



Get ready!

God's people return from being slaves, from
Nehemiah 8–10; Malachi 1, 3, 4; Ezra 7

This Week's truth

God gave us the Bible!

Read & Remember

Find a comfortable place together and read aloud "Get Ready" pgs. 170-175.

- ❖ What did Ezra and Nehemiah read? *Rules from God about how to live/the bible*
- ❖ How did the people feel as they heard God's rules? *Sad because they had not obeyed*
- ❖ Did God still love them even though they had disobeyed? *Yes*
- ❖ Who did God promise to send? *A Messenger, the one they have been waiting for, A rescuer*
- ❖ What was God going to do when he came? *Rescue them*

Jesus in the Story

When the people heard God's rules, they realized they could not keep them; that is why they were so sad and afraid. But then they remembered that it is not the rules that save them, but God that saves them. They remembered that God had told them that the Rescuer is coming."

We all know who that Rescuer is, right? Every story told us something about that Rescuer and soon we are going to read about his birth!

Pray Together

Thank you God for giving us the Bible. The Bible teaches us about you and how we should live. Help us to learn about you and obey you.

Worship

We are continuing to learn "What Child is This?". I encourage you to practice singing this wonderfully rich song with your child. Learn it together! You can find the lyrics on our Spotify play list at www.firstirving.org/familyresources

Memory Verse

We have discovered this again and again in the bible – that it is God who saves. As we prepare to learn and celebrate the birth of Christ, this verse is a good reminder that "Salvation comes from the Lord." Jonah 2:9