



At-A-Glance: Ages 4-5
Kings & Kingdoms Part 2: Judges - Esther
Unit 9, Lesson 45

Ezra Teaches God's People

Lesson Aim: To love learning about God.

THE WELCOME TREASURE CHEST

WHISPER VERSE AND SIGN LANGUAGE: "Listen and learn."

THE WORSHIP THE KING WHO BUILDS HIS KINGDOM

Sing Bible Memory Verse and other related songs.

It's Praise Time—that means it's time to praise God together. We praise Him as the King who builds His kingdom. One way God builds His kingdom is by giving us teachers who tell us Bible stories. When we listen and learn about God, we want to praise Him all day long!
Sing: "Guide Me."

The Bible teaches us that one way to praise God is by giving our offering. If you brought a money offering, let's give that to God now. Collect the offering and sing: "This Is the Day."

OFFERING: Collect the offering.

Where do we find the stories about God and His people? (The Bible.) Who teaches you the Bible stories? (Teachers, family, friends, pastors, etc.) In today's Bible story, we will learn about a great Bible teacher named Ezra. He helped the people listen and learn about God. That reminds me of today's Whisper Verse: "Listen and learn." Let's whisper that together. Review the Whisper Verse together: "Listen and learn." Include sign language.

WORSHIP ILLUSTRATION: *The Adventures of Delbert & Lello* puppet script or storybook

We can listen and learn something new about God every day. Sing: "I Will Listen."

The Bible says we are blessed when we listen and obey the Word of God. Let's sing our Bible Memory Verse Song about that. Sing: "Blessed Are Those."

THE WORD EZRA TAUGHT GOD'S PEOPLE CLASSROOM PROMISE

Last time, we learned King Josiah obeyed God. Today, we will hear how God helped Ezra teach the people about God. Handle Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to Ezra 7:6.

WATCH THE WORD: EZRA 7:6, 8-10

Read poem. Display visual.

- Ezra loved to learn about God.
- The king of Persia knew
- That Ezra was a great teacher,
- Of God's rules and Bible stories, too.

- The king sent Ezra to Jerusalem
- To teach God's people to obey.
- They listened and learned about the Bible,
- So they could do things God's way.

What was the teacher's name? (Ezra.) Let's find our answer in the Bible. Read Ezra 7:6 from the teacher's Bible.

What can we do when our teachers tell us about God? ("Listen and learn.") That's our Whisper Verse! Let's say it together. Include sign language or hand motions.

THE WAY LEARNING ABOUT GOD

CRAFT: God's Word in My Heart

GAMES: Learn God's Word, Teach God's Word

SNACK: Teacher's Treat

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

- COMPLETED CRAFT
- PONDER, PRAY & PLAY
- COLOR THIS STORY

GOT TIME?

SAY & DO: Ezra 7:6. 8-10

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Building the Verse, Listen and Obey
STORY TIME