



# THE TEMPLE WEEK 2



# THE TEMPLE

## THE TEMPLE

## THE SECOND

### FOCUS

EZRA 1:2 & 5-7, 3:2, 6-7, 11, 4:24, 5:2 & 17, 6:6, 14 & 16 ISAIAH 44:28 & HAGGAI 2:4, 9 & 19  
After 70 years away from home and the destruction of the first temple, King Cyrus told some Israelites to go back home and rebuild the second temple!

### MATERIALS

The Second picture  
Scroll coloring page (1 per child)  
Cyrus actor and king name tag  
Backpack or small bag (1 per child)  
1 tsp gold sprinkles (in baggie) and 3 animal crackers (in baggie) (1 set per child)  
Wagon/container and signs  
Graham cracker bronze alter and frosting (1 set per child)  
The People Traded coloring page (1 per child)  
Graham cracker temple and frosting (1 set per child)  
Messenger, prophet and king actor and name tags  
Crayons & tape

### ACTIVITIES

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

**TALK:** Ask the children if they know about the second temple that the Israelites made!

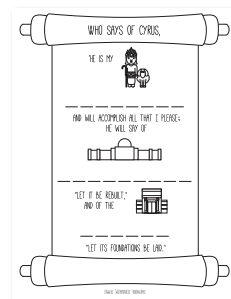
**ACTIVITY:** Show children The Second picture and hang nearby for them to see.

#### 2. ISAIAH'S PROPHECY

**TALK:** The first temple had been destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar. Then 70 years later there was a new king named Cyrus in Persia! This is the same king Isaiah had spoken about around 80 years earlier!!

**ACTIVITY:** Help the children color and fill in the missing words on the scroll.

### CORRESPONDING VERSE



WHO SAYS OF CYRUS, 'HE IS MY SHEPHERD AND WILL ACCOMPLISH ALL THAT I PLEASE; HE WILL SAY OF JERUSALEM, "LET IT BE REBUILT," AND OF THE TEMPLE, "LET ITS FOUNDATIONS BE LAID."

ISAIAH 44:28

## ACTIVITIES

### 3. PROCLAMATION

**TALK:** Cyrus was a king in Persia and he found his name in the scrolls of Isaiah! He knew he was appointed to build a temple for God in Jerusalem!

**ACTIVITY:** Have the Cyrus actor come forward and hold up the scroll and say “Look! I found my name!” Then have him say Ezra 1:2!

### 4. BACK HOME

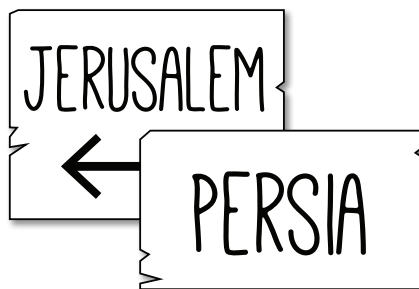
**TALK:** Cyrus told the Jews to go back home and rebuild the temple for God! The Jews were so excited! The king even told the people who were staying to give them supplies and free will offerings; gold, silver, animals and gifts to help them!

**ACTIVITY:** Have each child bring their backpack/bag and fill it with a pair of clothes or socks. Then give them the bags of gold sprinkles and animal crackers to add to the bag.

### 5. RECOVERED

**TALK:** The Jews also got to bring back with them everything that Nebuchadnezzar had taken from the temple!

**ACTIVITY:** Place the alter of incense, menorahs, sea and tables from the previous lesson in a wagon/container. Then walk from the Persia sign to the Jerusalem sign.



## CORRESPONDING VERSE

“THE LORD, THE GOD OF HEAVEN, HAS GIVEN ME ALL THE KINGDOMS OF THE EARTH, AND HE HAS APPOINTED ME TO BUILD A TEMPLE FOR HIM IN JERUSALEM IN JUDAH.”

EZRA 1:2

THEN THE FAMILY HEADS OF JUDAH AND BENJAMIN, AND THE PRIESTS AND LEVITES — EVERYONE WHOSE HEART GOD HAD MOVED — PREPARED TO GO UP AND BUILD THE HOUSE OF THE LORD IN JERUSALEM. ALL THEIR NEIGHBORS ASSISTED THEM WITH ARTICLES OF SILVER AND GOLD, WITH GOODS AND LIVESTOCK, AND WITH VALUABLE GIFTS, IN ADDITION TO ALL THE FREEWILL OFFERINGS.

EZRA 1:5-6

MOREOVER, KING CYRUS BROUGHT OUT THE ARTICLES BELONGING TO THE TEMPLE OF THE LORD, WHICH NEBUCHADNEZZAR HAD CARRIED AWAY FROM JERUSALEM, AND HAD PLACED IN THE TEMPLE OF HIS GOD.

EZRA 1:7

## ACTIVITIES

### 6. ALTER

**TALK:** The first thing they started making with was the alter of burnt offerings!

**ACTIVITY:** Assemble the graham cracker alter.



## CORRESPONDING VERSE

THEN JOSHUA SON OF JOZADAK AND HIS FELLOW PRIESTS AND ZERUBBABEL SON OF SHEALTIEL AND HIS ASSOCIATES BEGAN TO BUILD THE ALTAR OF THE GOD OF ISRAEL TO SACRIFICE BURNT OFFERINGS ON IT

EZRA 3:2

### 7. SACRAFICES

**TALK:** The alter was done and built! Even though the temple still needed to be built, they wanted to use the alter and they did! They used the alter!

**ACTIVITY:** Place the animal crackers on top of the graham cracker alter.



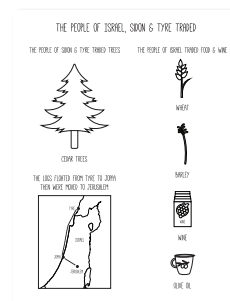
ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE SEVENTH MONTH THEY BEGAN TO OFFER FOR OFFER BURNT OFFERINGS TO THE LORD, THOUGH THE FOUNDATION OF THE LORD'S TEMPLE HAD NOT YET BEEN LAID.

EZRA 3:6

### 8. THE PEOPLE TRADED

**TALK:** The alter was built, and now they needed to start on the temple! They needed logs! So they did the same thing King Solomon had done and traded food, oil and wine for logs! The logs floated down the sea to a place they could pick them up!

**ACTIVITY:** Color the People Traded coloring page. Draw a line as to what was traded and trace the trail the logs took from Tyre to Jerusalem!



THEN THEY GAVE MONEY TO THE MASONS AND CARPENTERS, AND GAVE FOOD AND DRINK AND OLIVE OIL TO THE PEOPLE OF SIDON AND TYRE, SO THAT THEY WOULD BRING CEDAR LOGS BY SEA FROM LEBANON TO JOPPA

EZRA 3:7

### 9. FOUNDATION

**TALK:** The people worked really hard and finally the foundation to the temple was done and they gave a great shout of praise!

**ACTIVITY:** Have the children lay down a graham cracker on their plate and secure it with frosting to represent the foundation. Then have them give a shout of praise!



AND ALL THE PEOPLE GAVE A GREAT SHOUT OF PRAISE TO THE LORD, BECAUSE THE FOUNDATION OF THE HOUSE OF THE LORD WAS LAID.

EZRA 3:11

## ACTIVITIES

### 10. OPPOSITION

**TALK:** The people nearby did not like that the temple was being built and convinced the new king of Persia to make them stop. The king did not know God's will and told the people to stop building and they did.

**ACTIVITY:** Have a messenger come and say, "The king says you have to stop!"

### 11. BACK TO WORK

**TALK:** Even though the king had told the people to stop, about ten years later prophets from God came and told them to get back to work, and they did!

**ACTIVITY:** Have a prophet come and say, "Let's get back to work!" Then have the children continue to build the temple by adding the sides of the temple with graham cracker pieces.



### 12. PRAISE!

**TALK:** While the building was being made, the same people tried to get them to stop again by telling the king of Persia they were not listening.

**ACTIVITY:** Have a messenger and the king come forward and have the messenger say, "I told them to stop, you told them to stop, but they aren't listening!" Then have the prophet say: "'The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,' says the Lord Almighty."

## CORRESPONDING VERSE

THUS THE WORK ON THE HOUSE OF GOD IN JERUSALEM CAME TO A STANDSTILL UNTIL THE SECOND OF THE REIGN OF DARIUS KING OF PERSIA.

EZRA 4:24

SET TO WORK TO REBUILD THE HOUSE OF GOD IN JERUSALEM. AND THE PROPHETS OF GOD WERE WITH THEM, SUPPORTING THEM.

EZRA 5:2

NOW IF IT PLEASES THE KING, LET A SEARCH BE MADE IN THE ROYAL ARCHIVES OF BABYLON TO SEE IF KING CYRUS DID IN FACT ISSUE A DECREE TO REBUILD THIS HOUSE OF GOD IN JERUSALEM.

EZRA 5:17

"'THE GLORY OF THIS PRESENT HOUSE WILL BE GREATER THAN THE GLORY OF THE FORMER HOUSE,'" SAYS THE LORD ALMIGHTY

HAGGAI 2:9

## ACTIVITIES

### 13. STOP!

**TALK:** King Darius was in charge now and he told everyone who was trying to stop the building of the temple to STOP! The temple was supposed to be built!

**ACTIVITY:** Have the king tell the messenger “Stop! The temple has to be built!” Then have the prophet say, “From this day on I will bless you.”

### 14. DONE!

**TALK:** The temple was finally done! The people were so excited! The prophets had encouraged them along the way, and it got done!

**ACTIVITY:** Have the children finish building their temple using the graham crackers on the sides and top. Then have them decorate the building with the gold sprinkles.



### 15. JOY!

**TALK:** The temple was done and the people celebrated with joy!

**ACTIVITY:** Have everyone give a shout of joy!

**OPTIONAL:** Hand out each child a bible verse to take home.

## CORRESPONDING VERSE

DO NOT INTERFERE WITH THE WORK ON THIS TEMPLE OF GOD.

EZRA 6:6

“FROM THIS DAY ON I WILL BLESS YOU.”

HAGGAI 2:19

SO THE ELDERS OF THE JEWS CONTINUED TO BUILD AND PROSPER UNDER THE PREACHING OF HAGGAI THE PROPHET AND ZECHARIAH, A DESCENDENT OF IDDO. THEY FINISHED BUILDING THE TEMPLE ACCORDING TO THE COMMAND OF THE GOD OF ISRAEL

EZRA 6:14.

“BE STRONG, ALL YOU PEOPLE OF THE LAND,” DECLARES THE LORD, “AND WORK. FOR I AM WITH YOU.”

HAGGAI 2:4

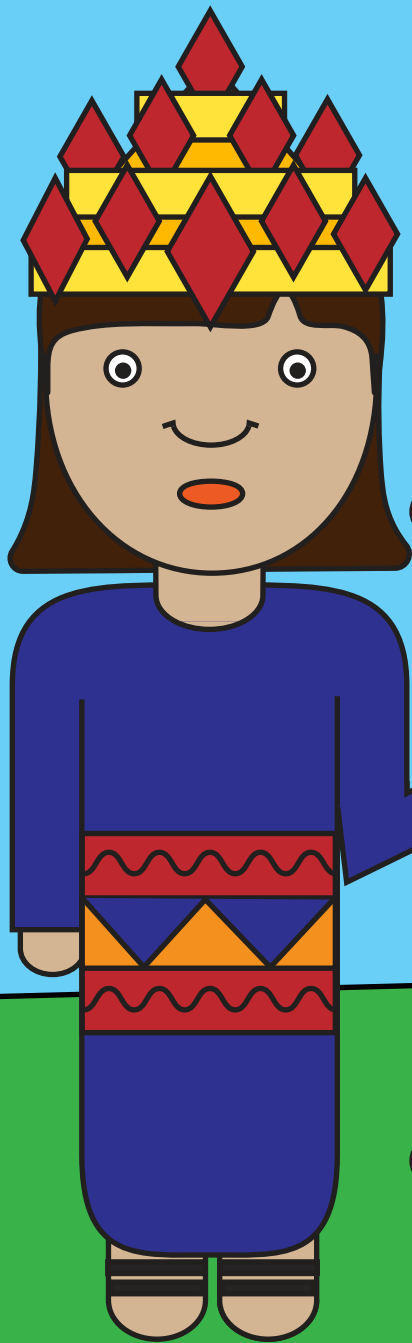
THEN THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL—THE PRIESTS, THE LEVITES AND THE REST OF THE EXILES—CELEBRATED THE DEDICATION OF THE HOUSE OF GOD WITH JOY.

EZRA 6:16

HE WILL SAY OF JERUSALEM,  
“LET IT BE REBUILT;” AND OF THE TEMPLE,  
“LET ITS FOUNDATIONS BE LAID.”

ISAIAH 44:28

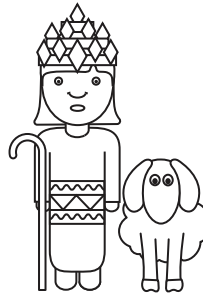
# THE SECOND



WHO SAYS OF CYRUS...  
OF THE TEMPLE,  
"LET ITS FOUNDATIONS  
BE LAID."

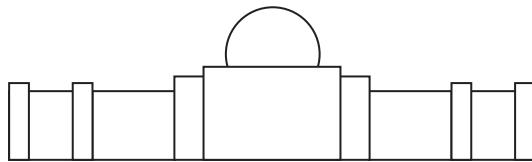
WHO SAYS OF CYRUS,

'HE IS MY



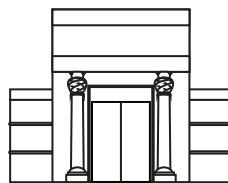
---

AND WILL ACCOMPLISH ALL THAT I PLEASE;  
HE WILL SAY OF



---

"LET IT BE REBUILT,"  
AND OF THE



---

"LET ITS FOUNDATIONS BE LAID."



## KING CYRUS

ACTIVITY 2: LOOK! I FOUND MY NAME! THE LORD, THE GOD OF HEAVEN, HAS GIVEN ME ALL THE KINGDOMS OF THE EARTH, AND HE HAS APPOINTED ME TO BUILD A TEMPLE FOR HIM IN JERUSALEM IN JUDAH.

## MESSENGER

ACTIVITY 9: HE KING SAYS YOU HAVE TO STOP!

## PROPHET

ACTIVITY 10: LET'S GET BACK TO WORK!

## MESSENGER (WITH KING)

ACTIVITY 11: I TOLD THEM TO STOP, YOU TOLD THEM TO STOP, BUT THEY AREN'T LISTENING!

## PROPHET

ACTIVITY 11: 'THE GLORY OF THIS PRESENT HOUSE WILL BE GREATER THAN THE GLORY OF THE FORMER HOUSE,' SAYS THE LORD ALMIGHTY!

## KING DARIUS

ACTIVITY 12: (TO THE MESSENGER) STOP! THE TEMPLE HAS TO BE BUILT!

## PROPHET

ACTIVITY 12: FROM THIS DAY ON I WILL BLESS YOU.

# SIGN

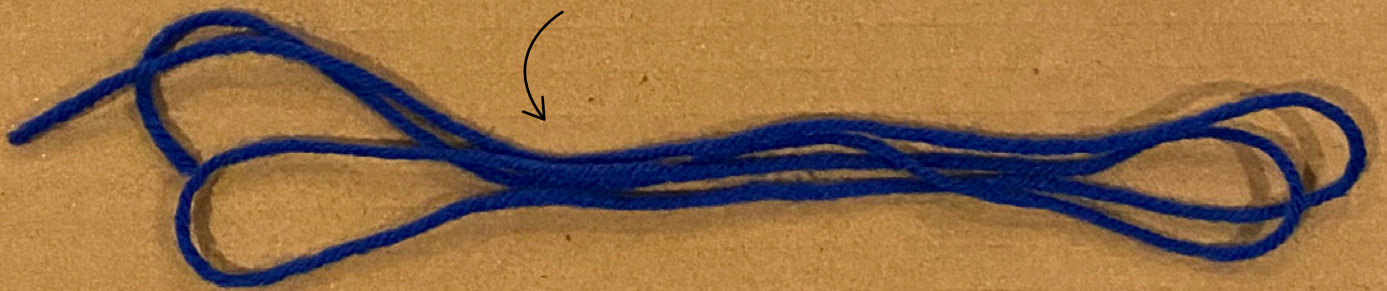
PRINT & CUT OUT

HOLE PUNCH

HOLE PUNCH

PROPHET

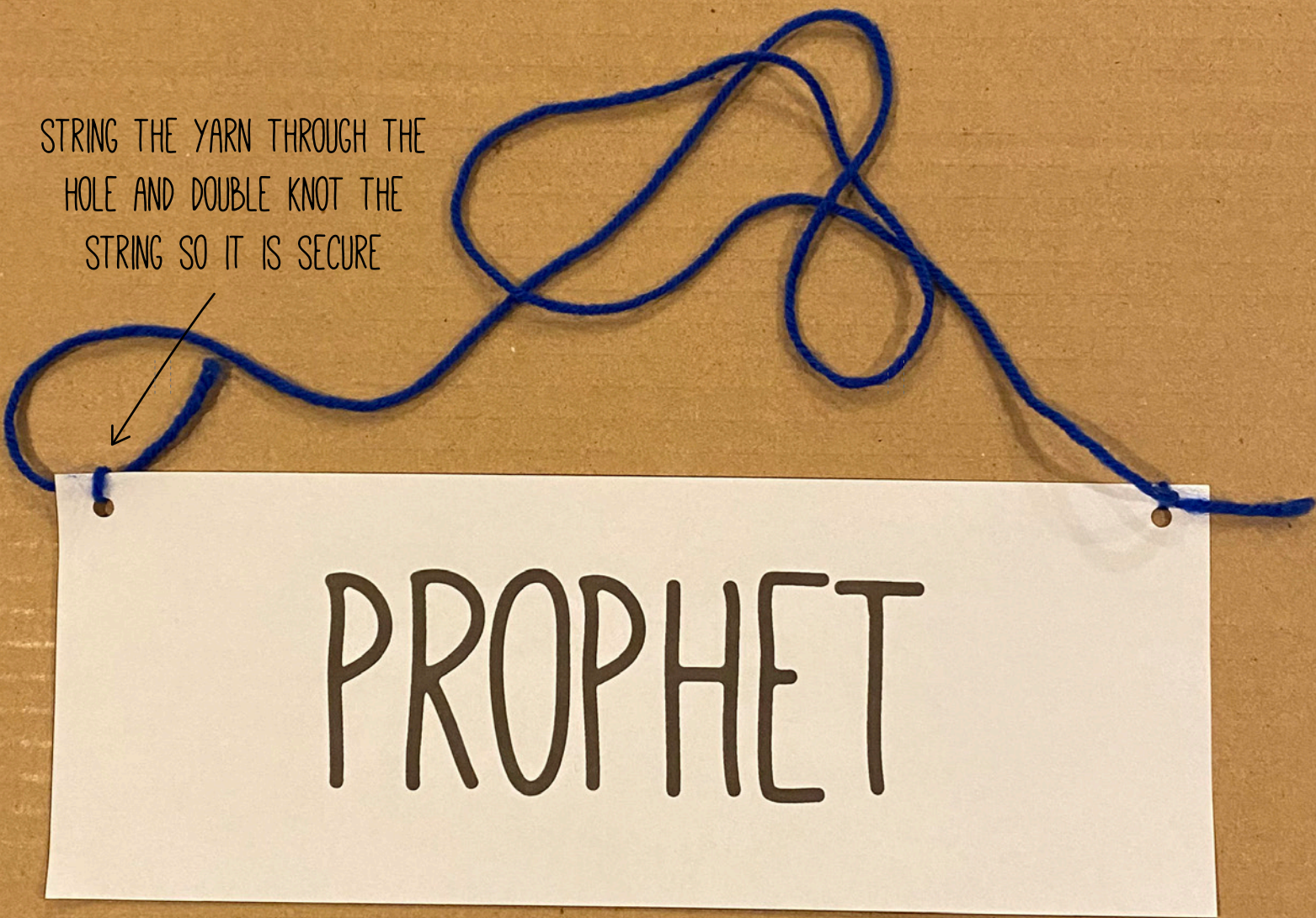
36" YARN



DO THE SAME STEPS TO THE OTHER TWO SIGNS

# SIGN

STRING THE YARN THROUGH THE  
HOLE AND DOUBLE KNOT THE  
STRING SO IT IS SECURE



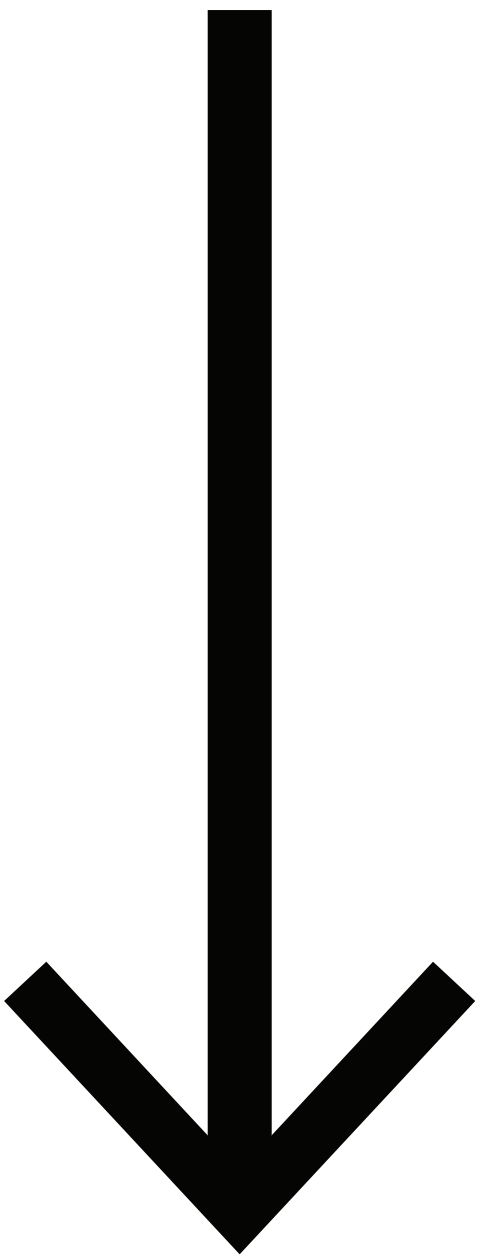
DO THE SAME STEPS TO THE OTHER TWO SIGNS

MESSENGER

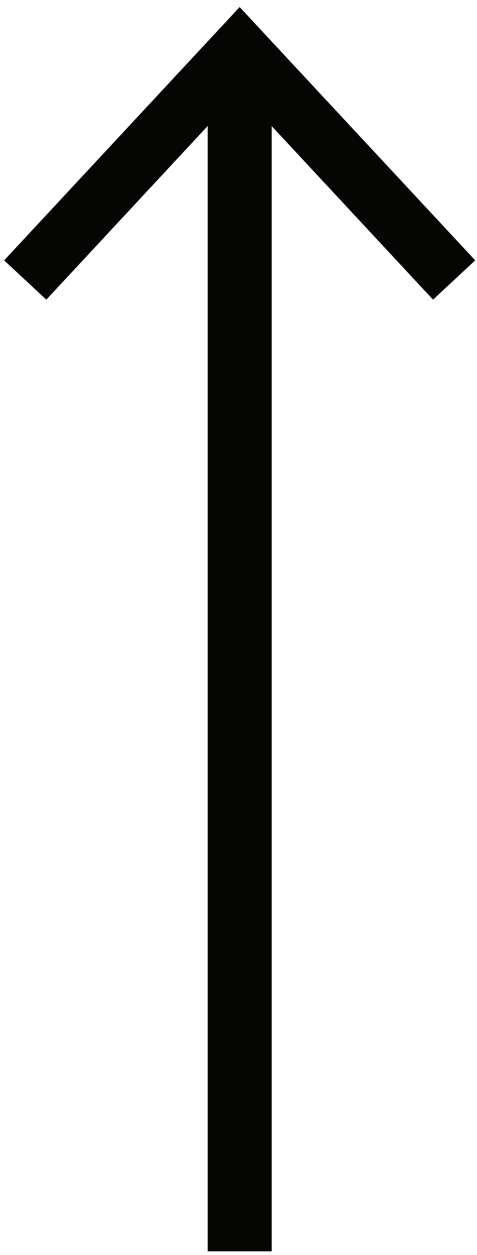
PROPHET

KING

JERUSALEM



JERUSALEM



PERSA



JERUSALEM

# GRAHAM CRACKER BRONZE ATLER

Break two graham crackers in half and use 3 of the halves per alter. Use or create red food coloring, about 1 Tbl per alter and use three animal crackers for the offering.



3 1/2 GRAHAM CRACKERS

3 ANIMAL CRACKERS

1 TBL RED FOOD COLORING



1. PLACE RED FROSTING ON TOP OF THE FIRST CRACKER



2. PLACE THE SECOND GRAHAM CRACKER ON TOP OF THE FIRST, THEN PUT RED FROSTING ON THE TOP OF THE SECOND CRACKER



3. PLACE THE THIRD GRAHAM CRACKER ON TOP OF THE SECOND, THEN PUT RED FROSTING ON THE TOP OF THE THIRD CRACKER

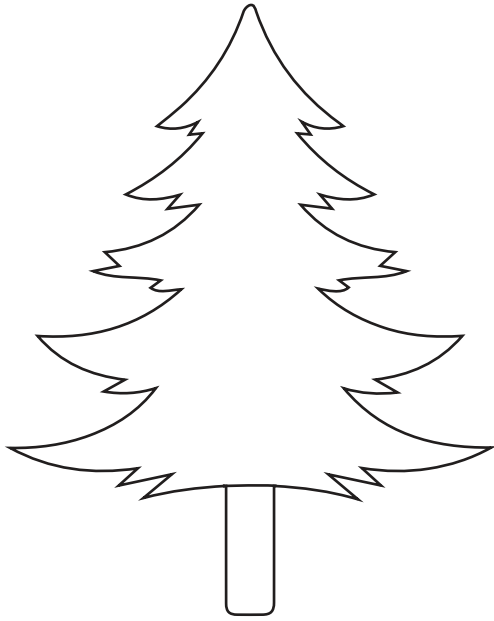
# GRAHAM CRACKER BRONZE ATLER

Add the three animal crackers on top of the alter.



# THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL, SIDON & TYRE TRADED

THE PEOPLE OF SIDON & TYRE TRADED TREES



CEDAR TREES

THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL TRADED FOOD & WINE

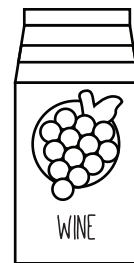
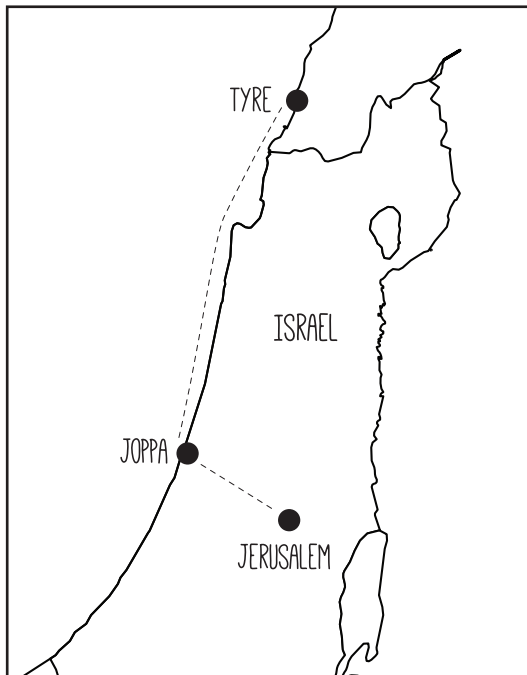


WHEAT



BARLEY

THE LOGS FLOATED FROM TYRE TO JOPPA  
THEN WERE MOVED TO JERUSALEM



WINE



OLIVE OIL

# GRAHAM CRACKER TEMPLE

Break one graham cracker in half and use 1 half and three whole graham crackers. Use 1 Tbl white food coloring and 1 tsp gold sprinkles.



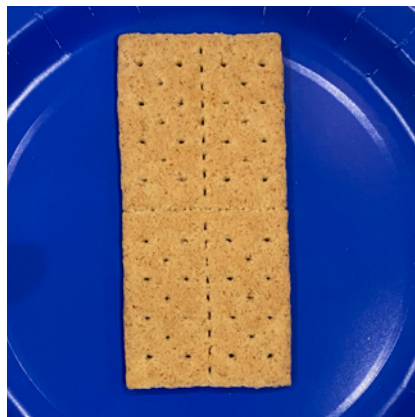
3 WHOLE & 1 1/2 GRAHAM CRACKERS

1 TSP GOLD SPRINKLES

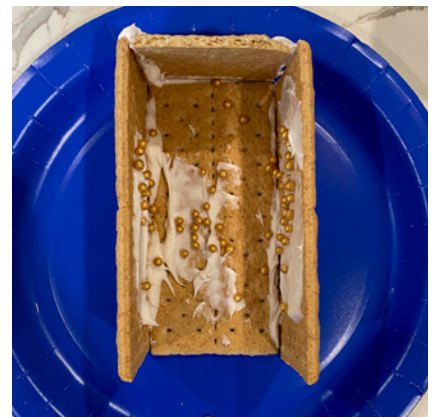
1 TBL WHITE FOOD COLORING



1. SPREAD A SMALL AMOUNT OF FROSTING ON THE PLATE.



2. PLACE THE FIRST GRAHAM CRACKER ON TOP OF THE FROSTING.



3. PUT FROSTING ON THE EDGES OF THE OTHER GRAHAM CRACKERS AND ASSEMBLE AROUND THE FOUNDATION. ADD FROSTING TO THE INSIDE AND PLACE THE GOLD SPRINKLES ON THEM.

HE WILL SAY OF JERUSALEM,  
"LET IT BE REBUILT," AND OF THE TEMPLE,  
"LET ITS FOUNDATIONS BE LAID."

ISAIAH 44:28

HE WILL SAY OF JERUSALEM,  
"LET IT BE REBUILT," AND OF THE TEMPLE,  
"LET ITS FOUNDATIONS BE LAID."

ISAIAH 44:28

HE WILL SAY OF JERUSALEM,  
"LET IT BE REBUILT," AND OF THE TEMPLE,  
"LET ITS FOUNDATIONS BE LAID."

ISAIAH 44:28

HE WILL SAY OF JERUSALEM,  
"LET IT BE REBUILT," AND OF THE TEMPLE,  
"LET ITS FOUNDATIONS BE LAID."

ISAIAH 44:28