

# Unit 16: In Exile

**Unit Description:** The people were far away from the land God had given them, but they were not far from the God who had given it. Even in exile, God was with His people watching over them and promising them that one day, they would return to the land, and when they did, they would return to Him as well.

**Big Picture Question:** Where is God? God is in all places at all times and is always with His people.



## SESSION 1: Jeremiah Encouraged God's People

Jeremiah 29–30



## SESSION 2: Daniel Was Faithful

Daniel 1



## SESSION 3: Daniel Served God

Daniel 5



## SESSION 4: God Is Present with Us

Isaiah 7

# Unit 17: The People Return

**Unit Description:** God's time of disciplining His people had been completed, and true to His word, He returned them to the land of promise. Once there, they began to rebuild the temple—the important reminder that God was with them, that He is faithful, and that He can always be trusted.

**Big Picture Question:** Can God be trusted? Yes, God cannot lie or ever be wrong, so we can trust whatever He has said.



## SESSION 1: God Delivered His People

Ezra 1



## SESSION 2: Zechariah Gave Hope

Zechariah 13–14



## SESSION 3: The People Rebuilt the Temple

Ezra 2–6



## SESSION 4: God Can Always Be Trusted

Jeremiah 31

# Unit 18: The People Prepare

**Unit Description:** God had made good on His promise to bring the people back into the land, but they were still waiting on another promise: for God to send the ultimate Rescuer. God's people began to prepare for the Messiah's arrival, but even so, as always, they couldn't escape the allure of sin.

**Big Picture Question:** How should we feel when we sin? When we sin, we should feel sorry that we have disobeyed God and want to turn from our sin because we love Him.



## SESSION 1: Esther Saved Her People

Esther



## SESSION 2: Nehemiah Rebuilt the Walls

Nehemiah 1–7



## SESSION 3: Ezra Read the Law

Ezra 7–10; Nehemiah 8



## SESSION 4: The People Promised to Be Faithful

Nehemiah 9–10



## SESSION 5: We Should Be Sorry for Sin

Romans 8