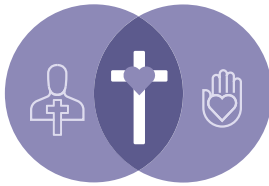


RETURN TO REBUILD

LESSON 13

Ezra 3; Nehemiah 8:1–12; 12:44–47

GOD PREPARES US TO WORSHIP HIM.



CONNECTING IDENTITY & CALLING

IDENTITY: WHO AM I?

God desires that we worship Him alone. He guides us to find ways we can serve Him.

CALLING: WHY AM I HERE?

I have gifts and talents from God that I can use to serve Him and my neighbor.

GROWING IN FAITH FOR LIFE

See how this lesson builds on previous learning for each age.

ADULT

I can consider how God's work to prepare His people to worship Him during the return from exile relates to His preparing me to worship Him today.

YOUTH

I can describe how God prepares me to worship Him, just as He prepared the exiles to worship Him.

ELEMENTARY

I understand that God helps us to worship Him.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

I know God gives us a church where I can hear His Word and worship Him.

BIBLE VERSE

Worship the LORD in the splendor
of holiness.

1 Chronicles 16:29

SCRIPTURE SNAPSHOT

After returning from exile, the children of Israel gather to begin rebuilding the temple. They start making sacrifices as soon as the altar is rebuilt, even though the temple foundations await repair. Ezra reads from the Book of the Law as the people humble themselves before the Lord. When the labors of rebuilding are complete, the Levites assign men to regular service in the temple.

TAKING IT HOME

- ▶ **On the Go**—In this lesson, the Israelites begin the process of moving home again. Have you ever moved? What kinds of preparations did you have to make?
- ▶ **At Mealt ime**—When your family celebrates a special event, like a birthday or holiday, what special foods do you enjoy together?
- ▶ **Something to Do**—Use blocks or building bricks to make your own model of the temple or the wall around Jerusalem.
- ▶ **Before Bed**—Say a special prayer for those who have been forced to leave their home countries and travel to a new place.

1 Chronicles 16:29

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