

When Jerusalem's walls were finished, the people gathered together. Ezra (EZ ruh) the priest read God's Word. God's words were written on a scroll.



The people in the crowd listened carefully. Everyone stood up. Then they bowed down with their faces close to the ground. All the people worshiped God together.



While Ezra read God's words, other leaders helped people understand them.



When the people understood God's words, they were sad. They knew they had not obeyed God; they were sorry for disobeying



Ezra said, "Go and get ready for a feast! Eat good food and drink good drinks. Share what you make with people who do not have any. Today is a special day. Be happy! God makes us strong."



Preschool Christ Connection: The Bible teaches us about God and Jesus. It helps us know the right things to do. We do wrong things, but God can help us want to obey Him. Jesus died to rescue us from sin.

3/4 Year Old Discussion Questions

- 1. What was your favorite part of today's Bible story?
- 2. What did you learn about God in today's Bible story?
- 3. What did the people come to hear and see Ezra do?
- 4. How should we feel when we sin? When we sin, we should feel sorry that we have disobeyed God and choose to obey Him.

Elementary Christ Connection: God's Word is powerful. When Ezra read God's Word, the people loved God more and changed their ways. The Bible says that Jesus is "the Word." Jesus is God who came to live with people on earth. Jesus has the power to change our hearts.

Elementary 4 Questions

- 1. What did you like about todays story?
- 4. What did you learn about God

- 2. What did you find confusing?
- 3. What did you learn about people