

Concept development

Obedience – Fulfilling prophecy

Lesson

Body:

The first return under Zerubbabel (1-6)

Cyrus King of Persia made a proclamation throughout his kingdom

The God of heaven gave him charge to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem

All of the people could return to Jerusalem if they wanted to

Those that returned were given financial support

The Jews that did not return to Jerusalem

The Gentiles

Cyrus returned the vessels of the temple

Chpt 2
The list and count of those who returned

The register of genealogy was checked to identify the priest

They first rebuilt the altar and began making sacrifices to God

They laid the foundation of the temple

The old men wept and many shouted for joy

The "Samaritans" came and asked if they could help build the temple

Zerubbabel declined their help

They began to hinder the work of the temple

They wrote a letter to Artaxerxes

The Jews were building a bad and rebellious city just look at their history

Artaxerxes had the work on the Temple stopped

Why do we have problems when we are trying to do the right thing?

The rebuilding of the temple began again

Again some tried to stop the work but God did not let it stop

Darius was told of Cyrus' decree to rebuild the temple

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Darius finds Cyrus's decree

The work was not to be hindered

Darius made a decree to supply them with all that they needed to continue the work

The temple was finished

Chpt 6
The Passover was kept

60 yrs after Zerubbabel
The second return under Ezra eighty years later (7-10)

Artaxerxes makes a decree that all of the Priest and Levites can return to Jerusalem

They were given supplies, spending money and silver and gold for the Temple

They were not to be taxed

Ezra returns to Jerusalem with the Priest and Levites

They had married foreign wives

Ezra mourns for the sin of the people and confessed their sins (9:13)

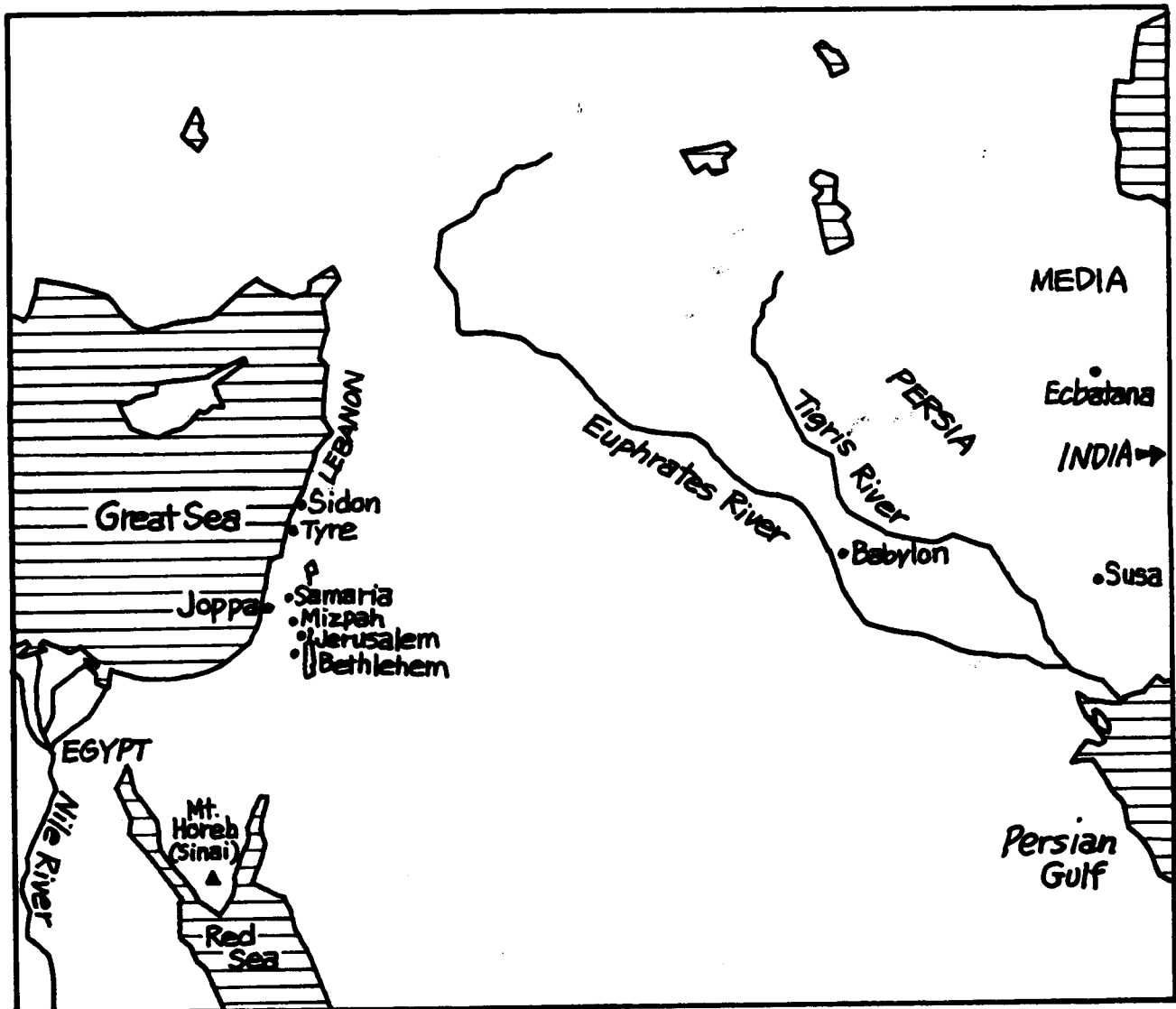
The people are called to repent by putting away their wives (10:3)

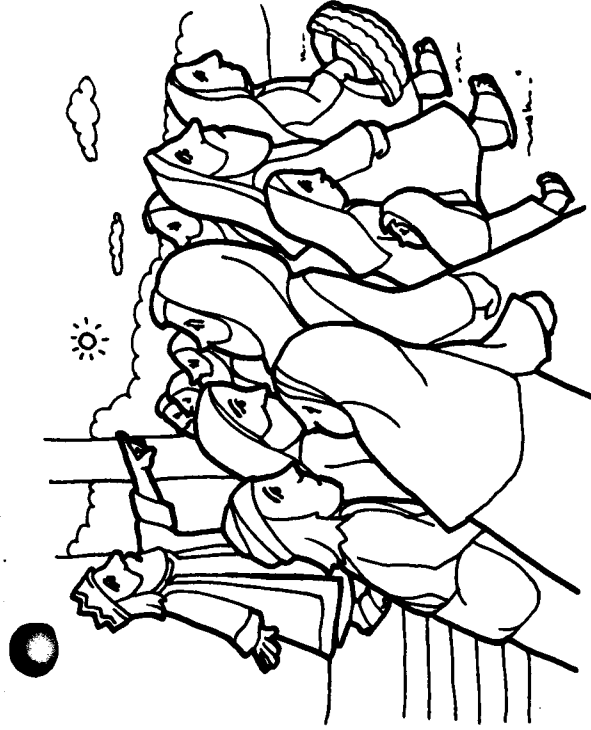
They did as they were instructed by Ezra and put away their wives

EZRA



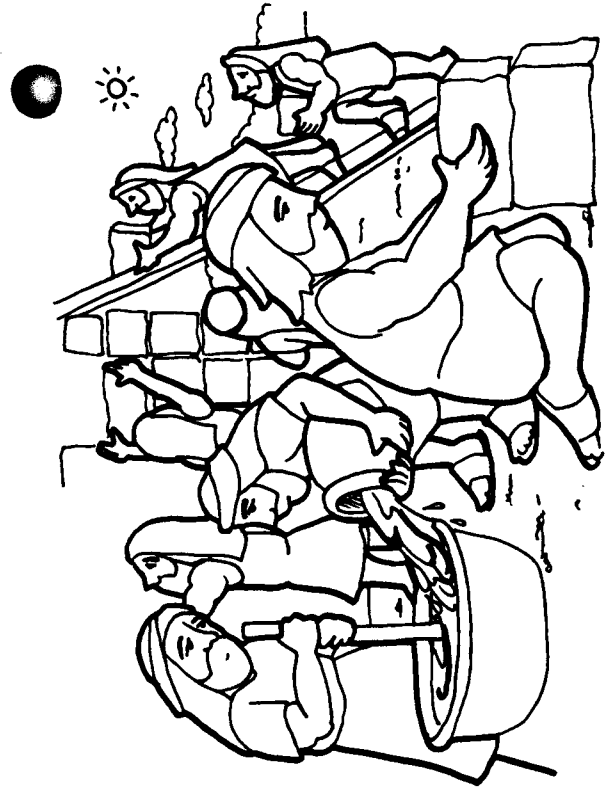
WHERE IT ALL HAPPENED (Ezra; also Esther)





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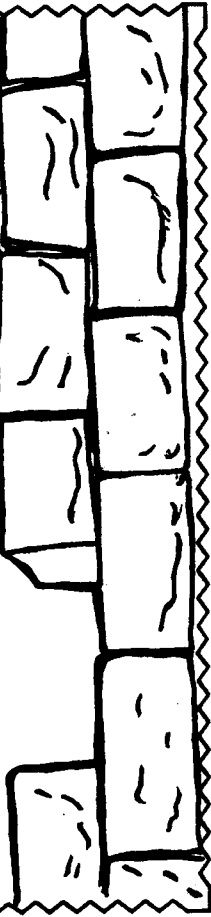
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Rebuilding the Temple

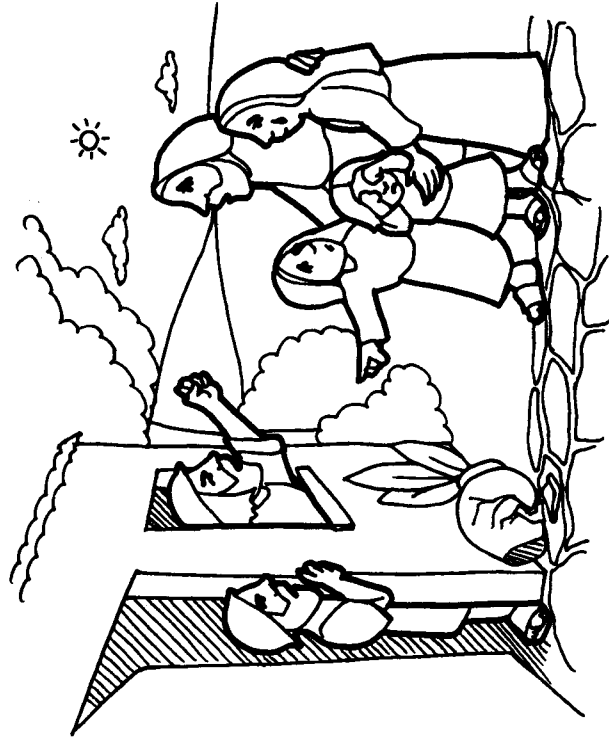


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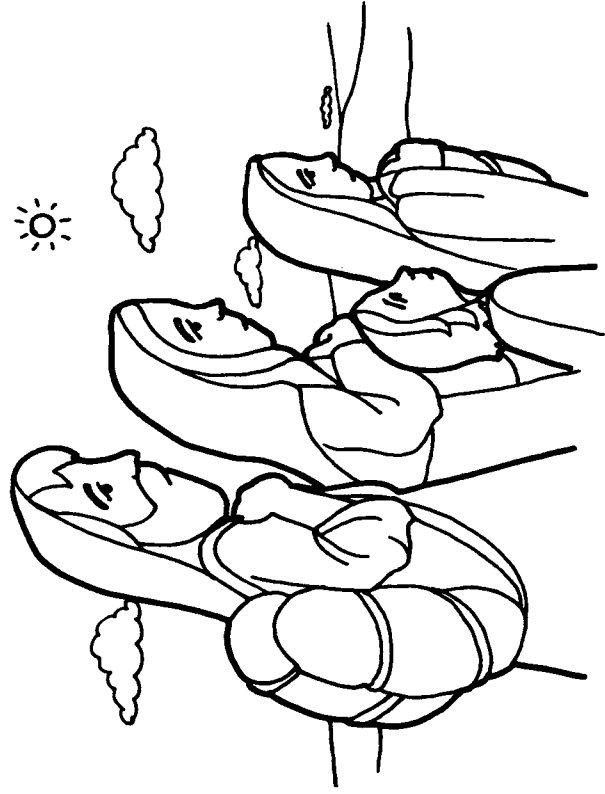
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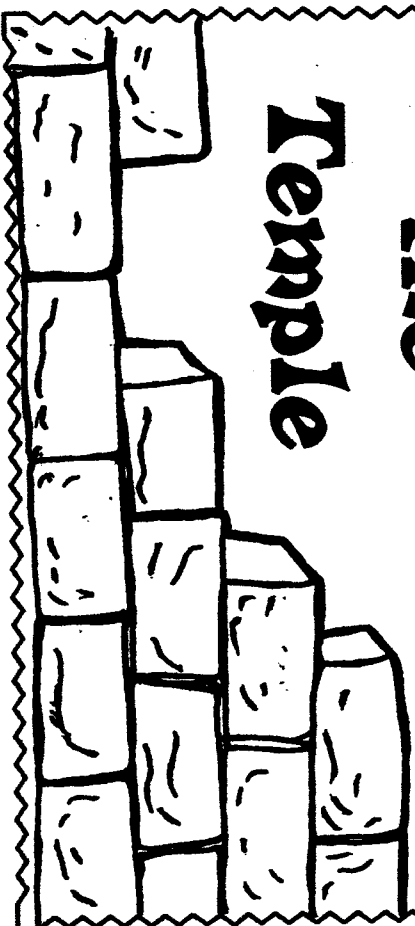
123. THE PEOPLE CONFESS THEIR SIN (EZRA 10:1-17)



"Now therefore, make confession to the LORD God of your fathers, and do His will; "

EZRA 10:11

The Temple

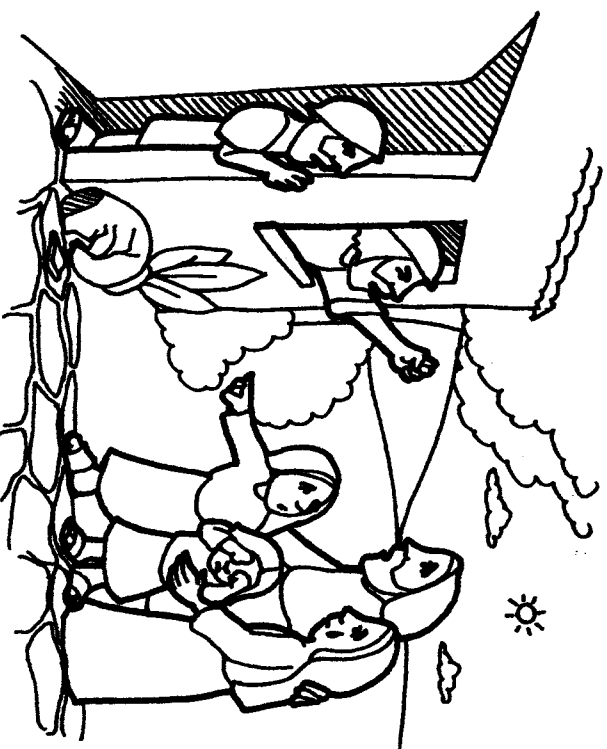


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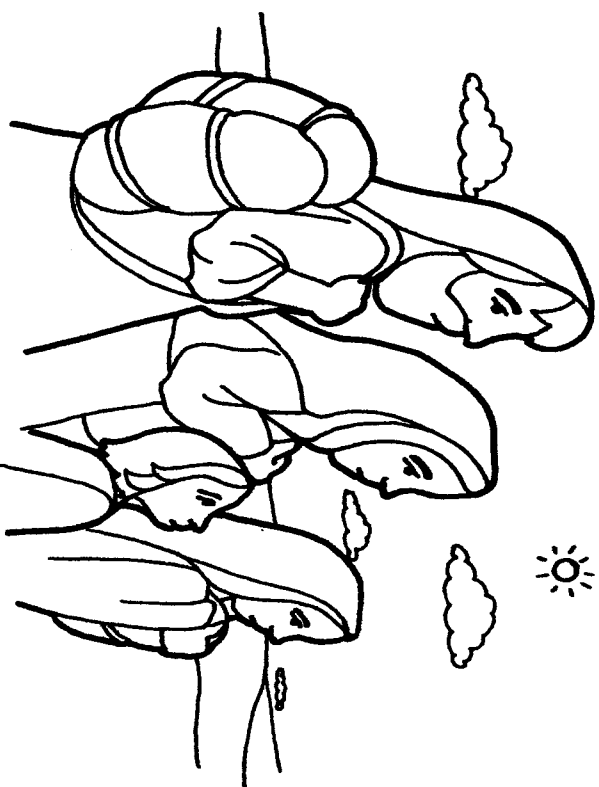
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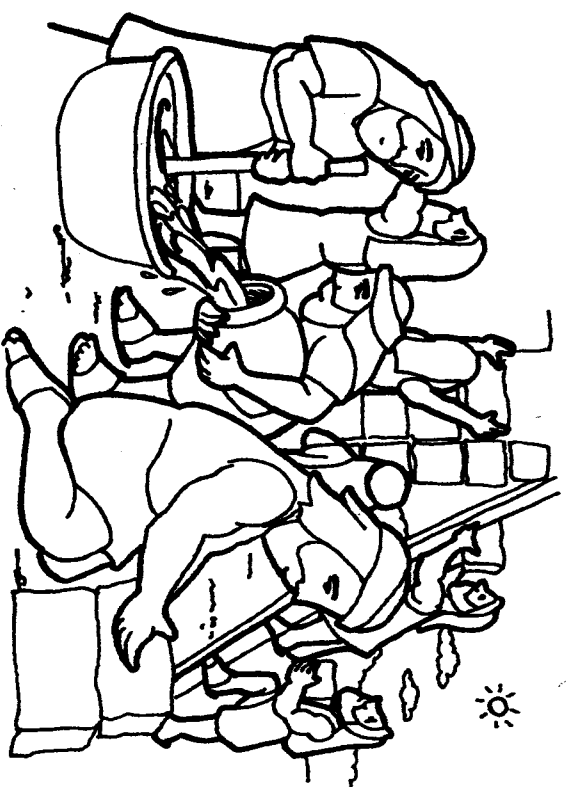
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Class: 3-4 yr olds

Date: Summer 2010

Lesson #6, Section 8

Text: Ezra 1-10

Teacher: Khandra Faulkner

Memory Verse: Dan 2:44

Dan 2:44 "In the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and *that* kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever.

Supplies: jar of rice representing how many Jews left to go back to Jerusalem, cookie sheet, playdough, miniature animals for sacrifices, red paper cut to look like fire, containers to put their alters in (sour cream containers, little boxes, etc) Abeka flashcard 3-2, laminated story book

Intro to class:

Songs-Attendance Charts-Bringing Bible to Class

Story of Lesson:

EN 1-1

Ezra 1: Cyrus, king of Persia told the Jewish prisoners in Babylon that they could return to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple

EN 1-2

Ezra 2: The people were counted as they were going back to Jerusalem. There were 42, 360 men that left. (Use the jar of rice here, explain how each grain of rice is like one person/Jew. Then dump the rice out on the cookie sheet...."See how many people went back to Jerusalem!")

EN 1-4

Ezra 3: When the people arrived in Jerusalem, they rebuilt the altar for burnt offerings and offered sacrifices to God

(Talk about sacrifices here, explain what is was, what they put on it. Have all the kids roll balls out of the playdough and put them together to make an alter, put red paper fire on top, and an animal)

EN 1-5

When the building materials were ready, the workers began laying the bottom of the Temple.

EN 2-1

Ezra 4: The Temple building was ordered to stop

EN 2-2 + EN 2-3 + EN 2-4

Ezra 5&6: The prophets Haggai and Zechariah told the people to go back to work on the Temple. King Darius was asked if the people had permission to finish the Temple. He found the old writing of Cyrus (king of Persia) that said the people could finish the Temple.

EN 3-1

Ezra 7&8: Artaxerxes, the king of Persia, allowed Ezra to return to Jerusalem to teach the people God's laws

Ezra 9&10: At this time, god's people were living with people who worshipped idols. (Talk about idols here, show Abeka flashcard picture 3-2 of people bowing down to an idol) Some even married people who worshiped idols. Ezra prayed, asking God to forgive His people. The people were sorry for their sins. They promised to obey God from then on.

EN 3-5

Wednesday night:

Review story, have children raise hands and answer questions.

Show laminated story book and read story again. Have children color their books and put books together in class. Either staples or pipe cleaners to put books together.

Coloring page if needed.

Memory work.