

PreK

Gospel
Project

Studying
God's Word
Together!

DEVOTIONAL

REBUILDING THE TEMPLE

STORY POINT:

God's people rebuilt the temple to worship Him.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

God's people rebuilt the temple so they would have a place to worship God. Years later, God sent His Son, Jesus, to be with His people on earth. When we trust in Jesus, He is with us wherever we go.

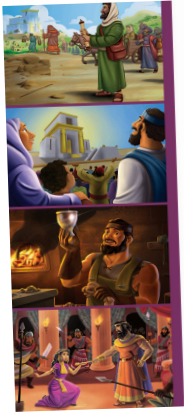


Read: EZRA 4–6; HAGGAI 1–2

Bible Story Recap:



- God's people were happy to be home and started building a temple for God. But they were stopped by neighbors who did not want them to rebuild.
- God sent Haggai to tell them to keep building because He was with them.
- The people resumed building, and a leader named Tattenai asked if they had permission.
- Tattenai wrote a letter to King Darius. The king found out King Cyrus already gave permission. He told Tattenai to let God's people finish and to give them money.
- The people were so happy! They finished the temple and celebrated with a big party to thank God.



How did God plan to fix what sin broke?

God planned to send Jesus.

Make it Fun:



Purchase a search-and-find book or search for illustrations online. Track how long it takes for each family member to find the object or person. Award a prize for the family member who is the quickest to find it. Talk with kids about how God dwelt with the Israelites in the tabernacle and the temple. Remind kids that God, through His Spirit, now dwells directly with those who believe in Jesus.

Big Question & Answer

Serve:



Ask your church if there are any cleaning, maintenance, or beautification projects your family can complete for the church. Work as a family to gather supplies, organize volunteers, and complete the project. Reminds kids that the church building is not where God dwells (He lives inside of Christians, who make up the church), but it is a place where we can connect with Him and with other believers. We attend, serve, and invite others to church because it is a place where we can hear the good news of Jesus.



**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.