



Haggai's name means **“feast,”**
but the feasts weren't very festive in Haggai's day.

You see, Israel had stopped building **God's temple.**

So God stopped the **rain,**
which stopped the **crops,**
which left the people **hungry,**
and **thirsty.**

So God sent his prophet Haggai to tell
his people to **get busy building** his temple.



Why did God's temple need rebuilding? Because Israel had been **very bad** for a **very long time**.





So God sent a wicked nation to knock down his temple and take the Israelites **far, far away**.

But God is very good and very forgiving, so after a long time, he brought his people **home again**.

When they got home, God told them, “Rebuild my temple first, then you can work on your own houses and farms.”

So they did ... for a while.