug up a big mud crab. Grandpa picked it up and got nipped by it's strong claws. That wasn't very wise - it hurt!

Mud crab

One crab they didn't see was the seaweed decorator crab. It's shell (carapace) is covered with spines, knobs and hooks. The crab nips off pieces of sponge and seaweed and threads them through the spines to make themselves look like a clump of seaweed. They aren't easily seen by anything that might want to eat them. Pretty smart hey?



## Listen to God! Matthew 7:24-29



Jesus said anyone who listens to his words and obeys them is wise. A wise person doesn't just know things, they have good sense too.

Draw rock or sand under the houses then answer the questions. Write down the first letter from each answer in the space below to see what you are if you listen to Jesus.

Another word for me is \_  
Jesus said to hear \_\_\_ obey  
Jesus said these teachings (words) are \_\_\_\_  
There was rain, flood and \_\_\_\_  
The person who built on the rock was safe  
\_\_\_\_\_ their house  
The foolish person built their house on \_\_\_\_  
Was no-one or everyone amazed or surprised by  
Jesus teaching? \_\_\_\_\_



**Talk to God!** Lord Jesus, help us to be wise, not just clever.