

THE TEMPLE WAS REBUILT

Ezra 4 - 6, Haggai Unit 17, Lesson 3

WHAT WE LEARNED

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 dwells not in the temple, but directly with His people. Jesus provided something better than the temple; He gives us Himself.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- God's people were so thankful for prophets like Haggai and Zechariah, who
 were sent to encourage them, as well as Kings like Cyrus and Darius who
 allowed them to rebuild.
 - How is Jesus the perfect King and perfect Prophet?
 - Have you ever wanted to something but were not allowed? How did that feel?
 - · How does it feel when you are finally allowed to do something after waiting for it?
- 2. They waited 70 years to have a Temple where they could worship God again. In 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, it says that "your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God."
 - Why are temples so important?
 - Since our bodies are now temples of the Holy Spirit, where and when can we worship God?

memory verse for this unit

"I know the thoughts that I think towards you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end." - Jeremiah 29:11

PRAY TOGETHER

Spend time this week praising God for the ways that He is committed to His people and the ways He has redeemed us. Pray together that God would bring new life and new hope to members of your family, your neighbors, and our city through the Gospel.

Ask each member of your family – adults included – to share one thing they would like prayer for. Have someone to pray for that person's request. Encourage your family to pray for that person for the entire week.

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