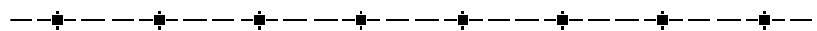


Old Testament

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Through the Old Testament in Two Years

Part Two



Created for use with young, unchurched learners
Adaptable for all ages including adults

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Haggai

Last week we learned that Zephaniah lived in a time when God's people worshipped idols. God was planning to punish His people. Zephaniah encouraged the faithful to hope in God. God would punish and scatter His people but then He would stop punishing them. He would gather them home and bless them.

Haggai 1-2

Read the Bible

READ: Haggai 1:1-6, 12-14 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)

Memory Verse

But put God's kingdom first.
Do what He wants you to do.
Then all of those things will
also be given to you.
(Matthew 6:33 NIV)

Begin With Prayer

Israel had been allowed to return to Jerusalem. They were supposed to be rebuilding God's temple, but it was in ruins. God sent the prophet Haggai to talk to the people. Their priorities were not straight. In other words, they did not have things that were supposed to be their main concern as a main concern. God should be the most important person in our lives. When He is, God has promised to provide for all our needs. (Matthew 6:33)

Goals

1. Understand that God sent Haggai to speak to Israel.
2. Recognize that Israel was supposed to be rebuilding God's temple.
3. Learn that the people did not put God first.
4. Understand that God promised to meet all our needs.

Haggai was to help Israel see that they were wrong in not putting God first. Sin has consequences. Israel was experiencing the consequences of their sin. "The Lord who rules over all says, 'Think carefully about how you are living. You have planted many seeds. But the crops you have gathered are small. So you eat. But you never have enough. You drink. But you are never full. You put your clothes on. But you are not warm. You earn your pay. But it will not buy everything you need.'" (Haggai 1:1-6 NIV) When we don't put God first we will not be satisfied (happy or content).

God wanted Israel to rebuild His temple. He wanted the people to honor Him. They were greedy and thinking only about themselves and their homes. Because of it, God had sent a drought. Haggai told the people to begin rebuilding. He told them to go to the mountain and bring logs to rebuild the temple. (Haggai 1:7-11)

When the people heard Haggai's message, they listened and obeyed. "All the people with them listened, really listened, to the voice of their God. When God sent the prophet Haggai to them; they paid attention to him. In listening to Haggai, they honored God." (Haggai 1:12-14 NIV) The

Haggai – Bible Facts

1. Haggai was a prophet of God.
2. Israel was not putting God first.
3. God told the people to bring wood and begin work on the temple of God.
4. When the people heard Haggai's message, they listened and obeyed.

people began to rebuild the house of the Lord. God promised to be with them. He told them to not be afraid.

God said that when the temple was rebuilt His glory would fill the temple. “The silver belongs to me. So does the gold... The new temple will be more beautiful than the first one was... in this place I will give peace to my people..’ announces the Lord who rules over all.” (Haggai 2:1-9)

He told them to think about their barns, their vines, and their fig trees. None had produced any fruit. But now, since the people had obeyed, God promised to bless the people of Israel. (Haggai 2:19-20) God wants to bless us. If we follow Him, He will supply all our needs. “But put God's kingdom first. Do what He wants you to do. Then all of those things will also be given to you.” (Matthew 6:33 NIRV)

Review

1. **Who was Haggai?** (Haggai was a prophet of God.)
2. **What did Haggai tell Israel?** (Israel was not putting God first.)
3. **What did God say?** (God told the people to bring wood and begin work on the temple of God.)
4. **What did Israel do?** (When the people heard Haggai's message, they listened and obeyed.)

Do You Know Jesus?

God loves us and wants to provide for all our needs. He provided a way for us to know Him and be with Him in heaven. God sent Jesus to die on the cross for our sins. Jesus rose from the dead. (John 3:16; Romans 10:9-10) If we invite Jesus to be a part of our lives He will come to be a part of our lives forever. If you would like to know more, talk to your teacher.

Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for sending Jesus to provide a way to heaven.
3. Ask God to help you hear His message and obey.
4. Pray for friends and family members who need to hear God's message and obey.

Application

God sent Haggai to speak to Israel. Israel was supposed to be rebuilding God's temple, but the people of Israel did not have their priorities straight. The people did not put God first. Haggai was to help Israel see that they were wrong in not putting God first. When the people heard Haggai's message, they listened and obeyed. God promised to be with them. God has promised to meet all our needs, too.

Planning for Next Week
Zechariah — Zechariah 13-14

Preschool Lesson

Read the Bible

READ: Haggai 1:1-6, 12-14 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)

Teachers: Bring Lego's and build a temple.

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Haggai was to help Israel see that they were wrong in not putting God first. God said that nothing they did was enough to make them happy. When they planted seeds their crops were small. When they ate and drank they were never full. When they put on clothes they were not warm. They worked but never had enough money to buy what they needed. When we don't put God first we will not be satisfied (happy or content).

God wanted Israel to rebuild His temple. He wanted the people to honor Him. They were greedy and thinking only about themselves and their homes. Because of it, God had sent a drought. Haggai told the people to begin rebuilding. He told them to go to the mountain and bring logs to rebuild the temple.

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Prayer Time

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2. Thank God for sending Jesus to provide a way to heaven.
3. Ask God to help you hear God's message and obey.

Memory verse for younger children

But put God's kingdom first. Do what he wants you to do. Matthew 6:33

Learning Activities

•**Memory verse activity** — Make or bring pictures of a barn. Bring dried grass to represent hay. Glue the dried grass around the barn. Write the memory verse at the bottom.

•**Test your memory** — Print the words “listen” and “obey” on a sheet of paper. Color the page as if it were a stained glass window. Cut the page to make puzzle pieces. Put the puzzle together as you tell the story. You may glue or tape the puzzle onto a poster board.

•**Taste activity** — Bring Fig Newton's for a snack.

Bring grape jelly and bread for a snack.

•**Think about it** — God’s people were not rebuilding God’s temple. Haggai told them to get their priorities straight. Talk about putting God first.

God’s people did not have enough of anything because God was punishing them. Talk about how God satisfies and provides for all our needs.

•**Touch activity** — Bring Lego's and build a temple.

Bring bread and water to serve the children. Talk about how Israel was not satisfied.

Let the children color pictures of an ear. Talk about listening and obeying God.

Bring plastic grape vines, grapes, and figs for the children to play with.

•**Run and play** — Play Simon Says.

Bring tempera paint and newsprint or butcher paper. Let children draw a mural of a barn, grape vines, grapes, figs, and fig trees. Bring pictures of these for the children.

Play races but put the children in pairs. Two pairs will run against each other. Each partner will tell the other how to run the race. One partner will run one direction. The other will run back. One partner may say, “run on one leg.” The other may say, “Run with one hand behind your back.” Both partners in a pair must run. They may run with their hand on their head, in their pocket, on their knee, etc.

•**Listen** — As the children take time for silence, remind them that God wants us to trust Him to provide for our needs.

•**Sing** — Sing “Obedience,” “Trust and Obey,” or another song related to the story.

•**Reach out** — During class, pray (by name) for kids who did not come today. Ask the children to go with you to deliver handouts of the barn to those who were absent. Pray with the children who were absent. Encourage them to read the story in the Bible.

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Word Puzzle

Trace the letters.

The people

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Word Search

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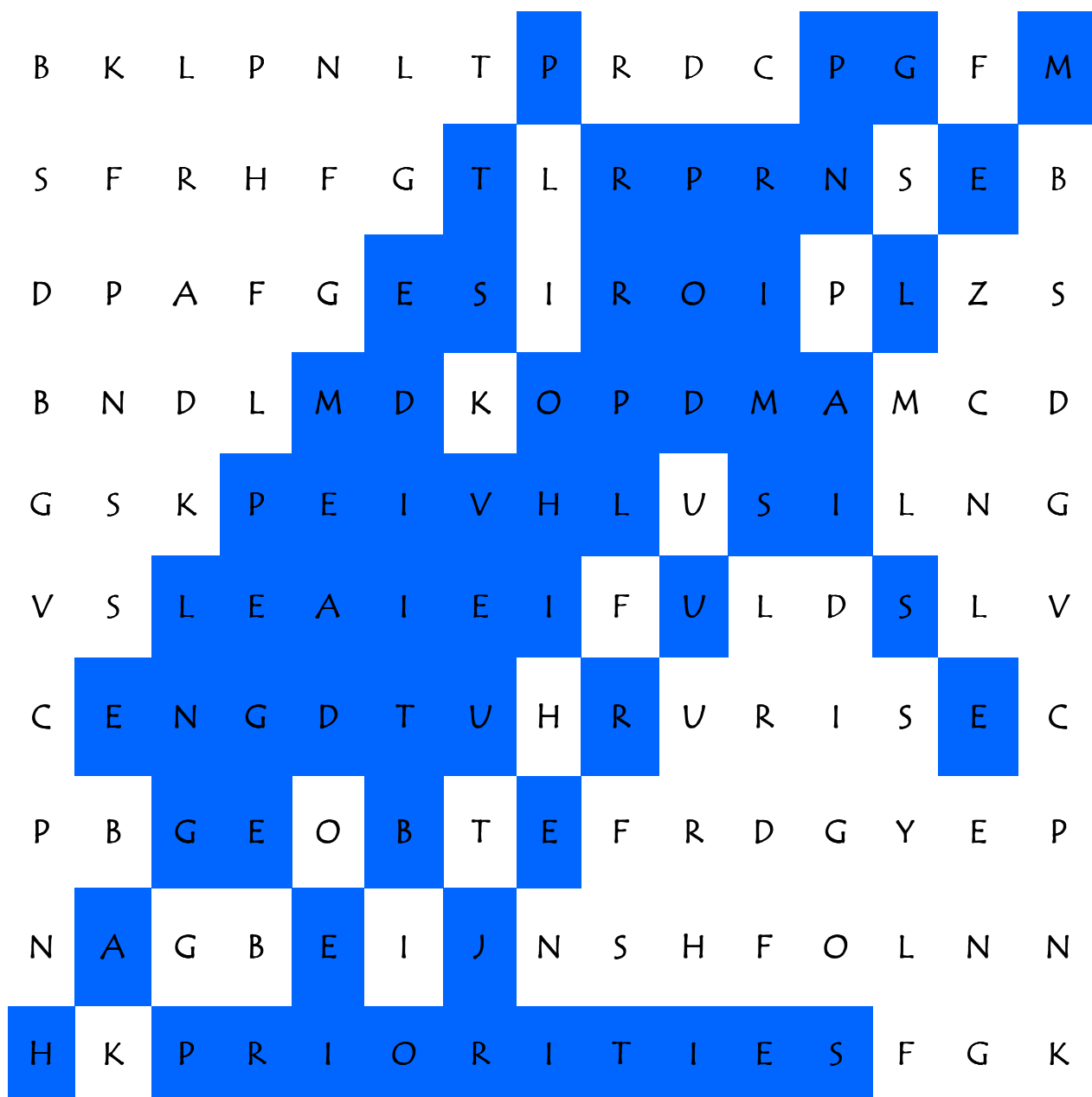
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