Abigail

How to Build a Lighthouse

Like Abigail and her friends at Backyard Bible Club, you can build your own lighthouse! This project will probably take a couple of days, and you'll need a space where you can make a little bit of a mess while you create.

Steps

1. **Plan Your Height** Stack cardboard boxes until they are about as tall as you want your lighthouse to be.

2. **Build the Tower** Tape the boxes together carefully, one on top of another. Make sure they are straight and sturdy so your lighthouse won't tip over. If your lighthouse seems wobbly, try putting something heavy in the bottom box.

3. **Shape the Lighthouse** If you want it to be round, tape paper or cardboard around the stacked boxes to make a smooth tower shape.

4. **Cover It Up** Wrap paper around the outside of the lighthouse and tape or glue it in place.

5. **Add the Top of the Tower** Use a box or a cardboard circle for the roof. Tape it securely to the top of the tower.

6. **Create the Lantern Room** With help from a grown-up, cut big squares out of the sides of a cardboard box, making windows on every side. Then, tape or glue it on top of the lighthouse tower.

7. **Decorate!** Paint your lighthouse with bright stripes, windows, doors, and other designs. Be sure to add a name to your lighthouse, like Abigail and Ruth did in the story. Then, let everything dry.

8. **Add the Light** Place the lantern in the lantern room you created and turn it on. Now your lighthouse is ready to shine!

What You'll Need

- Several cardboard boxes (different sizes work great)
- Paper (white or colored)
- Scissors
- Tape (strong tape, like duct tape, works best)
- Glue
- Paint, markers, or crayons
- A small lantern or battery tea light
- A grown-up to help