

Day 4: READ → Ezra 6:13-22

**READ & DISCUSS** → The Israelites finished building the temple and they celebrated the dedication of the house of God with joy.

Why was the temple important?

Why is going to church today important?

How can you show your thanks for having our church today?

God wanted His people to rebuild the Temple, is God wanting you to rebuild anything in your faith walk this year?

**PRAY** → *God, I am thankful that today I can worship you anywhere at all times. I'm thankful for a church to attend with other believers. Amen.*

\_\_\_\_\_ I completed this weekly devotion with my adopted pet. (You will receive an additional \$2 Kids' Kash this week.) Way to go!

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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## REBUILDING THE TEMPLE

Ezra 4-6

**Big Picture Question:** How did God plan to fix what sin broke? *Before He created the world, God planned to send the Messiah.*

**Main Point:** God's people rebuilt the temple to worship Him.

Day 1: READ → Ezra 4:1-5

**READ & CIRCLE** → When the Israelites started rebuilding the Temple, other people in the area wanted to help. Circle the correct answer below...

What did the Samaritans want to do?

- a. Stop the Jews from building the temple
- b. Build a different kind of temple
- c. Help the Jews build the temple

What did Zerubbabel and the other Jewish leaders tell the Samaritans?

- a. The Jews would build the temple themselves.
- b. The Jews would be happy to have the Samaritans' help.
- c. The Samaritans must wait until the next year to help.

How did the Samaritans respond when Zerubbabel and the other Jewish leaders rejected their offer?

- a. They went away and left the Jews alone.
- b. They discouraged the Jews from building the temple and created resistance.
- c. They gave the Jews supplies for the building of the temple.

**PRAY** → *God, Help me not to be scared or discouraged when people try to make me afraid to do what's right. Amen.*

## REBUILDING THE TEMPLE



### Day 2: READ → Ezra 4:6-24

**READ & ANSWER** → Have you ever started a project that took you a long time to finish? What was that project?

The Israelites were doing well rebuilding the Temple, but it took a long time. They didn't have trucks or power tools to help them build back then, so building the Temple took years and years. In fact, it took so long that King Cyrus died before they finished and a new king was put in control. The new king suspended their work for several years. Even though the rebuilding of the Temple was suspended, nothing would stop God's plan.

**PRAY** → *God, Help me be like the Israelites, to always build things for You, even when it's hard or people try to stop me. Amen.*

### Day 3: READ → Ezra 6:1-12

**READ & ANSWER** → Darius renews the decree of Cyrus to build the temple.

Where did Darius search for King Cyrus' decree?

What was found?

In verse 9, what are 2 things given to the Israelites?

**PRAY** → *God, Thank You for giving the Israelites what they needed for sacrifices so they could please You. Thank you for my church so I can worship you! Amen.*



**In that day they will say,  
"Surely this is our God; we  
trusted in him, and he saved  
us. This is the LORD, we trusted  
in him; let us rejoice and be  
glad in his salvation."**

Isaiah 25:9