

The king sent this reply: "Give an order to these men to stop work, so that this city will not be rebuilt until I so order."

Circle the 2 pictures that match.



The king's people went immediately to the Jews in Jerusalem and made them stop. So the work on the house of God came to an end until the next king of Persia ruled.

Ages 3+

January 15, 2023 • Ezra 3:1-13; 4:1-24

Rebuilding the Temple Begins

The people came together in Jerusalem, and Joshua and his fellow priests began to build the altar and the house of the LORD.

Circle the letters hidden in the picture.

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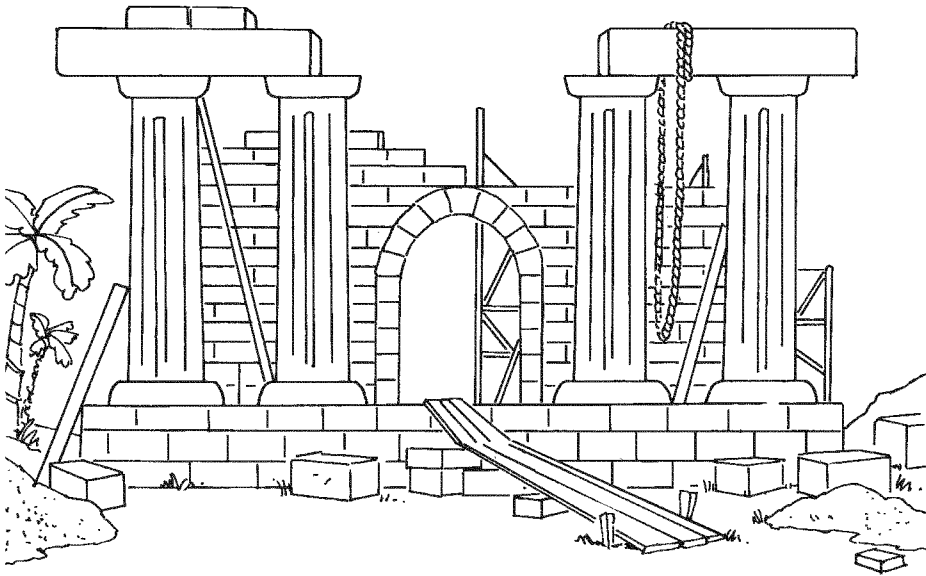
And all the people gave a great shout of praise to the LORD, because the base of the house of the LORD was laid.

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The enemies of Judah heard that the people were building a temple for the God of Israel.

Write the letter “e” on the 2 blanks.

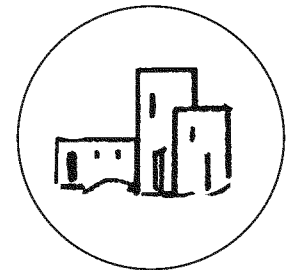
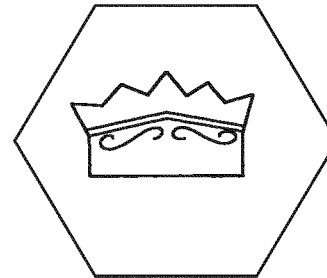
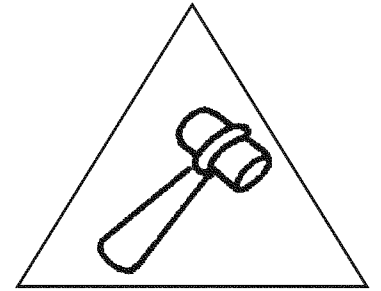
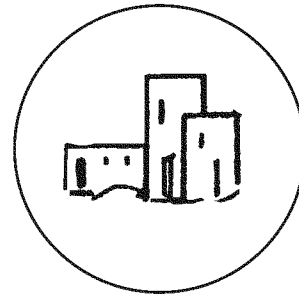
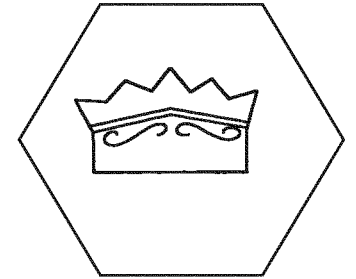
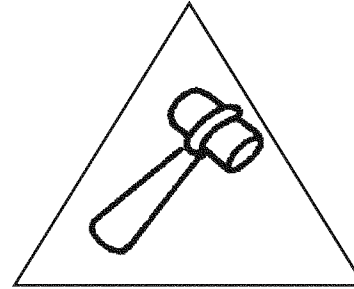
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They came to the heads of the families and said, “Let us help you build because we seek your God.”

Then some of the enemies tried to make the people of Judah afraid to go on building. They wrote a letter to the king of Persia saying that Jerusalem was being rebuilt.

Match the shapes.



In their letter, they spoke against Jerusalem, saying: “If this city is built and its walls are restored, you will be left with nothing in the region.”