



Little Kid Activities Babies-Twos: November 22

The Bible Story: God Brought His People Home

Ezra 1:1–2:2; 2:64–3:13

God's people had lived in a faraway land for a long time. God had told His people that He would bring them back to their land. It was time! God gave the king an idea. The king said, "The Israelites may go back to their land. They may rebuild the city and the temple." The king even gave God's people money and animals for the trip. Zerubbabel (zuh RUHB uh buhl) was the leader of God's people. When the people built the first part of the temple, they cheered. Some of the older people who remembered the first temple cried. The sound of people cheering and crying could be heard from far away. Later, Jesus came to earth to give us a home with Him forever.

Gospel Gems

God brought His people back to their land.

God's people began to build the temple.

Jesus gives us a home with Him forever.



Babies Activities

Look in the Bible

- Bibles
- Key passage card and Bible Story picture card

Provide hand-size Bibles for babies to handle. Open your Bible to Ezra 1:1–2:2; 2:64–3:13. Show the Bible story picture as you say the Gospel Gems. Read the key passage card.

Say: God brought His people back to their land. God's people began to build the temple **God helps us obey Him.** [*Pray.*]

Sing a Song

Sing to the tune of "If You're Happy and You Know It"

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. [*Repeat once.*]

God was with them in the blaze, and the king was so amazed!

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego!

Daniel prayed to God no matter what. [*Repeat once.*]

The lions didn't roar or nip because God sealed their lips!

Daniel prayed to God no matter what!

God brought His people home from Babylon. [*Repeat once.*]

Though they were far from home, God did not leave them alone!

God brought His people home from Babylon!

Say: God brought His people back to their land. Jesus gives us a home with Him forever. **God helps us obey Him.**

Finger Play about Homes

Do a simple finger play about homes:

Here is a nest for a robin. [*Cup palms together.*]

Here is a hive for a bee. [*Clasp hands together in a fist.*]

Here is a den for a bunny. [*Make a hole shape with both hands.*]

Here is a house for me. [*Make a roof shape with fingers touching.*]

Say: God brought His people back to their land. **God helps us obey Him.** Jesus gives us a home with Him forever.

Build a House

- Soft blocks

Provide soft blocks for babies to stack to build a "house." Briefly review the Bible story.

Say: God brought His people back to their land. God's people began to build the temple. **God helps us obey Him.**



Toddler and Twos Activities

Circle Time (5 Minutes)

- Bibles
- Key passage card and Bible Story Picture

Provide small Bibles for toddlers to handle. Say the Bible is God's words. Read the key passage card and guide toddlers to say it. Open your Bible to Ezra 1:1–2:2; 2:64–3:13. Show the Bible story picture as you tell the Bible story. Say the Main Point and then pray for the toddlers.

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Follow a Path

Make a path around the room. Help toddlers follow the path. Every few steps, stop and ask: "Who helps us obey Him?" (*God!*).

Say: God brought His people back to their land. **God helps us obey Him.**

Finger-Walk in Sand

Walk children to sand tables on sidewalk along the Village Green. Invite toddlers to finger-walk in the sand as you talk about God's people returning home. Invite toddlers to roll cars or trucks in the sand.

Say: **God helps us obey Him.** God brought His people back to their land. The people traveled a long way over sandy roads.