

Ezra 3.1-6

Faith .. and fear

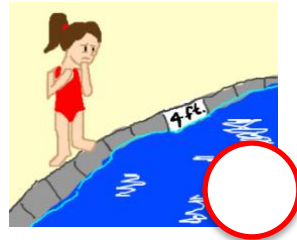
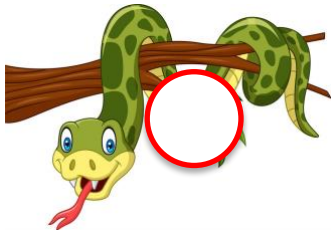
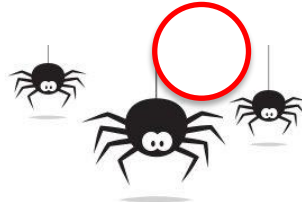
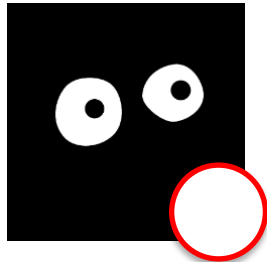
Today, we're going to think a bit about

fear



I wonder what you're frightened of ...

Here are some of the most common fears which people have. Put a tick in the circle beside the picture if it's something you're frightened of!



How many of the pictures did you tick?

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Draw a circle round the number!



6 7 8 9 10

Today's passage is about how we handle **fear** with **faith**

And so it's not with *fear* that the passage starts!

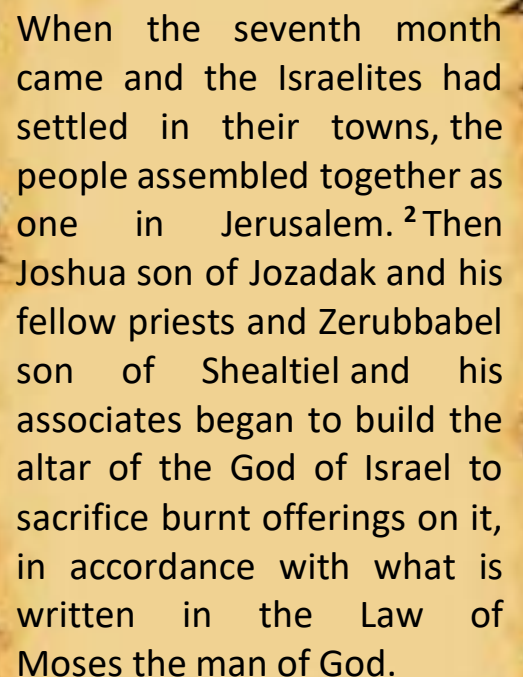
Read the opening couple of verses.

Who's who?

Look up **Haggai 1.1** in the Bible and fill in what's missing in the boxes

Zerubbabel was the
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Joshua was the
h _ _ _ p _ _ _ _ t



When the seventh month came and the Israelites had settled in their towns, the people assembled together as one in Jerusalem.² Then Joshua son of Jozadak and his fellow priests and Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel and his associates began to build the altar of the God of Israel to sacrifice burnt offerings on it, in accordance with what is written in the Law of Moses the man of God.

These two men were the leaders of the people.

They set a good example for the people by following what God had said in the Law He'd given to Moses.

... but read on to the next verse

³ Despite their **fear** of the peoples around them, they built the altar on its foundation and sacrificed burnt offerings on it to the Lord, both the morning and evening sacrifices.

There's that word

fear



Write in the box why the people were fearful


A large rectangular box with a red border, containing seven horizontal dotted lines for writing.

fear

wasn't the only word to describe the people though!

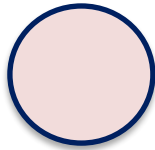
They were also marked by

faith

Read through these verses 

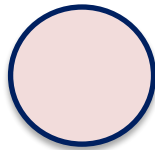
How many times do these two words appear –

'offerings'



and

'sacrifices'



⁴Then in accordance with what is written, they celebrated the Festival of Tabernacles with the required number of burnt offerings prescribed for each day. ⁵After that, they presented the regular burnt offerings, the New Moon sacrifices and the sacrifices for all the appointed sacred festivals of the Lord, as well as those brought as freewill offerings to the Lord. ⁶On the first day of the seventh month they began to offer burnt offerings to the Lord, though the foundation of the Lord's temple had not yet been laid.

The people were trusting God to help them and to keep them safe.

God had told them that when they offered the sacrifices on the altar, they were able to come near Him.

The sacrifices were pointing forward to Jesus and what He would do.



Here's the most repeated command in the Bible

“Do not be afraid..!”

And just about whenever God says that to His people, He also explains it.

He goes on to say –

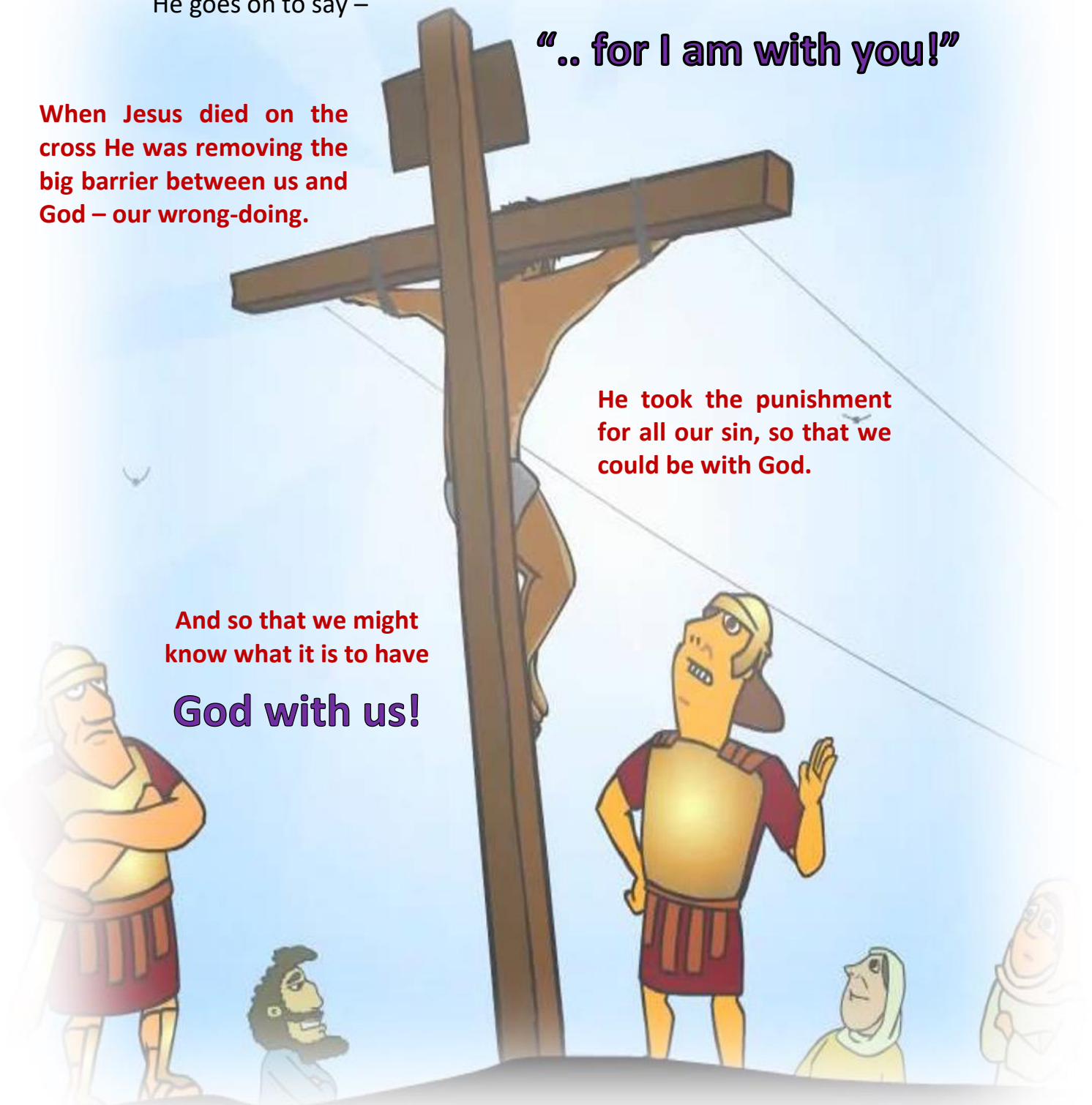
“.. for I am with you!”

When Jesus died on the cross He was removing the big barrier between us and God – our wrong-doing.

He took the punishment for all our sin, so that we could be with God.

And so that we might know what it is to have

God with us!



A verse for you to try and remember!

“Do not be
terrified; do not be
discouraged, for the LORD
your God will be with you
wherever you go!”

(Joshua 1.9)



A wordsearch for you

Jesus once explained to His followers why they didn't need to worry.

You can read what He said in **Matthew 6.25-27**.

This wordsearch is based on those verses



DO NOT WORRY

Discover the hidden words.



H	R	F	V	O	W	A	E	F	F	W	R	J	T	A
K	E	Y	A	B	O	I	A	O	T	U	K	E	P	N
I	W	A	S	T	G	Z	R	Z	H	E	N	S	N	X
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N	X	R	T	L	E	V	L	E	E	T	N	K	X	Y
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T	R	G	M	V	I	K	C	A	J	K	S	O	U	D
I	P	B	I	R	D	S	M	W	X	B	F	O	O	D

Word Bank

BIRDS
HEART
HEAVEN
ANXIOUS

FOOD
FATHER
KINGDOM
TREASURES

EARTH
WORRY
FEAR
JESUS



Colour in the picture

One of the names given to Jesus is 'Immanuel', which means simply 'God with us'

