

Large Group

The People Rebuilt the Temple

Bible Passage: Ezra 2-6

Memory Verse: Jeremiah 17:7

Big Picture Question: Can God be trusted?

Yes, God cannot lie or ever be wrong, so we can trust whatever He has to say.



Countdown Video (3 mins)

Worship Song (4 mins)

Worship Leader briefly introduces self, welcomes kids, leads 1st worship song, and prays for the time.

Welcome (1 mins)

Large Group Leader tell kids what to expect to happen (1 minute)

- watch the lesson video
- retell the story.
- read the story from scripture

Watch the Lesson Video (4 mins)

Retell the Story (11 mins)

Lead the kids in a fun retelling of the story

Here are some resources to help you formulate this time.

Review what we learned:

The Bible teaches **God cannot lie or ever be wrong, so we can trust whatever He has said.** God kept His word when He promised to make Abraham's family into a great nation. God's word came true when He saved His people from slavery in Egypt. God was true to His word when He judged Israel for their sin and sent them into exile. And God kept His word and allowed His people to return home. Today, we'll see how God promised to be with His people and allowed them to be able to rebuild the temple.

Today's Lesson

It took many years for the people to rebuild the temple. It must have been frustrating at times as they wondered if they would ever finish it. Even though they sometimes faced trouble, God was faithful.

What troubles did the people run into as they tried to rebuild the temple? [Allow responses.] Yes, some people interrupted the building and Tattenai also stopped the rebuilding of the temple as well. How did God encourage His people to keep building the temple? [Allow responses.] God sent prophets to encourage the people and remind them that He can be trusted.

God's temple was a place where His people could worship Him. Is a temple the only place we can worship God? [Allow responses.] No, we can worship God anywhere! When we trust in Jesus, God gives us His Spirit. This means that God is always with us and wherever we are or whatever we're doing we can choose to love God with all of our hearts.

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. Now, God does not dwell with His people through the temple. Instead, God dwells directly with His people through His Spirit. Jesus provided something better than the temple; He gives us Himself.

Read from the Bible (4 mins)

Ezra 6:3-10, 13-14, 16, 19, 22

Remind Kids of Four Questions (1 min)

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

Memory Verse Song (4 mins)

Worship Leader connects the lesson to the memory verse, leads the memory verse song with hand motions, and closes in prayer.