

# FRIENDS

Lesson 11

## Working Together

**W**hat can kids do? some people ask. How could they do something great? But the kids of Parks Church finished a task, a task that could not wait.

The meals program needed helpers to deliver meals to those in need. Todd wanted to help; he had done it before. He knew it was more than a good deed.

With his father's help, Todd made a plan. His friends would all help too. They would work together to get things done. It was fun to have something to do.

Kids brought their wagons and their bikes to carry the food away. Todd made a sign to let them know where the food should go each day.

Parents helped out when they saw how the kids stuck with the job each day.

Soon there were many helpers to carry the food away.

By working together, everyone knew how pleased the Savior was. God's heart is glad when we show His love, as our working together does.

### Talk-a-Bit

- How did the people work together?
- What can you and your friends do to work together for God?



What I learned in God's Word this week: Work together for God.



# Working Together to Rebuild the Temple

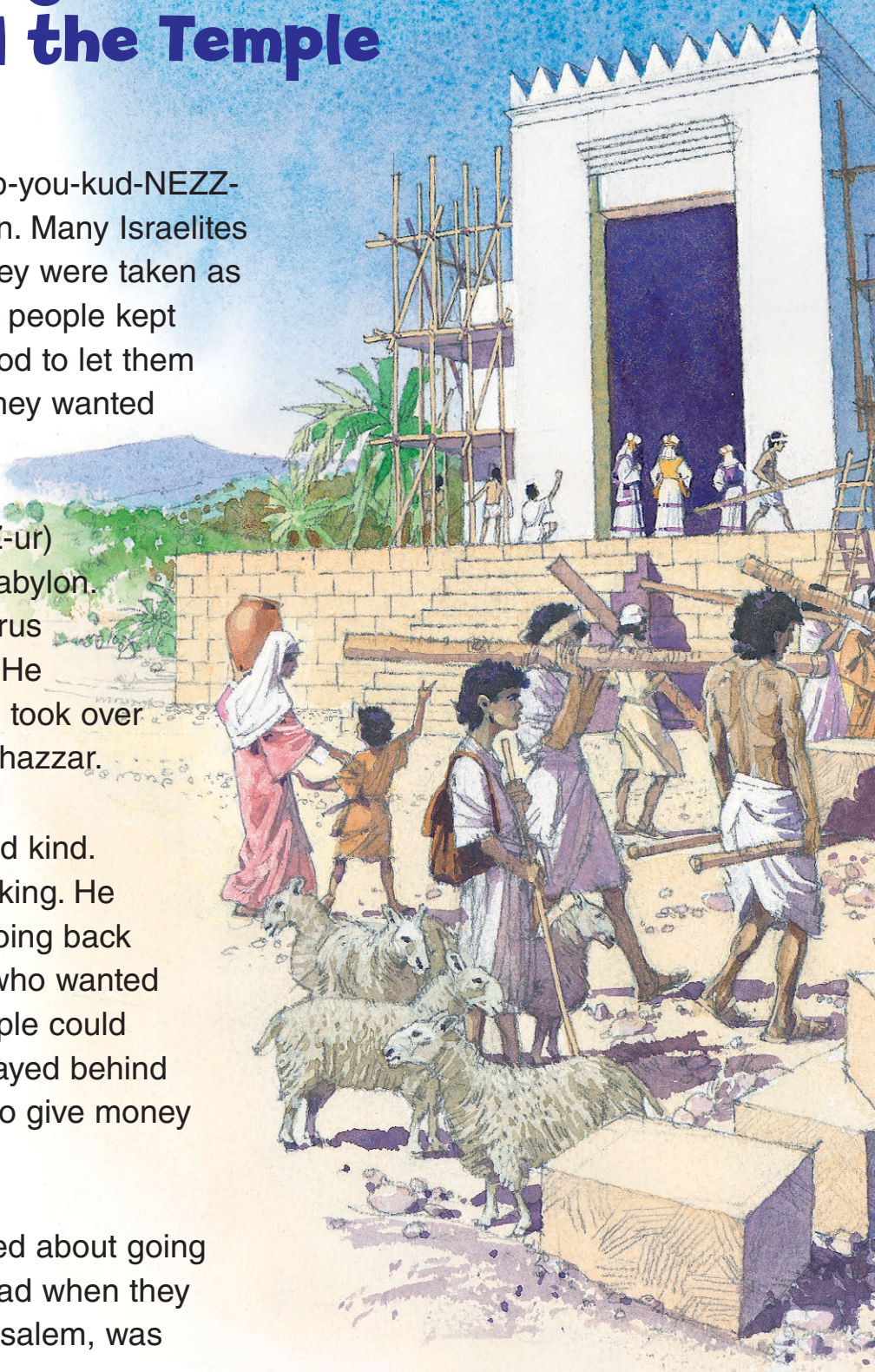
Bible Story from Ezra 1—6

**N**ebuchadnezzar (neb-you-kud-NEZZ-ur) was king of Babylon. Many Israelites were taken captive. They were taken as slaves to Babylon. The people kept praying. They asked God to let them return to Jerusalem. They wanted to rebuild the temple.

Belshazzar (bell-SHAZ-ur) was the next king of Babylon. Then one day King Cyrus sneaked into Babylon. He brought his army. They took over the kingdom from Belshazzar.

King Cyrus was fair and kind. It was his first year as king. He gave an order about going back to Jerusalem. People who wanted to help rebuild the temple could go. The people who stayed behind must help. They were to give money to help the others.

The people were excited about going home. But they were sad when they arrived. Their city, Jerusalem, was destroyed.







Zerubbabel (zuh-RUB-uh-bull) led a group of people. They were going to rebuild the altar of the temple. Then the bottom of the temple was also rebuilt. They were so happy.

Some people who lived near Jerusalem got jealous. They tried to stop the work on the temple. They sent word to the king about the builders. They said they were troublemakers. The king made them stop working on the temple.

But when Darius became king, things changed. There were two new prophets. They were Haggai and Zechariah. They got the people to start building again.

The jealous people tried again. They sent letters to the king. But this time their plan didn't work. King Darius looked up the old records. He found the orders that King Cyrus had given.

King Darius gave a new command. "The Jews are to rebuild their temple. They can worship their God. Anyone who tries to stop them will be killed."

The people worked very hard. The temple was finally finished.

**This Week's Bible Memory Verse:**

Work together for the truth. 3 John 8



# WORK TOGETHER TO DRAW

drawing. To make the drawing more fun, turn the paper a quarter turn before each person's turn to draw.

**F**ind at least one other person to draw with. Each person has 30 seconds to add to the

## Family Faith Fun

### Lesson Focus:

Work together for God.



### Share in the Work

■ Together, plan ways that your family can share in the work of your church family. Some things families can do together for the church are: clean the nursery toys, separate the take-home papers, or send homemade cards to

those who are sick. Be creative—you can easily add to this list!

### Work Together Poster

■ Together make a poster showing families working together for God. You might find pictures in magazines or the newspaper to help demonstrate families working together. Decorate your poster, and write the memory verse on it.

*Work together for the truth.*

*3 John 8*