



Virginia Agape International Baptist Church

Children's Cell Newsletter

January 22, 2023

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 **"The People Rebuilt the Temple"** (Ezra 2-6). *In today's Bible story, 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 on earth.*

Review the gospel and encourage your child to speak with you if they have questions. **Remind your child that we can worship God joyfully and thank Him for being trustworthy.** Then pray, thanking God we have the gift of His presence through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Our Lord is good. His faithful love will last forever.

Grace and blessings in Christ,

Danny Sungshin Park

Pastor of Children's Cell

SParkforChrist@gmail.com





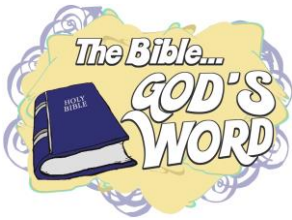
The People Rebuilt the Temple

BIBLE PASSAGE: **Ezra 2–6**

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.**



Zerubbabel and the high priest led a group of God's people back to Judah to rebuild the Lord's temple in Jerusalem. First, the priests rebuilt the altar. They gave burnt offerings to God and celebrated. Then they laid the foundation of the temple. When the

foundation was finished, the priests put on special clothes and the people praised God. They sang, "The Lord is good. His faithful love will last forever."

Not everyone was happy though. Some of the older people remembered what the temple had looked like before it had been destroyed. They cried and shouted loudly.



Sometimes other people interrupted the rebuilding of the temple by making the people of Judah discouraged or afraid. At one point, the building of the temple stopped for a while. God sent prophets to encourage the people, and they started working again.

At this time, Darius, the king of Persia, ruled over the land of Judah. The king was in charge of a lot of land, so he put governors in charge of some of the land. A governor named Tattenai noticed what God's people were doing. Tattenai asked the workers, "Do you have permission to rebuild this temple?" The workers said, "We do." Still, Tattenai sent a report to the king about what God's people were doing. Tattenai wrote, "Please search the royal records to see if this is true."



King Darius's officials found a scroll with a record from King Cyrus. This is what was written on the scroll: "Let God's temple be rebuilt. It will be a place to offer sacrifices. Let its foundation be rebuilt." King Cyrus had also ordered for the cost of building the temple to be paid for out of the royal treasury.

So King Darius sent a letter back to Tattenai. He gave this order: "Stay away from the workers in Jerusalem. Don't bother them or try to stop them. Give them whatever they need." Tattenai obeyed the king's order. The Jewish leaders kept building, and they finally finished the temple of God! The people celebrated and made offerings to God. They chose priests and assistants to serve in the temple. Then God's people celebrated the Passover. God's people were so happy. Now the temple of God was finally complete.

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.

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 4**.**
- ✓ 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.



"God Can Always Be Trusted" (Jeremiah 31)



THE
GOSPEL
PROJECT
FOR KIDS