

This resource is designed to allow your family to have time in God's Word **BEFORE** your children attend church. Because God's plan is for **parents to be the primary spiritual nurturers** of their children's faith, *we want YOU to be the one to introduce* this part of The Big God Story to them.

For additional support in spiritual parenting and to learn more about creating transforming environments in your home, be sure to pick up **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource** from your church or download at HomeFrontMag.com. You can also access the HomeFront app for your iPhone, iPad, or Android device.



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GOD IS FAITHFUL

Ezra 1 - 8

The Jewish people returned to Jerusalem and the temple was rebuilt.

JUST FOR FUN

Allow your children to play with stacking objects or linking blocks. As they build, remind them of the story of the Israelites returning, and how God was faithful. Share with them that God did what He said He would do by allowing the people to rebuild the temple and return to worship Him.

Did You Know?

- The book of Ezra begins with the end of the Israelites' 70 years of captivity in Babylon.
- God used the Persian king Cyrus to make the Israelites' return to Jerusalem possible.
- God is faithful! He was true to His word, even though it took about 20 years for the temple to finally be rebuilt.

Remember Verse

This is what the LORD says—your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I am the LORD your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go."

Isaiah 48:17

Teachable Moments

- How do you think the people felt when they were given the freedom to return to Jerusalem?
- How do you think the people felt when the temple was rebuilt? What do you think the first thing they did was?
- How was God faithful in this part of The Big God Story?

Blessing

For more information about blessing your child, see the Blessing section in **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource**.

A blessing to pray over your child:
(Child's name), **God is faithful. He will give you everything you need as you serve Him and others.**