

DAY 1

THE TEMPLE

KING CYRUS

FOCUS

God talked about what King Cyrus would do, before he did it!

MATERIALS

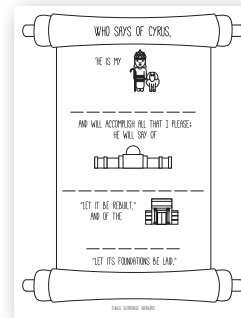
Scroll coloring page (1 per child)
Crayons

ACTIVITY

PROPHECY

TALK: We learned that the first temple had been destroyed! Then King Cyrus of Persia found a prophecy with his name on it! The prophecy said that Cyrus would help rebuild the temple!

ACTIVITY: Today let's read Isaiah 44:28 and fill in the missing letters to the scroll!



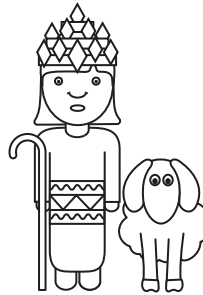
CORRESPONDING VERSE

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."

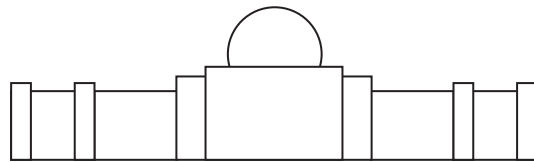
ISAIAH 44:28

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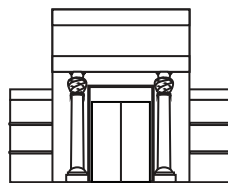
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AND WILL ACCOMPLISH ALL THAT I PLEASE;
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"LET IT BE REBUILT,"
AND OF THE



"LET ITS FOUNDATIONS BE LAID."

DAY 2

THE TEMPLE

PACKING UP

FOCUS

The Israelites got gold, silver, goods, animals and free will offerings to bring back to Jerusalem with them!

MATERIALS

Something gold/yellow

Something silver/gray

Something from the kitchen

A toy animal

ACTIVITY

GIFTS

TALK: King Cyrus told the Israelites they could go back home! Before they left, all their neighbors gave them gold, silver, goods, animals and free will offerings!

ACTIVITY: Today let's read Ezra 1:5-6 and find something gold (or yellow), silver (or gray), something from the kitchen, and a toy animal. Things the Israelites would have taken with them to Jerusalem!

CORRESPONDING VERSE

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

DAY 3

THE TEMPLE

WHAT WAS TAKEN

FOCUS

The Israelites got everything back!

MATERIALS

First Temple—What Was Taken coloring page (1 per child)

Crayons

ACTIVITY

GET BACK

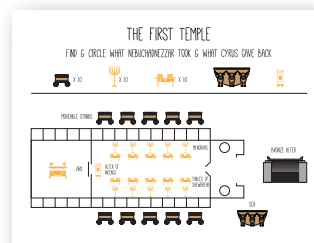
TALK: Not only did the Israelites get things from their neighbors to go back home, but King Cyrus also gave them everything King Nebuchadnezzar had taken from the temple!

ACTIVITY: Today let's read Ezra 1:7 and circle everything that King Nebuchadnezzar had taken, that's what they got to bring back!

CORRESPONDING VERSE

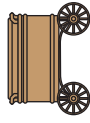



MOREOVER, KING CYRUS BROUGHT OUT THE ARTICLES BELONGING TO THE TEMPLE OF THE LORD, WHICH NEBUCHADNEZZAR HAD CARRIED AWAY FROM JERUSALEM, AND HAD PLACED IN THE TEMPLE OF HIS GOD.

EZRA 1:7

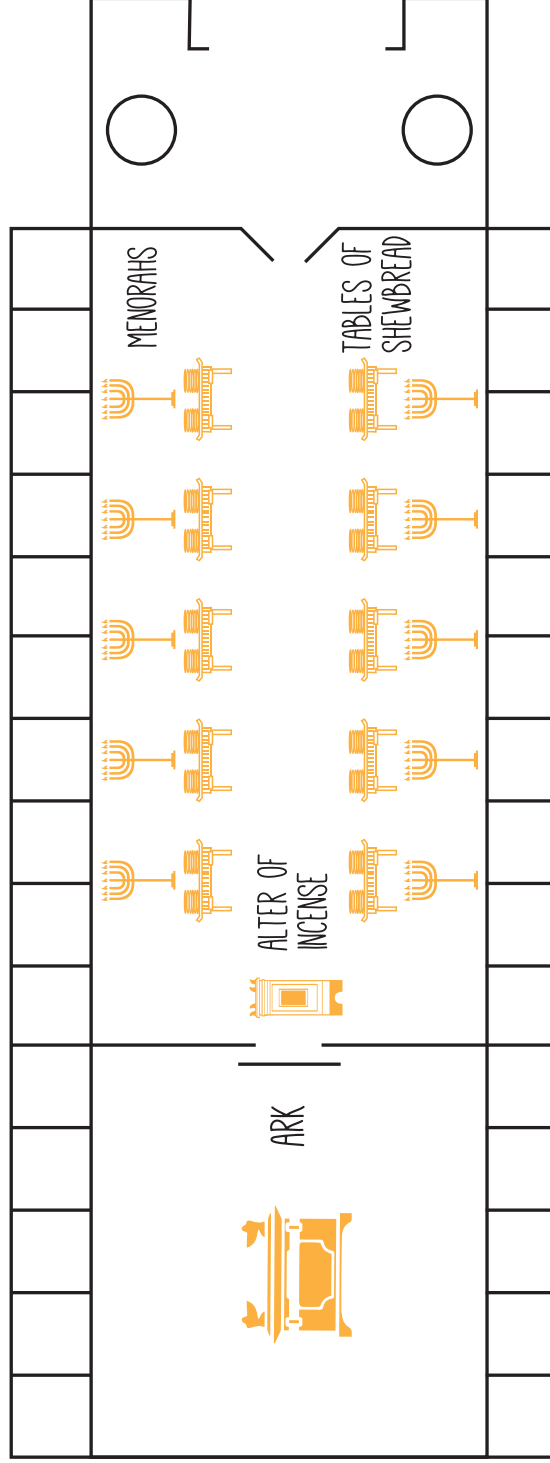
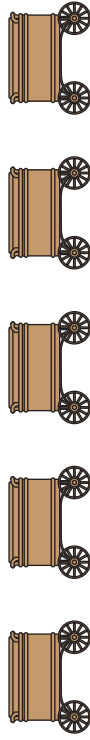


THE FIRST TEMPLE

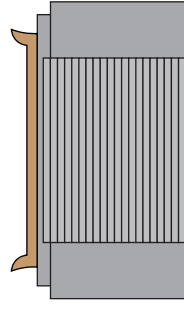
FIND & CIRCLE WHAT NEBUCHADNEZZAR TOOK & WHAT CYRUS GAVE BACK

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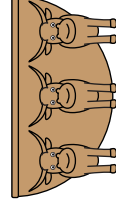
MOVEABLE STANDS



BRONZE ALTER



SEA



DAY 4

THE TEMPLE

READY TO GO

FOCUS

The Israelites brought a lot of animals with them!

MATERIALS

ACTIVITY

CARAVAN

TALK: The Israelites were ready to go! There were 42,360 Israelites, plus some other people too! That's a lot! They even had 736 horses, 245 mules, 435 camels and 6,720 donkeys! They had lots of animals!

ACTIVITY: Today let's read Ezra 2:64-66 and ask your Tiny Arrows what they could have used all those animals for! To ride on and carry all their stuff!

CORRESPONDING VERSE

THE WHOLE COMPANY NUMBERED 42,360, BESIDES THEIR 7,337 MALE AND FEMALE SLAVES; AND THEY ALSO HAD 200 MALE AND FEMALE SINGERS. THEY HAD 736 HORSES, 245 MULES, 435 CAMELS AND 6,720 DONKEYS.

EZRA 2:64-66

DAY 5

THE TEMPLE

TRAVEL

FOCUS

The Israelites arrived in Jerusalem!

MATERIALS

Pasargadae to Jerusalem coloring page (1 per child)

Crayons

ACTIVITY

A LONG WAYS

TALK:

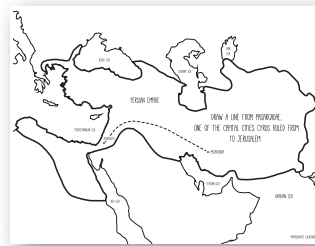
The Israelites traveled from places like Pasargadae to Jerusalem!

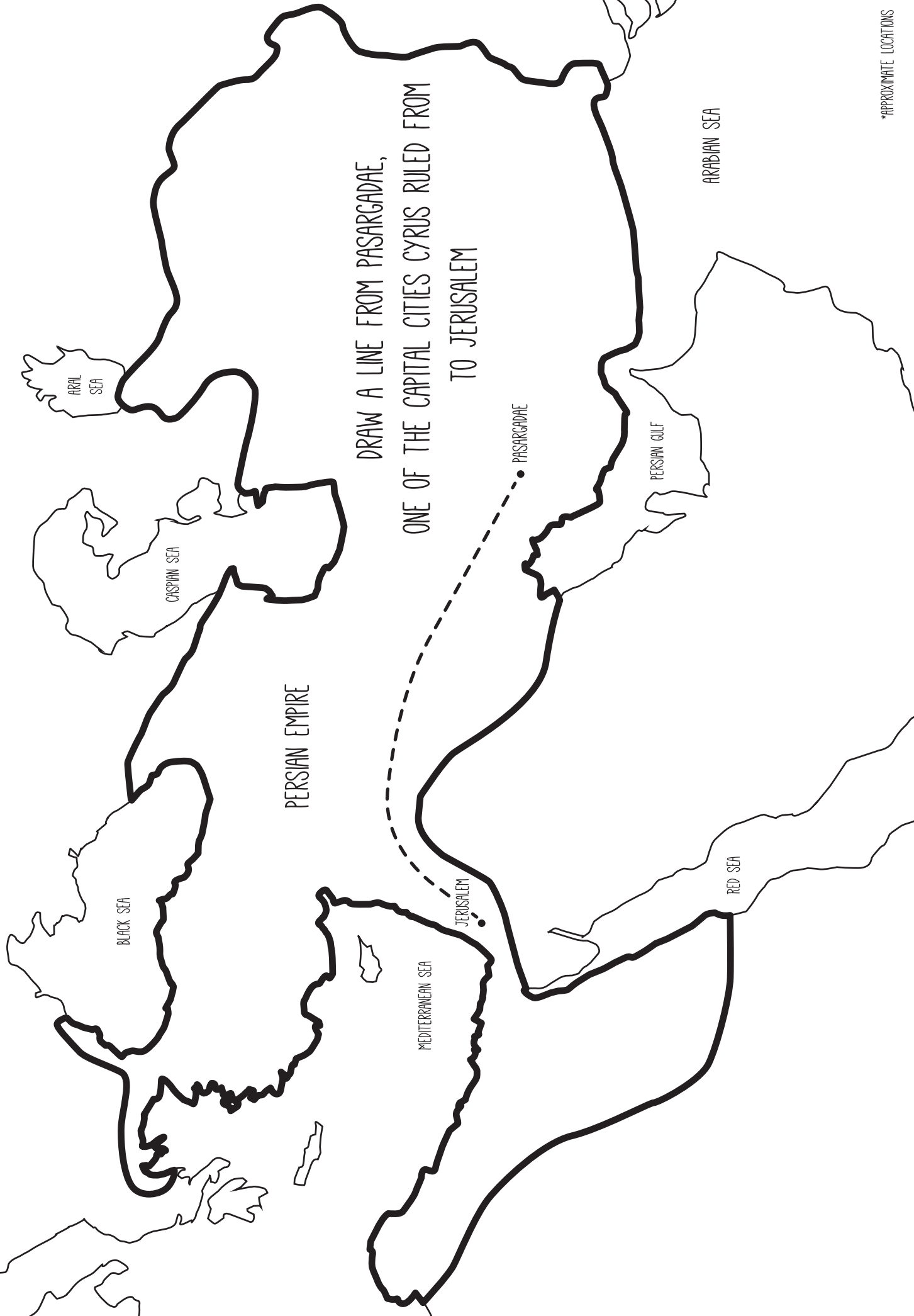
ACTIVITY: Today let's read Ezra 2:68 and draw a line from Pasargadae to Jerusalem!

CORRESPONDING VERSE

WHEN THEY ARRIVED AT THE HOUSE OF THE LORD IN JERUSALEM.

EZRA 2:68





DRAW A LINE FROM PASARGADAE,
ONE OF THE CAPITAL CITIES CYRUS RULED FROM
TO JERUSALEM

*APPROXIMATE LOCATIONS

DAY 6

THE TEMPLE

ALTER

FOCUS

The first thing the Israelites built was the alter of burnt offerings!

MATERIALS

Alter of Burnt Offerings coloring page (1 per child)
Crayons, scissors and glue/tape

ACTIVITY

SACRIFICE

TALK: The Israelites arrived in Jerusalem and the first thing they built was the alter of burnt offerings! Then they offered sacrifices on it!

ACTIVITY: Today let's read Ezra 3:2 and 3:6 and color and assemble the alter, then place the offerings on top!



CORRESPONDING VERSE

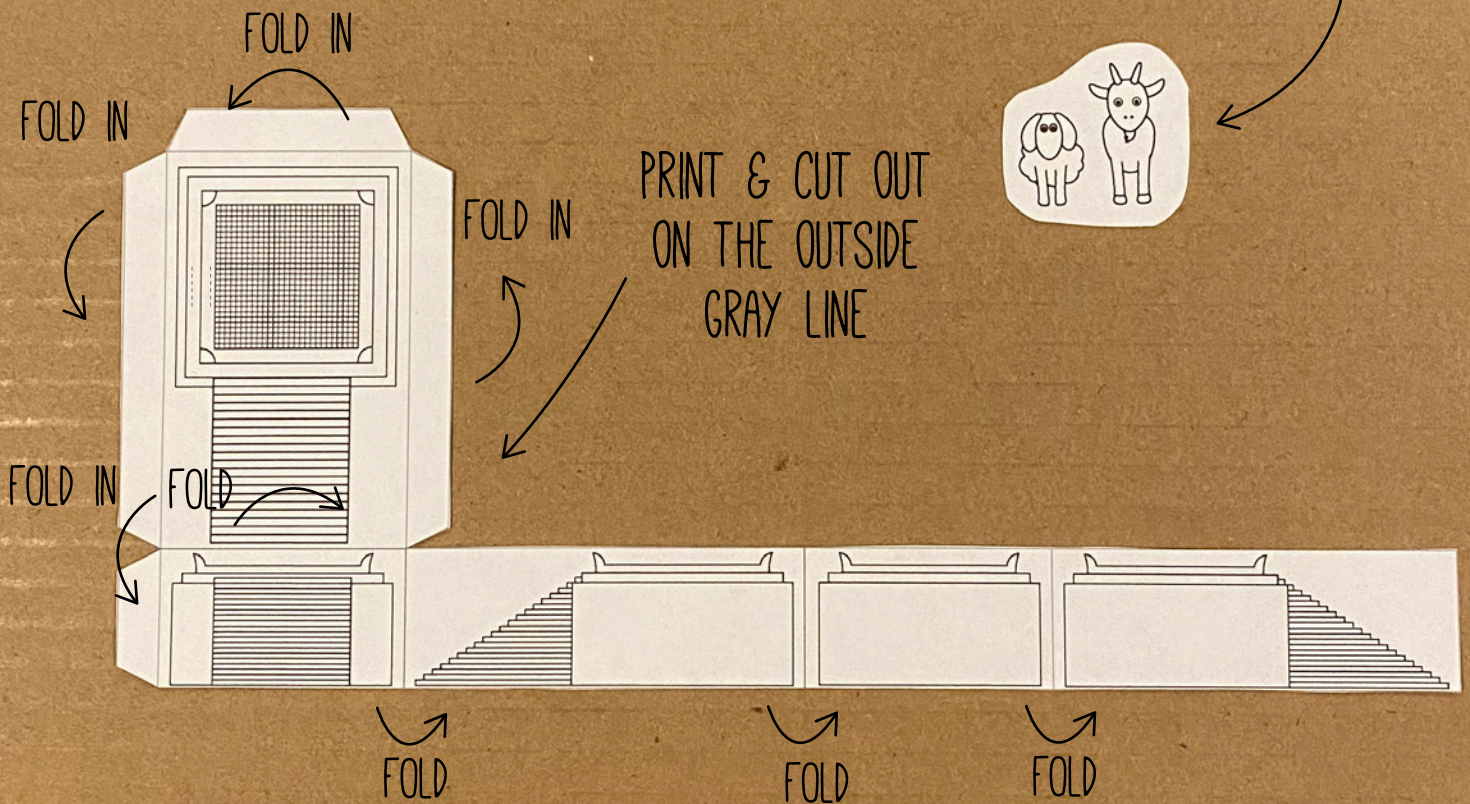
THEN JOSHUA SON OF JOZADAK AND HIS FELLOW PRIESTS AND ZERUBBABEL SON OF SHEALTIEL AND HIS ASSOCIATES BEGAN TO BUILD THE ALTAR OF THE GOD OF ISRAEL TO SACRIFICE BURNT OFFERINGS ON IT.

EZRA 3:2

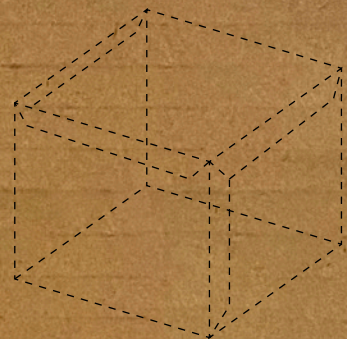
ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE SEVENTH MONTH THEY BEGAN TO OFFER BURNT OFFERINGS TO THE LORD, THOUGH THE FOUNDATION OF THE LORD'S TEMPLE HAD NOT YET BEEN LAID.

EZRA 3:6

BRONZE ALTER



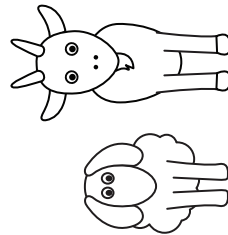
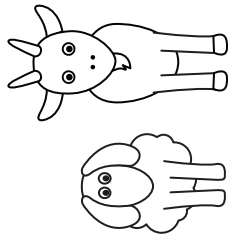
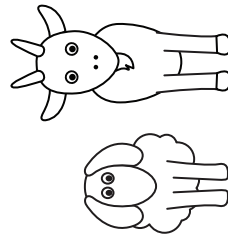
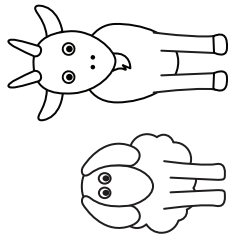
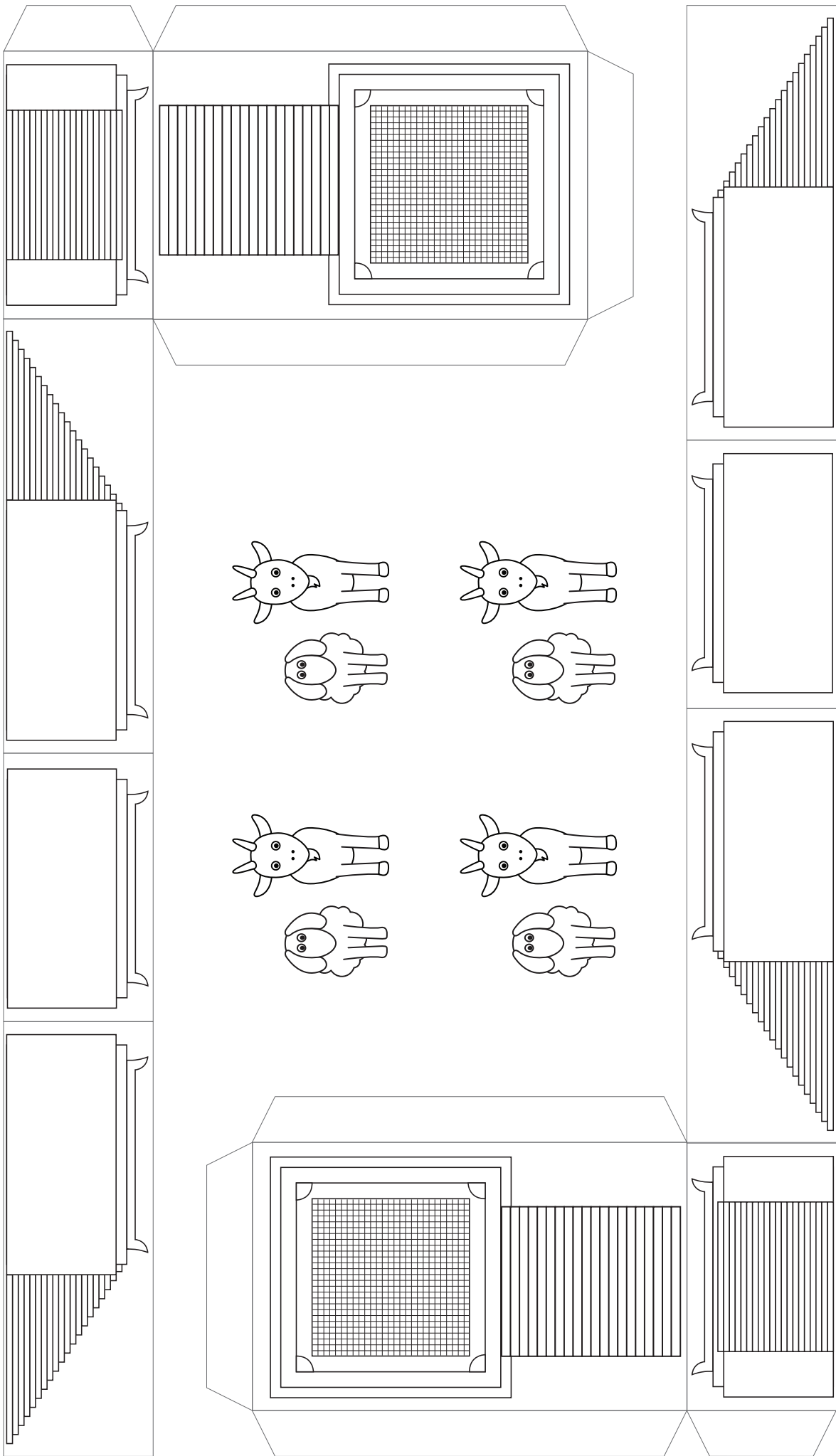
FOLD TO FORM A BOX & GLUE THE FLAPS
ONTO THE EDGES TO FORM A BOX



BRONZE ALTER

PLACE THE OFFERINGS ON
THE ALTER FOR ACTIVITY 7





DAY 7

THE TEMPLE

TRADE

FOCUS

The Israelites traded food and drink for wood to build the temple!

MATERIALS

The People Traded coloring page (1 per child)
Crayons

ACTIVITY

WOOD FOR FOOD & DRINK

TALK: The Israelites traded with the people from Tyre! They got wood to build the temple and the Israelites gave them food and drinks!

ACTIVITY: Today let's read Ezra 3:7 and draw a line from what was traded and trace the route the logs took from Tyre to Jerusalem!



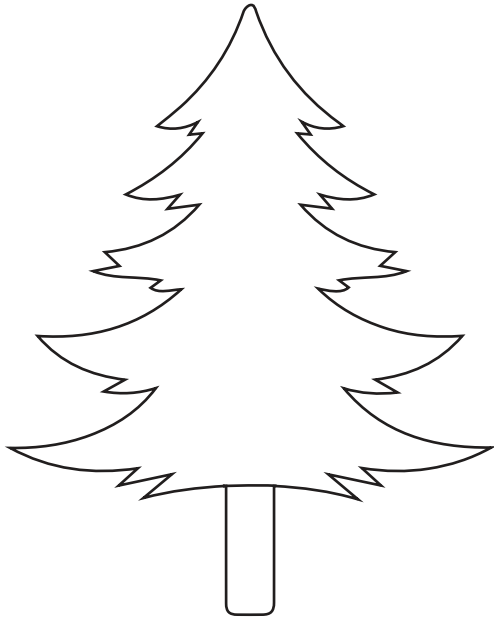
CORRESPONDING VERSE

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

THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL, SIDON & TYRE TRADED

THE PEOPLE OF SIDON & TYRE TRADED TREES



CEDAR TREES

THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL TRADED FOOD & WINE

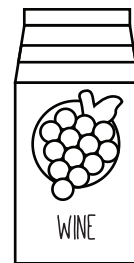
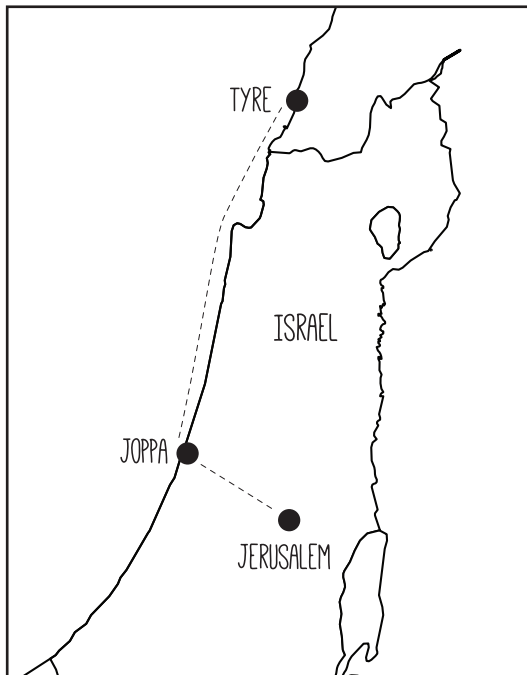


WHEAT



BARLEY

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



WINE



OLIVE OIL

DAY 8

THE TEMPLE

FOUNDATION

FOCUS

The Israelites laid the foundation of the temple!

MATERIALS

Crayons and blank paper or chalk

ACTIVITY

JOY!

TALK: After they got all the materials the Israelites started building the foundation of the temple! After it was built they shouted for joy!

ACTIVITY: Today let's read Ezra 3:11 and draw a rectangle on a piece of paper or out of chalk on the concrete!

CORRESPONDING VERSE

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

DAY 9

THE TEMPLE

TEMPLE BUILT

FOCUS

The Israelites laid the foundation of the temple!

MATERIALS

Space to run

ACTIVITY

STOP! GO!

TALK: The foundation was laid; and now they needed to finish the rest! But the people nearby kept stopping them! Finally, years later, they finished!

ACTIVITY: Today let's read Ezra 4:24, 5:2, 5:17, Haggai 2:9, Ezra 6:6, Haggai 2:19, Ezra 6:14 and 6:16. Before you begin have your Tiny Arrow stand away from you (to play something similar to red light green light). Then after you read it, tell them to Stop or Go!

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 **STOP!**

Set to work to rebuild the house of God in Jerusalem. And the prophets of God were with them, supporting them. Ezra 5:2 **GO!**

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 **STOP!**

“The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,” says the Lord Almighty Haggai 2:9 **GO!**

Do not interfere with the work on this temple of God. Ezra 6:6 **GO!**

“From this day on I will bless you.” Haggai 2:19 **GO!**

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 **FINISH!**

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 **SHOUT FOR JOY!**