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1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
2. What does this story teach me about myself?
3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?



Unit 18 • Session 2

## EZRA TAUGHT GOD'S LAW

Ezra 7-10; Nehemiah 8

**WHAT IS THE BIBLE ABOUT?  
THE BIBLE IS THE STORY OF GOD'S PLAN TO SAVE PEOPLE  
THROUGH JESUS.**

King Artaxerxes wrote a letter that said, "Any of God's people who want to go back to Jerusalem with Ezra may go. Bring all the silver and the gold that I and others have given to the God of Israel." Ezra praised God, thanking Him for the kindness and generosity of the king.

After Ezra returned to Jerusalem, he met with some leaders of the people. Ezra learned that some of the people and their leaders had disobeyed God because they did not separate themselves from the surrounding nations. Ezra was very upset. Ezra prayed to God, confessing the people's sin. God's people began to gather around Ezra. They cried and confessed their sin too, promising to be faithful to God.

Then Ezra brought the book of the law of Moses and read it before all who could listen with understanding. All the people listened very carefully. Then they knelt and worshiped God.

Then, Levites came to the people and began to explain the law so the people could better understand what was read. The people began to cry because they realized they had not been obeying God.

Nehemiah and Ezra said, "Because today is holy. The joy of the Lord is your strength." Then all the people had a great celebration because they understood the words of the law that Ezra taught them.

**Christ Connection:** Ezra taught God's law, and the people recognized their sin. Jesus came to fulfill the law and gives us power to turn away from sin through His death and resurrection. Through faith in Jesus, our hearts are changed so we can love and obey God.

**SCAN THE QR CODE FOR RESOURCES TO USE AT HOME!**



**Understand It** | Ezra read the law, and the people understood it. Read each verse and then match it to the picture that best illustrates it.



Psalm 119:16

Matthew 22:39

Ephesians 6:1

Hebrews 10:25



**Confess It** | When Ezra taught the law, the people recognized their sin and confessed it. Use the space below to write out a prayer to God, thanking Him for making the way for sinners to be forgiven through Jesus.



EZRA

A large white rounded rectangular box with a blue border, containing seven horizontal lines for writing a prayer.