



At-A-Glance: Ages 6-7  
Prophets & Promises Part 2: Elijah - Malachi  
Unit 9, Lesson 46

## 46 Haggai and the Temple

Lesson Aim: To know the Holy Spirit will help us put God first and make good choices.

### THE WELCOME

**MEET & GREET:** What do you like to build?

**GAME:** Temple Builders

### THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO IS LORD OF ALL

Read Worship Scripture: Zechariah 4:6.

Sing songs and worship God. Bless and collect the offering.

Perform The Love Sub script or read storybook.

### THE WORD HAGGAI'S MESSAGE ABOUT CHOICES

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: God protected Daniel from the lions.

**Today, we will learn about the prophet Haggai who encouraged the people sent from Babylon to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem. Point to Jerusalem. 70 years after Daniel and the people were taken to Babylon, King Cyrus agreed to allow Zerubbabel, the governor of Judah, to return to Jerusalem with many people to rebuild God's temple. But, after 16 years, the temple was still not completed. God sent the prophets Haggai and Zechariah to encourage them to put God first and finish the temple. Point to Haggai and Zechariah (Circa 530 B.C.). Let's focus on Haggai's warning, choice, and promise from God to the people. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Haggai 1:7-9; 2:4, 9, 23. Pray. Read.**

### THE WAY MAKING GOOD CHOICES

**Why did God send Haggai to the people who had stopped rebuilding God's temple? They were choosing to do things they wanted to do instead of what God wanted. What did you think it means to "give careful thought to your ways"? Sometimes we do things without thinking about the choices we are making. Some people do things because others are doing it. Sometimes we focus our thoughts and actions on doing what we want to do without taking the time to think about how God wants us to spend our time. Have you ever forgotten to think carefully about a choice you were making?**

**God always gives us a choice. The people of Jerusalem had to choose between giving up or being strong and doing the work. They had to choose between focusing on themselves or God. God told Haggai to tell the people that He was with them to strengthen them. The prophet Zechariah told the people their strength to make right choices would come not by might, nor by power, but by His Spirit. Who do you think gave the people strength to finish the temple? (God's Spirit.) His Spirit will help you be strong and make good choices, too. Before making a choice, be sure to stop and ask yourself, "Will this please God? Will this point others to Jesus?"**

**The people who remembered how great the old temple was may have worried they could not rebuild it to be as good as the first. What was God's promise? (The new temple will be more glorious than the one before and they will worship in peace.)**

**In those days, the king would use His signet ring as a seal of his royal approval. A letter with the seal from the king's signet ring meant the king approved of the letter. To be called God's signet ring meant God approved of Zerubbabel. How do you think Zerubbabel felt to know God had chosen him and approved of him? How do you think God feels about people who help build His kingdom and love His Son Jesus? (They are chosen and approved by God.)**

### **CHRIST CONNECTION:**

**God sent Haggai and Zechariah to encourage the people to make good choices. Over 500 years later, Paul prayed for the people to make good choices. He knew wonderful things happen when we make choices that please God. Reveal Colossians 1:10-14. Read. Do you think the choices we make are important to God? (Yes.) What are some examples of choices you make that are important to God?**

**THE GOLDEN BOWL:** Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

### **FINAL FIVE MINUTES:**

- TREASURE TREAT: King's Seal
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: Zerubbabel and the people rebuilding the temple
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

### **GOT TIME?**

**SNACK:** Tasty Temple

**GAME:** What's the Right Choice?

**CRAFT:** Choose God First

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES:** Praise Tag, Four Praise Corners

**BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW**