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Go back and look at the two phrases you circled. There's one thing that's different between these two sentences. Put a box around the word that's different.

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"Does not" is what makes these two situations different, isn't it? In the first scenario, someone follows through on what they hear from God. In the second situation, they do not follow what they hear. Hearing God's words is important, but then we must put them into practice!

And when we put God's words into practice, we'll have a much firmer foundation to face life's storms. Try balancing on one foot and doing some pretend boxing moves to fend off an enemy. Not so easy, right? Now do the same thing with your arms, but put both of your feet on the ground. Now you're able to stand strong!

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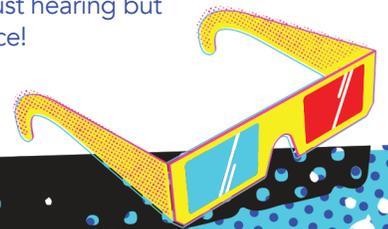
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