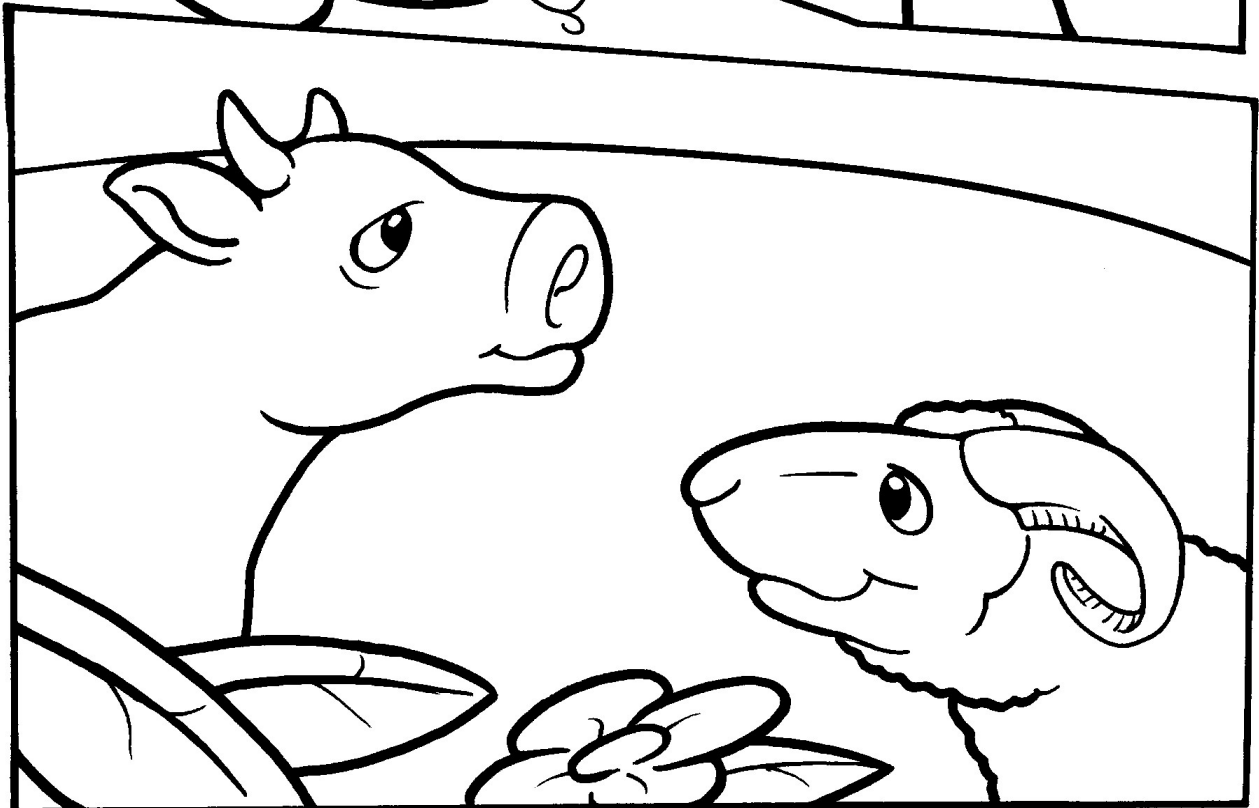


Story Time - Read the story to the children
Lesson 114: HEZEKIAH RESTORES TEMPLE WORSHIP
2 CHRONICLES 29:20-36

King Hezekiah gathered the city officials and went up to the Temple of the LORD early the next morning. They brought seven bulls, seven rams, seven lambs, and seven young male goats. These animals were for a sin offering for the kingdom of Judah, for the Holy Place to make it clean, and for the people of Judah. King Hezekiah commanded the priests who were descendants of Aaron to offer these animals on the LORD'S altar. So the priests killed the bulls and kept the blood. Then they sprinkled the bulls' blood on the altar. Then they killed the rams and sprinkled the rams' blood on the altar. Then they killed the lambs and sprinkled the lambs' blood on the altar. Then the priests brought the male goats in front of the king, and the people gathered together. The goats were the sin offering. The priests put their hands on the goats and killed the goats. They made a sin offering with the goats' blood on the altar. They did this so that God would forgive the sins of the Israelites. The king said that the burnt offering and the sin offering should be made for all the Israelites. King Hezekiah put the Levites in the LORD'S Temple with cymbals, harps, and lyres (which are like smaller harps) as David, Gad, the king's seer, and the prophet Nathan had commanded. This command came from the LORD through his prophets. So the Levites stood ready with David's instruments of music, and the priests stood ready with their trumpets. Then Hezekiah gave the order to sacrifice the burnt offering on the altar. When the burnt offering began, singing to the LORD also began. The trumpets were blown, and the instruments of David king of Israel were played. All the assembly bowed down, the musicians sang, and the trumpet players blew their trumpets until the burnt offering was finished. After the sacrifices were finished, King Hezekiah and all the people with him bowed down and worshiped. King Hezekiah and his officials ordered the Levites to give praise to the LORD. They sang songs that David and Asaph the seer had written. They praised God and became happy. They all bowed and worshiped God. Hezekiah said, "Now you people of Judah have given yourselves to the LORD. Come near and bring sacrifices and thank offerings to the LORD'S Temple." Then the people brought sacrifices and thank offerings. Anyone who wanted to, also brought burnt offerings. This is how many burnt offerings the assembly brought to the Temple: 70 bulls, 100 rams, and 200 lambs. All these animals were sacrificed as burnt offerings to the LORD. There

were also 600 bulls and 3000 sheep and goats that were sacrificed as holy offerings. But there were not enough priests to skin and cut up all the animals for the burnt offerings. So their relatives, the Levites, helped them until the work was finished and until other priests could make themselves ready for holy service. The Levites had been more serious than the priests about making themselves ready to serve. There were many burnt offerings, and the fat of fellowship offerings, and drink offerings. So the service in the LORD'S Temple began again. Hezekiah and the people were very happy about the things God prepared for his people. And they were happy he did it so quickly!

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(2 CHRONICLES 29:20-36)



"And Hezekiah commanded to offer the burnt offering upon the altar. And when the burnt offering began, the song of the LORD began *also* with the trumpets, and with the instruments *ordained* by David king of Israel." **2 CHRONICLES 29:27**

"And the consecrated things *were* six hundred oxen and three thousand sheep."
2 CHRONICLES 29:33

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2 CHRONICLES 29:20-36

MEMORY VERSE:

"And when they had finished offering, the king and all who were present with him bowed and worshiped." **2 CHRONICLES 29:29**

TRUE OR FALSE

1. King Hezekiah gathered the city officials and went up to the Temple early in the morning. TRUE or FALSE
2. King Hezekiah commanded the priests who were the descendants of Aaron to offer animals as sin offering on the altar. TRUE or FALSE
3. Then he put the Levites in the house of the LORD with broken instruments. TRUE or FALSE
4. The Levites stood in the Temple with the instruments of King David and with the trumpets. TRUE or FALSE
5. Hezekiah commanded them to offer the burnt offerings on the altar, and when the burnt offering began, the people began crying. TRUE or FALSE

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

1. When the priests had finished the offering, what did the king and all who were there with him do? Did they bow down and worship too?
2. Did King Hezekiah and the leaders command the Levites to sing praises to the LORD with the words of David and Asaph the seer? Did they do it?
3. When the people were singing praises and bowing down and worshiping the LORD, did they become sad, or did they become happy?
4. Do you become happy when you get to sing praises and worship the LORD?
5. Were the people glad that God had prepared the temple? Were they glad that He did it so quickly?

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Lesson 114 Optional Craft

Memory Verse Puzzler

You will need the “puzzler” template for this. Make enough copies for each child in your class. You will also need construction paper, glue sticks, scissors, and markers.

Have the children cut out the puzzle and glue it onto a sheet of construction paper. Use the memory verse and write one word in each puzzle piece (some can remain blank). For younger children, you can fill in the words on the puzzle pieces prior to copying your template.

Next allow the children to cut out the puzzle pieces. After they are cut out, they can mix them up and put them back together again in order of the verse.

Note: As an option for younger children, you can just draw a picture of a temple to go with your story in addition to or instead of the memory verse. It would be easier for young children to put together a picture instead of words.

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of commitment to worship the Lord with a pure, undivided heart. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the Gospel, give them opportunity.

