



## UNIT 16 - HOPE FOR CAPTIVES

**Unit Description:** The people were far away from the land God had given them, but they were not far from God. The Lord was with His people even while they were in exile. He watched over them and promised that they would one day return to the land. When they did, they would return to Him as well.

**Big Picture Question:** How can we glorify God? We can glorify God by loving Him and obeying Him..

### SESSION 1



DANIEL OBEYED GOD  
Daniel 1

### SESSION 2



SHADRACH, MESHACH, AND OBEDNEGO  
Daniel 3

### SESSION 3



DANIEL IN THE LIONS' DEN  
Daniel 6

### SESSION 4



DANIEL'S PROPHECIES  
Daniel 7-12



## UNIT 17 - HOPE AT HOME

**Unit Description:** After 70 years, the exile was over, and God brought His people home to Judah. Through the prophet Zechariah, God spoke a message of hope to His people about what would happen in the future. The people began to rebuild the temple so that they would have a place to worship God. Years later in Persia, God used Esther to save His people through her bravery and sacrifice.

**Big Picture Question:** How did God plan to fix what sin broke? Before He created the world, God planned to send the Messiah.

### SESSION 1



GOD BROUGHT HIS PEOPLE HOME  
Ezra 1-3

### SESSION 2



REBUILDING THE TEMPLE  
Ezra 4-6; Haggai 1-2

### SESSION 3



THE PROPHET ZECHARIAH  
Zechariah

### SESSION 4



ESTHER SAVED HER PEOPLE  
Esther



## UNIT 18 - HOPE TO COME

**Unit Description:** Nehemiah led God's people to return home from exile and rebuild Jerusalem's walls. Ezra began teaching God's Word, and the people vowed to faithfully obey God. Malachi—the last Old Testament prophet—reminded the people of God's love for them. Malachi also warned God's people to repent of their disobedience and pointed them to the coming Messiah.

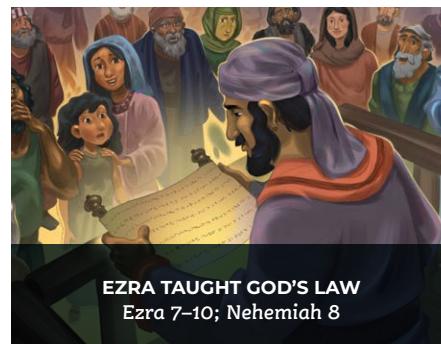
**Big Picture Question:** What is the Bible about? The Bible is the story of God's plan to save people through Jesus.

### SESSION 1



THE WALLS REBUILT  
Nehemiah 1–6

### SESSION 2



EZRA TAUGHT GOD'S LAW  
Ezra 7–10; Nehemiah 8

### SESSION 3



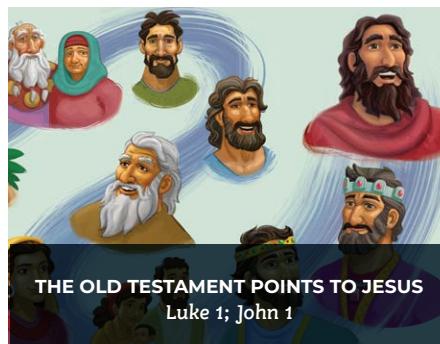
THE PEOPLE WORSHIPED GOD  
Nehemiah 7–13

### SESSION 4



THE PROPHET MALACHI  
Malachi

### SESSION 5



THE OLD TESTAMENT POINTS TO JESUS  
Luke 1; John 1