



Name: Officers - Hearts and hands

The true story can be found in: Ezra 1:1-11, 3:10-13



FIND IT OUT

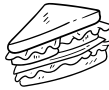
Let's see what the Bible says!

Who let the Israelites go home?
Can you draw?
Ezra 1:1

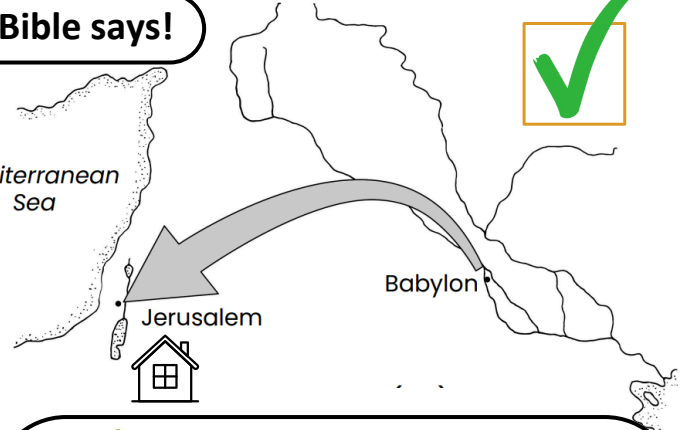
What did he say?
Circle your answers.
Ezra 1:3

"Now all of you who are
God's Israel's Moses'
people are free to
walk hop go
to Jerusalem.

May your
grace God sandwiches
be with you.
And you may build the
Cinema Trampoline Temple
of the Lord."



Mediterranean
Sea



How much stuff did the Israelites get to come
home with?

Can you draw it? How much was there?!

Ezra 1:8, 9-10



Jeremiah had said, "When seventy
years are completed for Babylon, I
will come to you and **fulfill my good
promise** to bring you back to this
place!" Jer 29:10



How did God **keep his promise** to Jeremiah?
Circle your answer. Ezra 1:1

Cyrus asked the
Lord to do it.

The Israelites
paid God money.

The Israelites
were really kind.

The Lord caused
Cyrus to do it.

How would you feel if God fulfilled his
promise after 70 years and you could
go home?



Circle the face(s) you think.



Mission accomplished? Not yet.

As they built the Temple foundations,
what did they sing?

Ezra 43:4

Decode the clues.



"He is _____;
his _____ for Israel
continues _____."



Zechariah had said, "A man will build
again the Temple of the Lord"
Zechariah 6:12-15

What did the Israelites do?
Circle your answers. Ezra 3:10

Built a new
swimming pool!

Laid the Temple
foundation.

They praised the
Lord!

They had a nap.



But how did the Israelites feel
about the Temple they'd started to
build? Ezra 3:13

Circle the face(s) you think.



How much noise did they make??

Ezra 3:13

Circle your answer.



No noise

Less noise
than a mouse

More noise
than a hungry
hippo

A VERY
NOISY
NOISE





WORK IT OUT

Why was this written?



Look closer, can you see **who** was happy
and who was sad? **Ezra 3:11-13**

Can you see **why** they were happy or sad?
Ezra 3:11-13

God made many more promises to the Israelites, but they would have to wait for the rest.
Do you remember some of the incredible promises from past weeks?

Work in teams. Can you **draw or write** what was promised a long long time ago?



2 Samuel 7:16

Ezekiel 34:11

Ezekiel 37:14

Were these promises fulfilled yet? Or did the Israelites need to trust and wait?



LIVE IT OUT

So what?



We also need to trust God and wait for the rest of God's promises.

Turn to Hebrews 11.

Which people trusted God and waited for
God's promises? **Hebrews 11:4, 5, 7, 8**

What promise are we all trusting God and
waiting for? **Hebrews 11:16, 40**

If your friend thought God wouldn't keep his promises, **what could you say?**



PRAY IT

Let's pray about this passage:

- What can we thank God for?
- What can we ask for help
knowing and living?

Dear Father...

In Jesus' name I pray, amen.