

# Ezra—Breaking Out of Mediocrity

Ezra 7:10

**Trait #1.** A \_\_\_\_\_ to God's Word.

**Trait #2.** A \_\_\_\_\_ of putting God's Word  
into \_\_\_\_\_.

**Trait #3.** Repeating the \_\_\_\_\_ with others.

## For the Family

**Review** our story so far:

Nehemiah went to Jerusalem to repair the walls around the city. He rallied the people, and they began the work. Some enemies of Jerusalem tried to stop them, but Nehemiah prayed and set up some guards. He encouraged the rich people to help poor families so they could work on the wall. A man named Sanballat tried to get Nehemiah to stop, but he would not because he was doing a great work for God.

This week we are introducing another character into our story, whose name was Ezra. Ezra led the second return of the exiles back to Jerusalem (Nehemiah led the third return.) He worked with Nehemiah to help the Jews make Jerusalem their home.

**Read together Ezra 7:10**—*For Ezra had set his heart to study the Law of the Lord, and to do it and to teach his statutes and rules in Israel.*

**Explain** the three things that Ezra did:

1. He studied God's Word.
2. He obeyed God's Word.
3. He taught God's Word to other people.

**Talk together** about how important it is to read God's Word every day, and to obey what it says all day long. We should also look for opportunities to teach others what it means to obey God.

**Pray together** that you will read God's Word every day, and that you will do the best you can to obey what it says. Tell God that you will look for opportunities to teach others.

### Next Steps

- I will yield to God's Word and its authority.
- I will take the challenge to move from hobby to habit by \_\_\_\_\_.
- I will surround myself with people who will help me know and practice God's Word.
- I want to break out of mediocrity and live a life of complete surrender to God's will for me.