

Franklin and Electricity

Activity Three: The Lightning Rod



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Lightning is very dangerous. It can start fires and damage buildings. Benjamin Franklin discovered that lightning is made of electricity. Because of this, he invented something called a lightning rod. A lightning rod is a metal rod placed on top of a building. If lightning strikes, the rod attracts the electricity and carries it safely down a metal wire into the ground. This keeps the building safe and helps stop damage or fires.

Draw a house with a lightning rod

