

## THE SCROLL OF HAGGAI

**Week Two - Filled With the Glory****A Note to the Parents/Teachers**

*This week's story helps us remember not to look on the outside splendor of man made things to find worth and value, but that God looks inward to the heart and glory is found in His presence. As you prep to teach this to our kids, consider what you have put worth and value in and pray for the Spirit to shift your sights to His glory.*

- **Big Idea:** God's presence is what brings worth and value — not the big, shiny, or impressive things man does.

**Starter**

- **Evidences of Grace**  
Ask kids to share ways they've seen God at work lately. Anything, big or small, which is good is from God. Take time to thank God together.
- **Ask:** What is the biggest building you have ever seen? What did it look like? What made it so impressive? Have you seen anything else in nature that was more impressive than that? (ocean, canyon, mountain, etc.)

**Sing Together**

## Story - from Haggai 2:1-9

On the twenty-first day of the seventh month, the word of the Lord came through the prophet Haggai:

*“Speak to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, to Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people. Ask them, ‘Who of you is left who saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Does it not seem to you like nothing? But now be strong, Zerubbabel,’ declares the Lord. ‘Be strong, Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest. Be strong, all you people of the land,’ declares the Lord, ‘and work. For I am with you,’ declares the Lord Almighty. ‘This is what I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt. And my Spirit remains among you. Do not fear.’*

*“This is what the Lord Almighty says: ‘In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. I will shake all nations, and what is desired by all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,’ says the Lord Almighty. ‘The silver is mine and the gold is mine,’ declares the Lord Almighty. ‘The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,’ says the Lord Almighty. ‘And in this place I will grant peace,’ declares the Lord Almighty.”*

You see, there were some people who were old enough to remember the first temple, built by Solomon. It was an incredible sight to see! Solomon spared no expense to make the temple reflect God’s glory on the outside appearance. However, this second temple the people were rebuilding looked different. They didn’t have the wealth of Solomon or even their own kingdom to build it. They were building under the permission of the Persian empire who ruled over them and had limited access to materials. It was disappointing to those who remembered what the first temple looked like, because they wanted this new temple to also be a fitting home for God’s glory to dwell with them.

God was not upset with them feeling this way. It was understandable. But He did want them to know that the outward appearance of the temple was not what made it glorious. The gold and silver lining was not what made it valuable. The large and intricate design was not what made it special. This temple would be valuable and worthy because God’s presence would come and fill it! God said He would fill the temple with His very own glory and because God would be near His people, they would see His glory.

God does not look at the outside impressive things man can make. He looks at what is taking place on the inside. He looks at the intent of the heart. He wants us to also look deeper, at what He is doing, to see His glory even in the ordinary things of life.

Many years later, Jesus actually visited this second temple. In his human form he walked inside of it. Jesus, the fullness of God’s glory in the form of a man, filled that temple just as God promised.

*[Dialogue Questions - you may use some or all]*

- Why were the people sad about the new temple that was being built? How was it different from the first one?
- Why did God tell them not to fear or worry, but to be strong?
- What was God's promise to His people about the temple?
- What does it mean for God's glory to fill the temple? How did that fully happen when Jesus came?
- Did you know that followers of Jesus, the Church, are now called God's living temple? What do you think it means for God's glory to fill us as the living temple?
- How do you experience God's glory in your life?

### **Breakout Time**

#### **Pray:**

God, thank you for choosing to be near to your people. Thank you for sending your glory through your Son, Jesus. Thank you for filling us now with your Spirit. Amen.

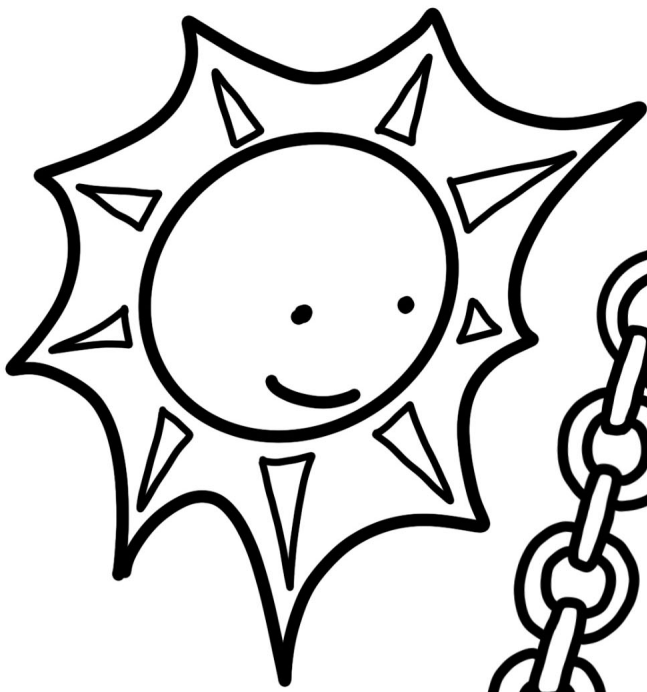
#### **Craft:**

- Use the coloring sheet attached
- Allow for time to build with blocks or Lego to build up a temple/house

### **BLESS Activity**

#### **Bless. Listen. Eat. Speak. Sabbath.**

This week, ask your family how you can practice the **Sabbath** rhythm. How can you rest in God's glory this week? Take some time with your family to look at God's good creation and reflect on how His presence fills this world and fills His people.



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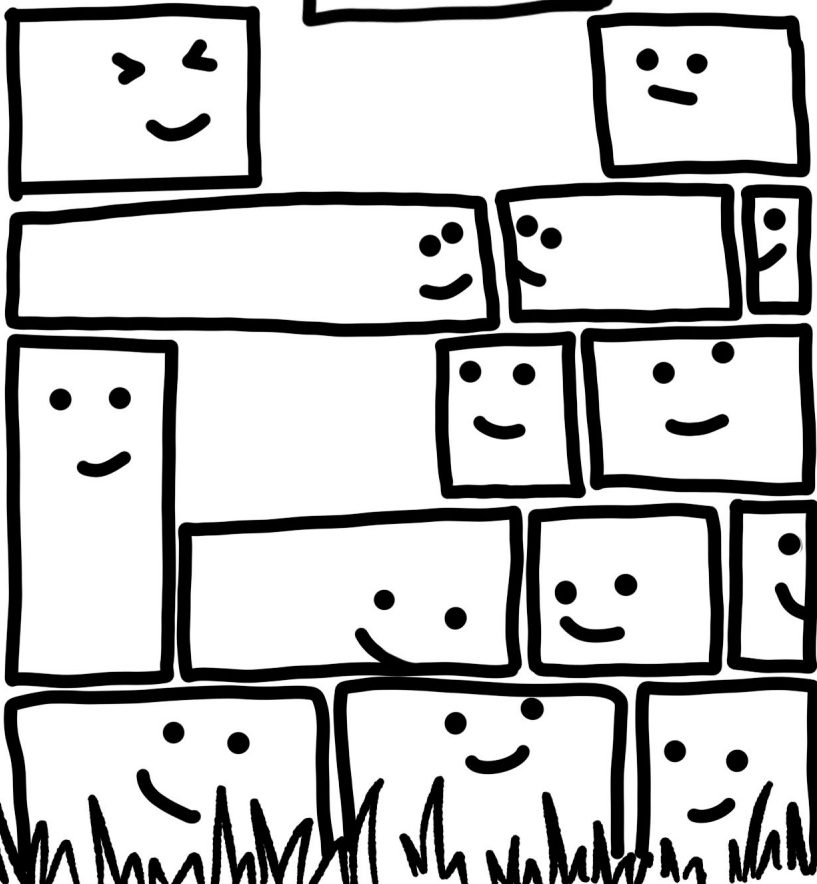
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