



Virginia Agape International Baptist Church

Children's Cell Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for allowing your child to join our service. I'd love for you to use this newsletter to review this week's Bible story with your child at home.

Today, we'll learn that **"God Delivered His People"** (Ezra 1). *In today's Bible story, God kept His promise to free His people from exile. God also provided His people with the materials they would need to rebuild the temple. Some of those items were 1,000 silver basins. Let's read our story to learn more.*

Review the gospel and encourage your child to speak with you if they have questions. Remind your child that God shows us all through the Bible that He keeps His word. Then pray, praising God for keeping His promise to rescue sinners and sending Jesus to save us from our sin.

Grace and blessings in Christ,

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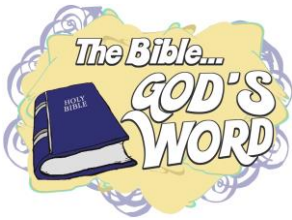
God Delivered His People

BIBLE PASSAGE: **Ezra 1**

KEY PASSAGE: **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 said.**



God's people had been living in Babylon for decades. King Nebuchadnezzar had completely destroyed Jerusalem. Many of God's people had died. Others lived in Babylon. Some of their children and grandchildren were born in Babylon and grew up there. But Babylon was not their home.

Before God's people were taken away from Judah, God promised through the prophet Jeremiah that the exile would last 70 years; then God would bring His people back to the land. At last, the time had come for God's people to go home.

Cyrus, king of Persia, had taken over Babylon. God gave Cyrus an idea. Cyrus made an announcement: "God wants me to build Him a temple in Jerusalem, so let all of God's people go back to Jerusalem so they can rebuild the Lord's temple. Anyone who stays behind should give the travelers anything they need—gold and silver, animals, and gifts for God's temple."





The exile was over! God's people were free to go back to their homes. God's promise was coming true. So the people got ready to go to Judah. All their neighbors helped them by giving them gifts: gold and silver, animals, and other expensive things.

King Cyrus even brought out the dishes that King Nebuchadnezzar had taken from the temple in Jerusalem before he destroyed it. The king's treasurer counted them: 30 gold basins; 1,000 silver basins; 29 silver knives; 30 gold bowls; 410 silver bowls; and 1,000 other pieces. In all, there were 5,400 pieces of gold and silver.

The leader of God's people—a man named Sheshbazzar (shesh BAZ uhr)—brought all these things along when the captives returned from Babylon to Jerusalem.

God always keeps His promises. God chose to use King Cyrus in His plan to graciously deliver His people from exile. King Cyrus' action to free the people reminds us of Jesus, whom God chose to rescue sinners and bring us to our true home in His kingdom of grace.

Key Passage



**Blessed is the man who trusts
in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.**

« Jeremiah 17:7 »



REMINDER

[Important Notice]

- ✓ Children's cell worship service will start at 12:00 noon.
- ✓ **Please encourage and help your child to read and write the Bible. The next Bible quiz will be from **Ruth 2**.**
- ✓ Remind your children **not to play with electronic devices or toys** such as smartphones or dolls, during our service.
- ✓ Our prayer is that the children's time spent in our church would encourage them to trust Christ as Savior, to submit to Him, and to live out the Gospel wherever they are.



"Zechariah Gave Hope" (Zechariah 13–14)



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