

PreK

Gospel
Project

Studying
God's Word
Together!

DEVOTIONAL

GOD BROUGHT HIS PEOPLE HOME

STORY POINT:

God brought His people back to Jerusalem.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

God kept His promise and brought His people back to Jerusalem. One day, God will bring all His people together in a new, perfect place where no one will cry anymore, and everyone will worship Him forever.

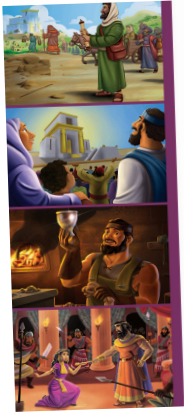


Read: Ezra 1-3

Bible Story Recap:



- God promised His people that they would go back to Jerusalem.
- King Cyrus told the people to help build God's house in Jerusalem and asked others to give them silver, gold, and animals.
- The people went back to Jerusalem, bringing gifts from their neighbors, and began building God's house.
- In Jerusalem, Jeshua and Zerubbabel started building an altar and then, with special helpers, began work on God's house.
- When the first part of God's house was finished, everyone celebrated, but some older people were sad because they remembered the first, more beautiful temple.



**How did God
plan to fix what
sin broke?**
God planned to
send Jesus.

Make it Fun:



Hide a stuffed animal or favorite toy of each child. Give them a list of funny activities they must do to free the item. Think of silly tasks like hopping on one foot while singing "Happy Birthday," whistling while eating three saltine crackers, or walking across the kitchen while balancing an egg on a spoon. After the tasks are complete, give them the stuffed animal or toy. While this was silly and fun, talk with kids about the seriousness of what Jesus did to purchase our freedom from sin.

Big Question & Answer

Serve:



Take some time as a family to create "coupon books" of kind acts or favors you can do for one another. Exchange the coupon books at the beginning of the week and try to complete as many of the acts and favors as possible by the end of the week. Discuss how the act or favor costs something for the giver, but it is free for the recipient. Remind kids that Jesus paid the penalty for sin so that we could experience freedom.



**Surely this is our God;
we trusted in him,
and he saved us.**
Isaiah 25:9

Name of Child:

Parent Signature:

Parents: Please sign and return this devotional for your child to earn a prize from the PreK Treasure Box. You may hand this to Pastor Julie Llewellyn, her assistant Katie Dorsey or hand to their teachers when you drop them off at the classroom. Thank you.