

Middle School

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Tiny House Tutorial

Luke Thill of Dubuque, Iowa, wanted a project, so the twelve-year-old decided to build a tiny house in his backyard.

“I was getting really bored during the summer and I got really fascinated with tiny houses,” Luke says in a YouTube video he made to document his project. “I decided if I worked toward it and made enough money from cutting lawns that I would start to build a tiny house.”

With help from his dad, Luke completed the 89-square-foot home. It took a year and a half.

Luke included a small kitchen in the house. In the back sitting area is an ottoman (which he uses as a couch), a table, and a wall-mounted TV. A ladder leads to an upstairs loft with a mattress.

“Now that I’m done building, I think it’s a very simple process,” he says. “But when I started, I didn’t know what to do.”

Discussion Questions

- Talk about Luke’s success. What impresses you the most about his project? Which parts would have discouraged most kids?
- Think ahead to 2018. What projects or goals do you want to accomplish? What’s standing in your way? What might discourage you?
- Think about your relationship with Jesus Christ. What changes do you hope happen this year? Talk about how these changes might happen.