MATERIALS NEEDED:

• 1 doll house or printed picture of Roger Doris and his family by their future home’s foundation

LESSON:

Teacher: I’d like to talk to you today about the weather and how storms can break things we love, like homes, schools, and churches or other places of worship. And how you and your family can help to put back together those places that make us feel safe and happy.

Who fixes your toys when they break? [Mom/Dad, Step-Mom/Step-Dad, Grandma/Grandpa, Aunt/Uncle Big Sister/Big Brother]

And what do your friends or family need to fix your toys? [Tools, tape, glue, needle/thread]

[While holding up the doll house, ask:] How do you feel when your toys break? [Sad, mad, worried, afraid]

Yes, it is sad and sometimes scary when something we love or need to feel safe is broken. Where do you think that your loved ones got those tools? [Answer: bought, borrowed]

Did you know that sometimes two of the places that kids and families go to feel safe can become broken and need fixed? Homes and schools can need repairs when big storms cause big cracks or tear down the walls. When those big storms break the houses and schools, the tools could be broken, too. But don’t worry, you and your family can help other families by providing the training and the tools needed to make their schools and homes safe again. [Hold up the doll house or this printed photo of Roger Doris and his family in the other hand].

CWS Tools builds a stronger future for families where their safe places weather storms to come.

“That one is like a man building a house, who dug deeply and laid the foundation on rock; when a flood arose, the river burst against that house but could not shake it, because it had been well built.” — LUKE 6:48 NRSV

When you go home or to your school, pray for families who might need to rebuild their home, then share about CWS Tools with friends at school. YOU can build safe, happy and strong futures for other kids and their families.
PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank you for churches that provide tools for homes that are broken by storms. Thank you for helping us provide the tools to rebuild strong futures.

Amen.

For more resources to use with your congregation, please visit cwstools.org/downloads

ABOVE: Roger Doris in Haiti, sitting on the foundation of his future house.