

Story Time - Read the story to the children
Lesson 122: COMPLETION & DEDICATION OF THE TEMPLE
EZRA 6:13-22

A man named Tattenai, who was the governor of the area on the west side of the Euphrates River, and another man named Shethar-Bozenai, and the men with them obeyed King Darius' order to let the Jews rebuild the Temple. They obeyed the order quickly and completely. So the Jewish leaders continued to build. They were encouraged by the preaching of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo, so they had great success. They finished building the Temple as the God of Israel had commanded them, and as Cyrus, Darius, and Artaxerxes, the king of Persia, had ordered. The Temple was finished on the third day of the month of Adar. That was in the sixth year that King Darius was king of Persia. Then the Israelites celebrated the dedication of God's Temple with much happiness. The priests, the Levites, and all the other people who came back from captivity joined them in the celebration. This is the way they dedicated God's Temple: They offered 100 bulls, 200 rams, and 400 male lambs. And they offered twelve male goats for all of Israel as a sin offering. That is one goat for each of the twelve tribes of Israel. Then they chose the priests in their groups and the Levites in their groups to serve in God's Temple in Jerusalem. They did these things as it is written in the Book of Moses. On the fourteenth day of the first month, the Jews who came back from captivity celebrated the Passover. The priests and Levites all made themselves pure. They all made themselves clean and ready to celebrate the Passover. The Levites killed the Passover lamb for all the Jews who came back from captivity. They did that for their brothers the priests, and for themselves. So all the Israelites who came back from captivity ate the Passover meal together. Other people washed themselves and made themselves pure from the unclean things of the people living in that country. These pure people also shared in the Passover meal. They did this so that they could go to the LORD, the God of Israel, for help. They celebrated the Festival of Unleavened Bread with much joy for seven days. The LORD made them very happy because He had changed the mind of the king of Assyria. So the king of Assyria had helped them do the work on God's Temple.

122. COMPLETION & DEDICATION OF THE TEMPLE (EZRA 6:13-22)



“And this house was finished on the third day of the month Adar,
which was in the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king.”

EZRA 6:15

122. COMPLETION & DEDICATION OF THE TEMPLE

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MEMORY VERSE:

"Then the children of Israel, the priests and the Levites and the rest of the descendants of the captivity, celebrated the dedication of this house of God with joy." EZRA 6:16

TRUE OR FALSE

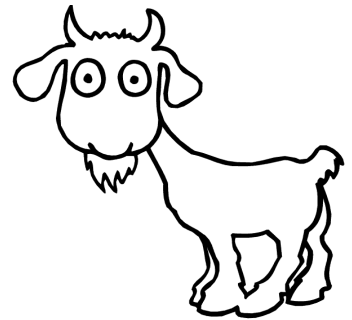
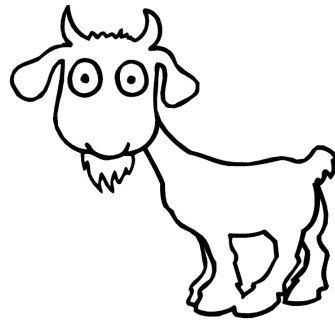
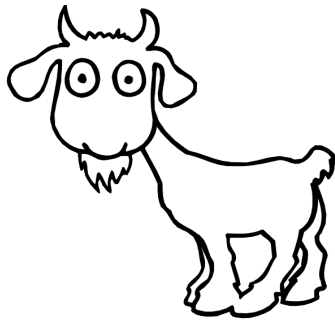
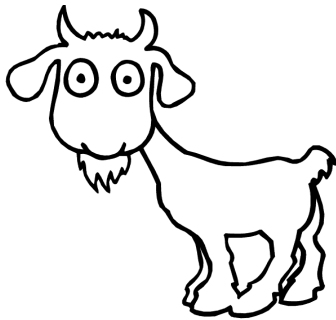
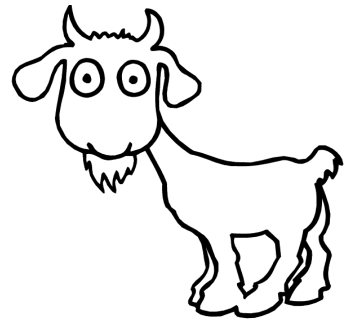
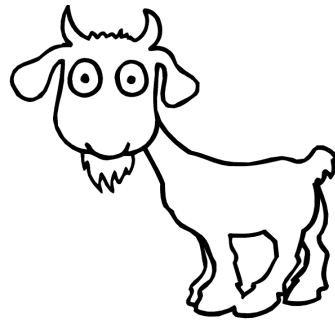
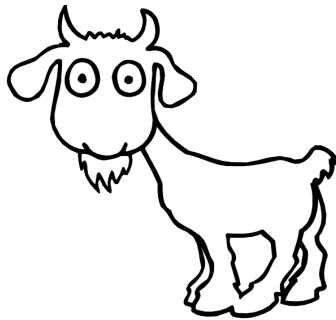
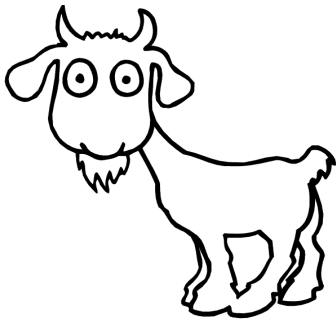
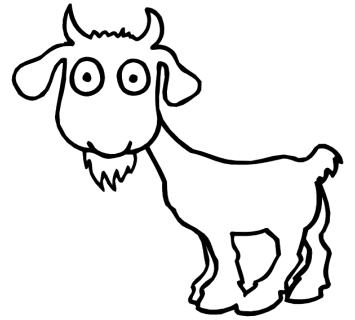
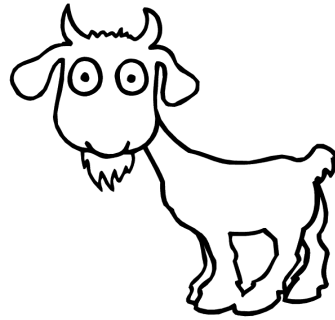
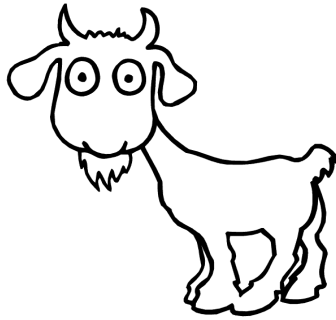
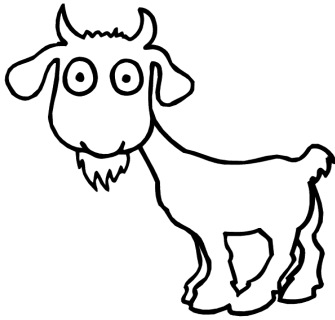
1. So the Jewish leaders continued to build. They were encouraged by the preaching of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo, so they had great success. TRUE or FALSE
2. The Jewish leaders did not finish building the Temple. TRUE or FALSE
3. The Temple was not finished during the sixth year that Darius was king of Persia. TRUE or FALSE
4. The children of Israel, the priests and Levites and the rest of the descendants of the people who came back from captivity, celebrated the dedication of the Temple with great joy. TRUE or FALSE
5. They offered sacrifices at the dedication of the Temple of God. TRUE or FALSE

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

1. How many goats did they sacrifice?
2. Why did they sacrifice 12 goats?
3. Did they all celebrate the Passover together?
4. Did they sacrifice a lot of animals at the dedication of the Temple?
5. Did the priests and Levites all make themselves pure so they could celebrate the Passover?
6. Why did the people all make themselves pure? Was it so that they could go to the God of Israel for help?

Lesson 122

Color each goat a different color – one for each Tribe of Israel.



LESSON 122 CRAFT

God's House

For this activity, you will need a sheet of paper and markers. Have the children draw a church building. It might be a traditional looking building or another kind of building as many churches now meet in various places.

Today, we are the temple of the Holy Spirit. But, we still gather in buildings as His people did in the Old Testament times. Have the children think of ways that they can serve the Lord by taking care of the building that He has given them. Have the children list ways they can help take care of the church building God has allowed them to meet in.

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of thanksgiving that when we ask for forgiveness, the Lord will forgive us and restore us to fellowship with Him. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the Gospel, give them opportunity.