

Large Group

Ezra Read the Law

Bible Passage: Ezra 7-10; Nehemiah 8

Memory Verse: 2 Corinthians 7:10

Big Picture Question: How should we feel when we sin?

When we sin, we should feel sorry that we have disobeyed God and want to turn from our sin because we love Him.



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:

God was faithful to His people over and over and over again. Every time God's people sinned, God still protected them and provided for them. God protected His people through Esther. God protected His people through Nehemiah. Today, we're going to learn about how God's people remembered God's faithfulness and turned from their sin.

Today's Lesson

Ezra was a priest and a scribe who traveled back to live in Jerusalem with a group of Jews when the wall of Jerusalem had been rebuilt. What did Ezra want to teach the people? [Allow responses.] Ezra wanted to study God's Word and teach it to the people.

When Ezra returned to Jerusalem he learned that the people had disobeyed God and sinned. How did Ezra feel when he learned of the people's sin? [Allow responses.] Ezra was so sad that he began crying. As the people gathered around Ezra, they cried over their sin too. They felt sorry they sinned against God and cried out to Him for forgiveness.

Ezra read God's Word to the people. What did the people do when they heard God's Word? [Allow responses.] They worshiped God. Who helped the people understand God's Word? [Allow responses.] Yes, the Levites helped the people understand God's Word.

Ezra told the people to be happy! He encouraged the people to celebrate God's faithfulness! He told them to make a feast of celebration. The people were happy because they understood the law of God and promised to follow it.

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.

Read from the Bible (4 mins)

Nehemiah 8:5-12

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.