

Generations of Grace:

The following lesson was taught in children's church this Sunday, **Jan 10**

MESSAGE: God guides Israel to repentance

PASSAGE: Ezra 7:1 – 10:44

PRINCIPLE: God sanctifies His people

ASK YOUR CHILD: Israel had been in the land for multiple generations, but while the temple had been rebuilt, the people had rebelled. They, like their forefathers, had taken foreign wives, resulting in the worship of foreign gods. What man did God prepare to restore Israel? Who helped Ezra to arrive in Jerusalem safely? What did the people do after Ezra taught them the Law? How did God respond to the people's sin?

APPLY: If you believe God is sovereign, how will your life show it? How has God protected and provided for you? Do you talk about this with others so that they will see God's power? How do you respond to sin in your family, church, or community? What things can you imitate from Ezra's response? How do you know the people repented? What elements of true repentance do you see (confession, sorrow, getting rid of the sin, turning to God)?

以下是 2021 年 1 月 10 日兒童崇拜 Generations of Grace 的課題:

信息：神指引以色列去悔改

經文：以斯拉記 7:1 - 10:44

信念：神使祂的子民成聖

向你子女問：以色列在其領土上已有數代；雖然殿已完成重建，但是以色列民仍然違背神。就像祖宗一樣，他們娶外國人為妻，以至於拜外國的假神。神準備了誰去復興以色列？誰幫助以斯拉平安地到達耶路撒冷？當以斯拉完成了教導他們律法後，他們作了什麼？神怎樣回應人犯的罪？

應用：如果你相信神有主權，你會怎樣在你生活中顯示出來？在過去，神怎樣保守你和供應給你？你曾否跟別人分享這些經歷，以至於別人可看出神的大能？有關你家裏的罪，教會裏的罪，社區中的罪，你怎麼樣回應？在以斯拉的回應中，你可以模仿些什麼？你怎可以知道人們已經悔改？你看見一些怎麼樣的悔改的特徵（例如：認錯，悲哀，除去罪行，回轉歸向神）？