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STORY PICTURE: Building the Temple

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BUILDING THE TEMPLE

EZRA 3:10-13; 4-6

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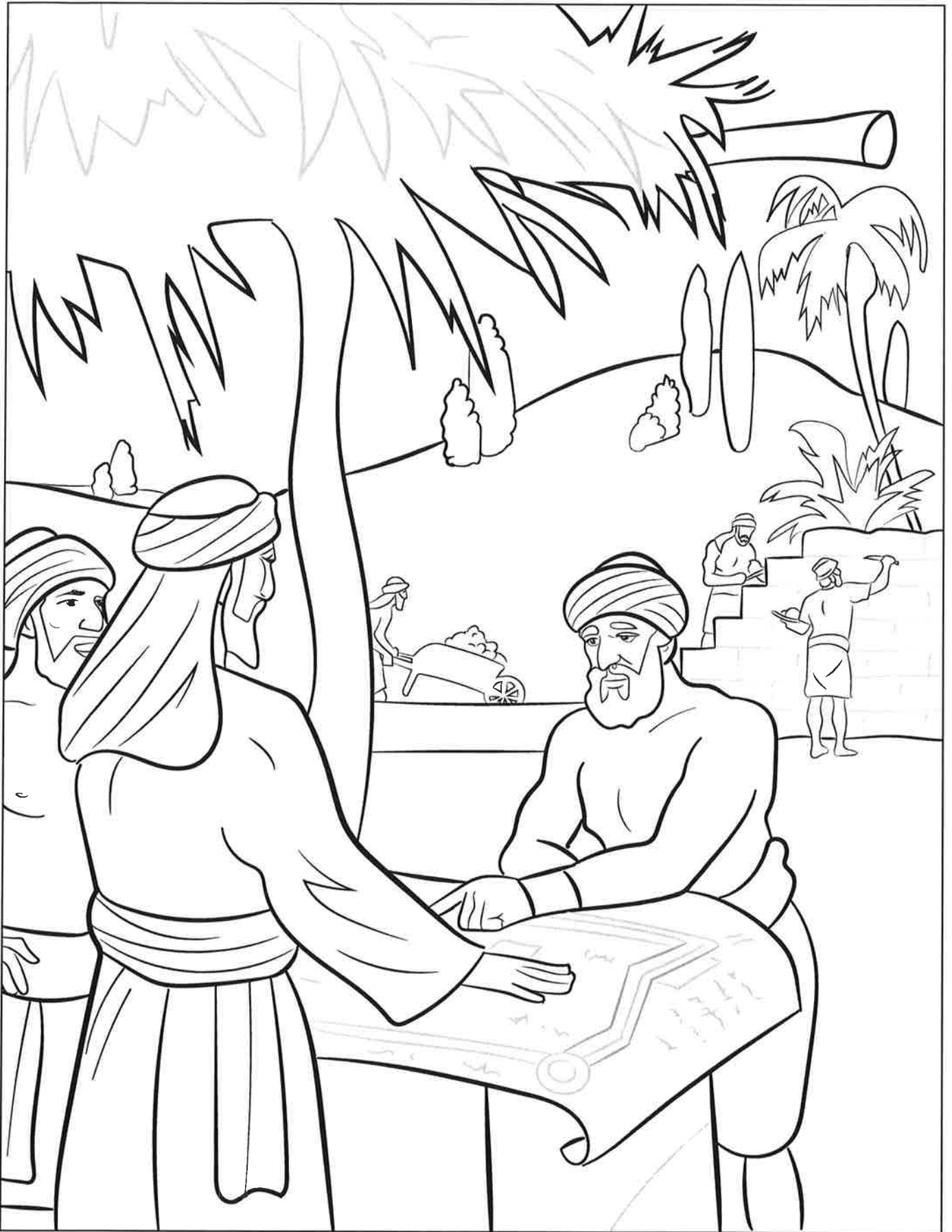
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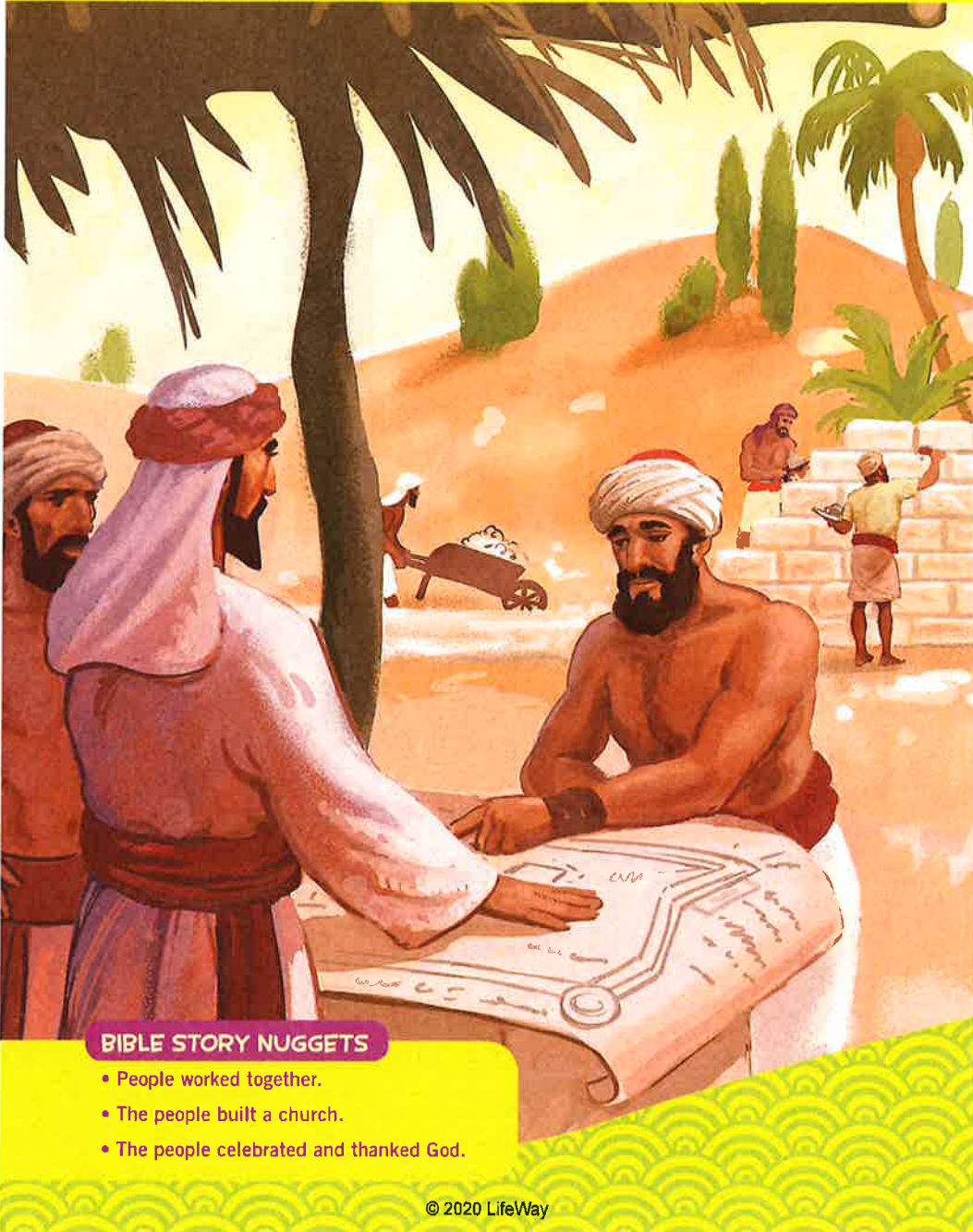
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Text Truth: God's people built a new temple.



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PARENTS,

This week's session at church focused on the return of God's people to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple. Several activities for babies and toddlers involved using toy tools, pretending to build, and exploring building materials.

Just as God's people celebrated the building of the new temple, your family can celebrate happy times at church.

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FAMILY ADVENTURE SING ABOUT HELPING

Everyday activities easily open doors to talk about helping and working together. To the tune "Row, Row, Row Your Boat," sing and play out this simple song about helping in your family: *Sweep, sweep, sweep the floor. I can sweep the floor! Happily, happily, happily, happily, I can sweep the floor!* Sing about other helping actions. Say: "We can help at church, too."

FAMILY ADVENTURE PAINT WITH WATER OUTDOORS

If the weather is nice, take your toddler outside to paint. Give him a bucket of water and a house paintbrush. He can paint brick and sidewalks or the outside of the mailbox. While he paints, comment: "You are painting! What a good job." Note that Ezra encouraged the people to keep on building the temple church even when people tried to stop them.