

<b>Week/Dates</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Scripture Text</b>	<b>Bible Story</b>	<b>Faith Focus</b>
Nov. 1 Session 2 Week 1	Rebuilding the temple	Ezra 4–6	The rebuilding of the temple is halted but later King Darius decrees that the work may continue. The temple is completed and dedicated to God with joy.	Building together is cause for celebration.
Nov. 8 Session 2 Week 2	Reading God's word together	Nehemiah 8	The priest Ezra reads to the people from the book of the law. The people worship God, weeping and rejoicing. The community celebrates the Festival of Booths.	Listening to God's word changes us.
Nov. 15 Session 2 Week 3	Renewing the covenant	Nehemiah 9–10	The people confess their sins before God. They affirm God as just, faithful, and loving even when they went astray. They renew their covenant with God.	<u>Younger:</u> We say thank you to God. <u>Older:</u> We respond to God's faithfulness with confession and gratitude.
Nov. 29 Session 2 Week 4 First Sunday of Advent	The coming messenger	Malachi 3:1–4	Malachi prophesies that the coming messenger of God will purify the priestly line and restore Israel to righteousness in God's sight as in the days of old.	<u>Get ready for God's messenger.</u>
Dec. 6 Session 2 Week 5 Second Sunday of Advent	The Word becomes flesh	John 1:1–18	Christ is the light of the world. John was sent from God to testify to the light. The law came through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.	<u>We wait for the light of Christ.</u>
Dec. 13 Session 3 Week 6 Third Sunday of Advent	Gabriel brings good news	Luke 1:5–66	The angel Gabriel tells Zechariah of the birth of a son who will prepare the way for Jesus. Gabriel visits Mary and tells her that she will give birth to the Son of God.	<u>Here am I</u>