

# THE STORY

READ THE STORY. EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE.

## AS YOU READ CHAPTER 19

*This week we read Chapter 19 of The Story! In this story we learn about King Cyrus and how his people went home to Jerusalem. You can use the questions below as a guide to your discussion and prayer. We encourage you to ask the questions along the way, too!*

1. God wanted the people to build his temple before they started working on their homes and foods. Why do you think it's important to put God ahead of your personal needs?

Prayer: God, we ask you to bless us as we bless others in need. We pray you help us to know we are not the important ones and that you are most important in our lives. Amen!

2. Do you believe God controls everything?

Prayer: God, we pray you protect us, provide for us and heal us. You are the ruler over all the earth and the only God we will serve. Amen!

3. Name some things God controls and how that affects your life.

Prayer: God, please help us to understand that we may not always get what we want or have things go the way we want them. We pray you remind us that you have a better plan for us and it's greater than anything we can imagine. Amen!

4. God's people pitched in their gold and silver to make God's temple magnificent. Talk about a time when you worked together with friends to accomplish a big task. Did it work better when everyone shared?

Prayer: God, we ask you to help us understand that working in a team is always the best solution. We pray you help us to know that we have a great family at church who will always help you when you need it. Amen!

5. How does it make you feel when you give something of value to another person?

Prayer: God, we ask you to remind us to not be selfish and to know there are people in need. Just as you provide for us, we should help those who are less fortunate. Amen!



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