

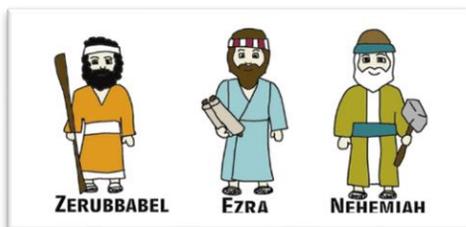


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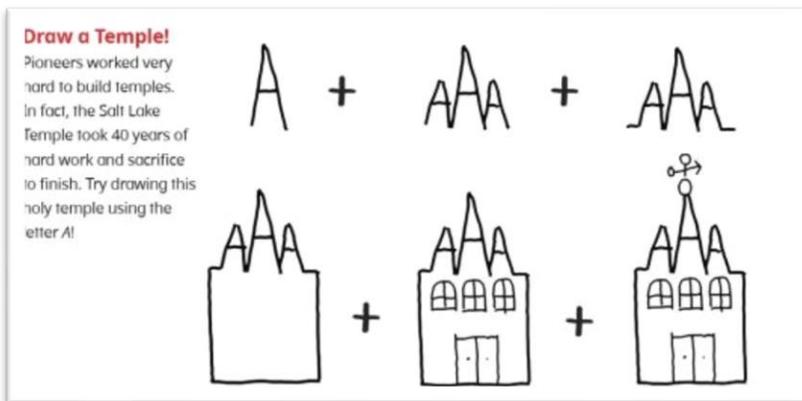
July 18-24

# "I Am Doing a Great Work"

1. Paper Bag Activity – Prepare **3 paper bags** with the names Zerubbabel, Ezra, and Nehemiah written on the outside of them. If you want to add pictures, Crystal from [www.theredcrystal.org](http://www.theredcrystal.org) has created some cute ones you could glue onto each bag as well. Click picture below for a link to her website with these images.



- Put the paper strips from page 4 below as well as the following items inside each bag:  
**Zerubbabel:** a picture or model of a temple  
**Ezra:** scriptures  
**Nehemiah:** blocks to build a wall with
  - Let the kids choose which bag to start with. Read the paper strip about that person and use the materials in the bag to do the activity on each strip while learning about that person/story.
2. Temples – After learning about all three of these people, we're going to focus on temples for the rest of the time. Review the story of Zerubbabel and remind them how lucky we are to have temples we can go to.
    - Song – Sing "[I Love to See the Temple](#)" while discussing how they can prepare now to be able to go there when they're older.
    - Video – Watch "[The Laie Hawaii Temple Youth Cultural Celebration](#)" video from the church.
    - Friend Stories – Read one or more stories from The Friend about the temple. Click [here](#) for a list of options.
    - We also plan on walking around a temple close to where we live.
  3. Scripture Draw – Have them do the scripture draw on page 3 below. Follow instructions from [The Friend](#) to draw the temple.



4. Marshmallow Temples – [This blog](#) has the cutest idea for building temples out of marshmallows. Our family has used sugar cubes and candy blocks to do this in the past, but we're planning on giving marshmallows a shot this time. 😊 Go to their [website](#) for some fun details on how they did this.



Picture Yourself in the Temple Craft: We did a lesson in the past where our kids made this temple frame craft, and they loved it. Click on the picture below for a link to the lesson with full instructions. There is also a simple preparing for the temple activity included in the link.

*Note: You can just use regular paper instead of a transparency sheet if you'd like, and it will still look great! Just make sure the picture is the right size to fit in the middle part of the temple. 😊*



## Additional Ideas:

More Great Free Ideas at [www.theredcrystal.org](http://www.theredcrystal.org)

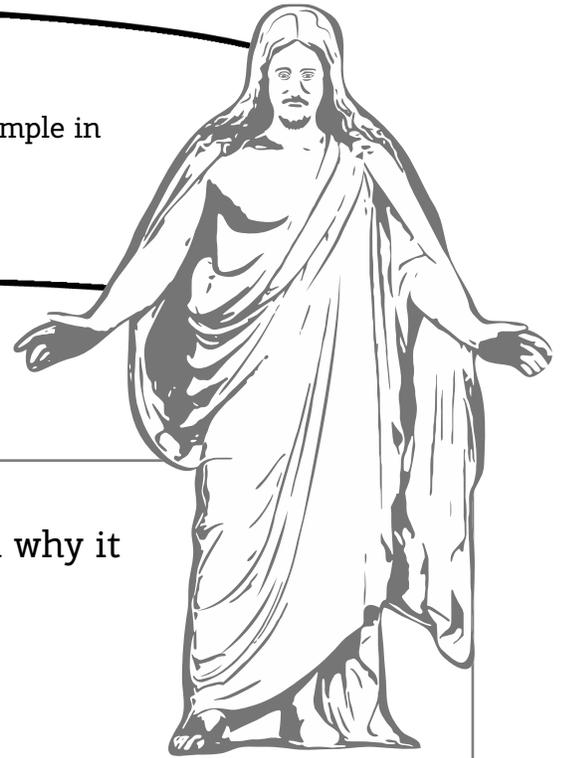
Old Testament Cartoon Videos from the Church Website

"Nehemiah" short video from the church

"Nehemiah Rebuilds the Walls of Jerusalem" video from Latter Day Kids

**Ezra 3:12**

Many people “shouted aloud for joy” when the temple in Jerusalem was being rebuilt.



Draw a picture of a temple and share a reason why it makes you happy.

# Zerubbabel

Zerubbabel oversaw the rebuilding of the house of the Lord.

What are some things that have happened in your life that have made you happy?

The Babylonians had burned the temple in Jerusalem to the ground. Decades later, they were allowed to return and rebuild the temple. Read Ezra 3:8-13; 6:16-22. How did they feel about being able to rebuild the temple?

When the Jews laid the foundation of the temple, “many shouted aloud for joy” (Ezra 3:12). Practicing shouting with joy like the Jews did.

Share stories of times you’ve gone to the temple. How did you feel while you were there?

Pass around a picture or model of a temple. When it’s your turn to hold it, share one reason why the temple makes you joyful.

# Ezra

Ezra turned the hearts of the people back to the Lord’s law.

The people in Jerusalem hadn’t heard the words of God in a long time before Ezra read the scriptures to them. Read Nehemiah 8:2-3, 5-6, 8-9, 12. What did the people do when they heard the scriptures?

Why are we grateful to have the scriptures? How do we feel when we study the scriptures? How can the words in them help us in our lives?

Share how reading the scriptures has brought you closer to the Savior.

Take turns holding a set of scriptures. When it’s your turn to hold them, share one story or verse from the scriptures that you like.

# Nehemiah

Nehemiah led the work of rebuilding the protective walls around Jerusalem.

Scan the QR code below to watch a video from Latter Day Kids about Nehemiah.



When Nehemiah was repairing the walls surrounding Jerusalem, his enemies tried to get him to stop, but he remained faithful to his task.

Read Nehemiah 2:20 to see what Nehemiah said when people made fun of him for wanting to fix Jerusalem’s walls.

Use blocks to build a wall like Nehemiah did. What are some important things Heavenly Father might ask you to do? For each idea that is shared, add another block to the wall.

Share situations in which someone might laugh at us for doing the right things. How can we respond when people make fun of us or criticize us for doing the right thing?