

FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 14, 2020



BIBLE STORY:

Ezra 4-6

BIBLE VERSE:

Psalms 27:4

BABIES-PRESCHOOL TEXT TRUTH:

God's people built a new temple.

KIDS TEXT TRUTH:

We can boldly obey God. (YK)

We can continue to obey God even when facing opposition. (OK)

ADULT CORE PASSAGE:

Proverbs 3:1-12

FAMILY MEMORY VERSE:

Proverbs 3:5-6

FAMILY READING PLAN:

SUNDAY: *Proverbs 6:20-35*

MONDAY: *Proverbs 7:1-15*

TUESDAY: *Proverbs 7:16-27*

WEDNESDAY: *Proverbs 8:1-11*

THURSDAY: *Proverbs 8:12-21*

FRIDAY: *Proverbs 8:22-36*

SATURDAY: *Proverbs 9:1-18*

FAMILY BIBLE EXPLORATION

Share these points as you study *Ezra* and *Proverbs* together as a family:



- **Let the building begin.** When Israel returned from exile—according to the decree of Cyrus—the people began to rebuild the temple of Solomon which Nebuchadnezzar had burned down. Zerubbabel and the other Jewish leaders encouraged the people to lay the foundation of the temple. People living in Samaria pretended they would like to help, but Zerubbabel knew their offers were not genuine. The Israelites however, were worried and stopped their work on the temple after completing only the foundation.
- **20 years later.** For many years the people stopped their building project. Instead of being focused on the temple construction, the people paid more attention to building their own homes and tending to their own crops. God sent two prophets, Haggai and Zechariah, to re-energize the people to build the temple. Listening to the encouragement of these two men, Israel began to build again and the temple was completed. When the people finished, they celebrated the Passover to remember God's blessing.
- **Remember.** The Passover celebration was a time for the people to remember the things God had done for them when they were released from slavery in Egypt. Solomon, in *Proverbs 3*, also called for the people to remember not just what God had done for them when they left Egypt, but to recall with gladness the mighty things God had done for Israel in their existence. Solomon also recalled the commands God had given Moses and suggested that these commands, if followed, would lead to long life.
- **Trust and honor God.** *Proverbs 3* speaks to young people and advises that trusting in God is in stark contrast to depending solely on one's own understanding. The wisdom of God is something to be sought after. Like Solomon, the people who returned from exile were to seek wisdom and to honor God through their actions and words. People of Solomon's day, people from the exile, and believers today still face opposition, but God desires obedience to Him even in the face of opposition.