Your Response to the Lesson

What was most interesting in the Bible story?
What activity was most enjoyable?
What new things did you learn?
How easy would it be to try and build something if we had the tools that we needed?
What if we had no tools at all?
Activity B

Group Gathering

What makes our work easier? Why?
What are ways we can build up God’s church?
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(Ezra 3:11).
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How Was Your Week?

Good things?
Challenges?
Special events?
Songs

“The Lord Is Building Jerusalem” (*He Is Our Song*, no. 15)

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds” (*He Is Our Song*, no. 77)
Tajikistan

Born in War

Shukharat

www.adventistmission.org
Praise God for His provisions.
Pray over the prayer requests.
Thank God for answering the prayers according to His will, for He knows what is best for us.
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Do you know of anyone who has helped build a church in another country?
How can you help support your local church?
In what ways can you be involved?
INTRODUCTION TO THE STORY

The Story

You may listen to a podcast recording of the story:
www.juniorpowerpoints.org
One way that we worship God is by working together to build up His church.
Read Ezra 3:1-4 and Nehemiah 8:1-18

How was the Feast of Tabernacles similar to building up the church the way God intended?
God Knows the Future

Read Daniel 6:24-28
   Cyrus allowed the Jews to rebuild the Temple
Read Isaiah 45:4-6, 13
   What is the prophecy about King Cyrus?

Because Cyrus allowed the Jews to rebuild the Temple, they could once again worship God.
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In what ways can you help “build up” the church?

How can you serve as a young person?
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Let’s Make a Plan

• What did you learn about how you can “build up” God’s church?
• What gifts has God given you that you can use to serve Him?
Coming Up Next Week

“Building Up the Temple”

• The Israelites face discouragement
• Study your Sabbath School lesson each day
• Complete the daily activities
• Memorize the Power Text
Dear Jesus,
Please be with us this week in all that we do. Place our minds and thoughts on You. Help us to be willing to build up Your church with the gifts You have given us.
Amen.