



Authorised Mess — HAGGAI

Your details

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Bible book	Haggai
Theme of session	Two themes that link together: firstly building God's temple and secondly using the words of Haggai 1:13—'I am with you, says the Lord'.
Notes	We found this one tough!

Session details

Categories of activities to get a mix	Activity name	Instructions	Resources needed	Reason for doing this activity
Younger participants	What makes God happy	Cut circles out of card. Draw a smiley face on one side and write what makes God happy on the other.	Card, pens, pencils, scissors.	God is not happy when people think only of themselves. In Haggai, the people ignore the needs of the temple to build their own houses.



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Older participants	God the builder	Make God the builder.	Handyman templates, card, toilet roll tubes, scissors, glue, pens, pencils. See this website for details: http://www.dltk-kids.com/crafts/transportation/construction/mhandyman.html .	God is the main builder!
Boys	Build a temple	Use building blocks to build the outer and inner walls of the temple, and the Holy of Holies.	Lego or Duplo bricks, or similar construction toy kits.	God called his people to build his temple and to look at the design of the temple.
Word-based	Lollipop memory verse	Use the lollipop sticks (9) to create a church shape. Glue the memory verse to the church.	Coloured lollipop sticks, glue. Printed memory verse from Haggai 1:13.	Highlights the two themes. Help people to learn the verse from the Bible and what it means.
Food-based	Make a church	Craft a church from the sponge and decorate with icing and sweets.	Sponge cake (made or bought), icing, knives. Sweets to decorate. Cake base or board with foil on.	We love cake!



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Explores global aspect of faith	Worship around the world	Make a collage of church buildings from around world.	Pictures of different church buildings, scissors, glue, pens, pencils, lining paper.	To explore church buildings around the world.
Quiet	Cornerstone	Get people to decorate individual (paper) bricks and put their name on them. Paste the bricks on to a collage where Jesus' name is already placed as the cornerstone.	Different colour paper cut into brick shapes, pens, pencils, paints, glue, lining paper.	Reminder that not only is God with us but he needs to be at the heart of all we do.
Messy	Growing tomatoes	Plant tomatoes.	Plant pots, compost, tomato plants.	As we help the plants to grow, God, who is always with us, helps us to grow.

Celebration suggestion

Story based around the role of prophets and Haggai's particular message—see pre-school lesson from Mission Arlington for inspiration available at: <http://www.missionarlington.org/d/OT-2YR-102-Haggai.pdf>.

Puppet: Parody song 'The power of God' from One Way UK.

Song: 'Our God is a great big God'.



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Memory verse: Write out words from Haggai 1:13 on pieces of paper and get the children to hold them up in the wrong order. Ask the congregation to put them in the right order and then get everyone to read out the memory verse. Now remove particular words and ask the congregation to complete the verse. Repeat until no words are left and the congregation has to say the whole verse from memory.

Meal suggestion

- ✿ Hot dogs (or vegetarian sausages), salad, coleslaw, crisps and bread rolls. Or the obvious meal—haggis!
- ✿ Sponge church cakes (made in the activity).