

### Introduction

This month, we will spend time reading Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther. These books cover the final events that we see in the Old Testament. Israel is returning from their exile in Babylon and becoming their own nation again. These books will take us through the history and the reestablishment of Israel as a free nation. Ezra is a scribe who restored the law to Israel and brought conviction to the Jewish people. Nehemiah was a fearless and prayerful leader who rebuilt the wall around Jerusalem and restored honor to the Jewish people. Esther was a fearless queen who trusted God and saved her people from the Persians. These people did heroic and important things for God's people, but these were normal people. They did not accomplish this because they were great, but because they served a great God!

**As you read these stories each day, meditate on these questions.** What are some of the character traits that these three exhibit? In what ways did they trust God during these events? How did God work in unseen ways in these individuals' lives?

### Weekly Assignment

Each week, come up with one question that you have from the week's reading. Once you have written down that question, go and ask it to a parent, grandparent, small group leader, or any other trustworthy adult in your life.

### Memory Challenge

**Question:** Did God create us unable to keep his law?

**Answer:** Since the fall, no mere human has been able to keep the law of God perfectly, but consistently breaks it in thought, word, and deed.

**Passage:** Romans 5:12

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned.

## Bible Reading

### Week 1

- Day 1: Ezra 1
- Day 2: Ezra 2:1-54
- Day 3: Ezra 2:55-70
- Day 4: Ezra 3
- Day 5: Ezra 4
- Day 6: Ezra 5

### Week 2

- Day 1: Ezra 6
- Day 2: Ezra 7
- Day 3: Ezra 8:1-20
- Day 4: Ezra 8:21-36
- Day 5: Ezra 9
- Day 6: Ezra 10

### Week 3

- Day 1: Nehemiah 1-2
- Day 2: Nehemiah 3
- Day 3: Nehemiah 4
- Day 4: Nehemiah 5
- Day 5: Nehemiah 6
- Day 6: Nehemiah 7

### Week 4

- Day 1: Nehemiah 8
- Day 2: Nehemiah 9
- Day 3: Nehemiah 10
- Day 4: Nehemiah 11
- Day 5: Nehemiah 12
- Day 6: Nehemiah 13

### Week 5

- Day 1: Esther 1-2
- Day 2: Esther 3-4
- Day 3: Esther 5-6
- Day 4: Esther 7
- Day 5: Esther 8
- Day 6: Esther 9-10

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