

# 1st Grade Lesson Plan

## The People Rebuilt the Temple

Bible Passage: Ezra 2-6

Memory Verse: Jeremiah 17:7

Big Picture Question: Can God be trusted?

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### First Service

**8:15 - 8:45**

Check-ins and Playtime

**8:45 - 9:15**

Large Group

**9:15 - 9:25**

Small Group

**9:25 - 9:40**

Snack with "Lollipops & Lemons"  
and Prayer Requests

**9:40 - 9:55**

Craft

**9:55 - end**

Playtime until Check-out

### Second Service

**10:30 - 11:00**

Check-ins and Playtime

**11:00 - 11:30**

Large Group:

**11:30 - 11:40**

Small Group

**11:40 - 11:55**

Snack with "Lollipops & Lemons"  
and Prayer Requests

**11:55 - 12:10**

Craft

**12:10 - end**

Playtime until Check-out

# Check-ins & Playtime

8:15 - 8:45 \\ 10:30 - 11:00

**Check-ins** | Welcome families and receive kids as they arrive. Remind the parents that their child's safety is our highest priority. For the safety of their child, we must see their Security Label at pick-up, and if their child needs them before the service ends, we will TEXT them.

**Free Time** | There are games and activity pages that go along with today's lesson available for the 1st graders. Use this time to connect with the kids and help the kids connect with each other.

## Large Group

8:45 - 9:15 \\ 11:00 - 11:30

Line up and go to the Worship Room for Large Group. The Large Group Leader and Worship Leader will be teaching the lesson leading worship.



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Volunteers PLEASE remember to

- Sit with your kids. Chairs are available if needed.
- Participate, listen, and engage with the lesson alongside your class
- Support the Large Group and Worship leaders by lovingly correcting your kids if necessary.

# Small Group | 4 Questions

9:15 - 9:25 \ \ 11:30 - 11:40

Line up, go back to your classroom, and sit on the carpet for Small Group.

Gather the kids together and ask these four questions and discuss their answers.

- What did you like about today's story
- What did you find confusing about today's story?
- What did we learn about people?
- What did we learn about Jesus?

## Snack with “Lollipops & Lemons” and Prayer Requests

9:25 - 9:40 \ \ 11:40 - 11:55

### Snack

- Work together to pass out a cup of Goldfish crackers (Chex are available for those who are gluten and dairy free), a cup of water, and a napkin to each child. Encourage them not to eat until after you have prayed.
- Pray, asking God to bless your time together and that you will all get to know Jesus more. Invite a child to pray for the food.
- Enjoy while...

### “Lollipops and Lemons” & Prayer Requests

- While eating, ask your class if anyone had any “Lollipops” (good things that happened) or “Lemons” (bad things that happened) from this last week.
  - Lollipops - immediately thank God!
  - Lemons - immediately ask if someone would like to pray for their friend's “lemon.” Model short, one-sentence prayers.

**NOTE: This time gives kids a chance to learn that praying for someone is easy and doesn't have to sound fancy. There's power in their prayers too!**

# Craft

9:40 - 9:55 \ 11:55 - 12:10

## God's Spirit Dwells in Us

Supplies:

- Heart Template
- Glue
- Tissue paper/paper pieces

Instructions:

- 1. In our lesson, we learned how. 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. Jesus gave us something better than the temple; He gave us Himself. Jesus's Spirit is with us wherever we go, and we can worship him wherever we go.**
2. Pass out the template. Set out paper pieces and glue.
3. Have the kids glue the paper pieces to the center of the house... filling it in, just like the Holy Spirit fills our "heart" (get it?!)
4. One creative way to fill the heart is to
  - A. Take a tissue paper piece and wrap it over the non sharpened end of a pencil or crayon.
  - B. Dip the wrapped paper into a bit of glue.
  - C. Set the wrapped tissue paper onto the template.
  - D. Remove the crayon/pencil leaving a 3D tissue paper "flower".





# Free Time until Check-out

9:55 - end \ 12:10 - end

## Free Time

If time allows, allow the kids to play until their parents arrive.

## Check-out

As kids are getting picked up, check each security label. If they lost their label come find the coordinator who will help verify the guardian.

Send each kid home with an Activity Page. Show the parent that there are activities they can do during the week to help disciple their kids at home.

**Thank you  
1st grade  
volunteers!**