



Grades 2-3 • Unit 12 • Lesson 113

# Zerubbabel Returns to Israel

Ezra 1:1-3, 1:5-6, 2:64-65, 6:16-17

Find the hidden answer in each block. Start at the circled letter then draw a line to connect the correct letters (up, down, right, left, or diagonal).

1. The people of \_\_\_\_\_ were in Babylon for 70 years.

J	a	b
e	u	d
d	h	a

2. The Lord caused King \_\_\_\_\_ to let the Jews go home.

s	y	C
e	r	d
s	u	a

3. Zerubbabel led the Jews to begin rebuilding the \_\_\_\_\_.

o	e	l
c	e	p
t	r	m

4. Other people in Jerusalem did not want the temple to be \_\_\_\_\_.

a	g	u
t	i	b
l	r	w

5. Under a new \_\_\_\_\_, Darius, the temple was finished 21 years later.

y	e	i
t	k	n
i	g	a

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Memory Verse

Use the letter code to fill in the missing words.  
Then practice the verse out loud.

A: grace T: restore N: strengthen  
O: glory F: suffered L: called

And after you have

\_\_\_\_\_ a little while,  
F

the God of all \_\_\_\_\_, who  
A

has \_\_\_\_\_ you to his  
L

eternal \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ, will  
O

himself \_\_\_\_\_, confirm,  
T

\_\_\_\_\_, and  
N

establish you. **1 Peter 5:10**



## 👂 What You Heard *In the Word*

- God caused King Cyrus of Persia to let the Jews return home. God wanted his people to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem.
- Zerubbabel led the people back to Judah, and they began to rebuild God's house of worship. After 21 years the temple was completed, and the people joyfully praised God for his faithfulness.

## 💬 OutWord *For Family Discussion*

What if your friend is confused about God's sovereignty? He asks, "If God is in control, then why should I be interested in obeying? How will anything I do change God's mind or plans?" **What could you say?**

*That's a great question. God is in control of everything. Not only that, but God will always accomplish his perfect plans. God is free to choose how he is going to accomplish his purposes. God often chooses to use people to do that. You can't—and won't—change God's mind, but he can use you as you pray, study the Bible, obey his commands, and try to do his will. You may never know how he is using you now, but God promised to reward those who serve him faithfully. It is a privilege to be used by God!*



