

## Benjas (0-5 years)

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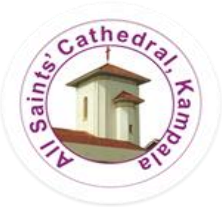
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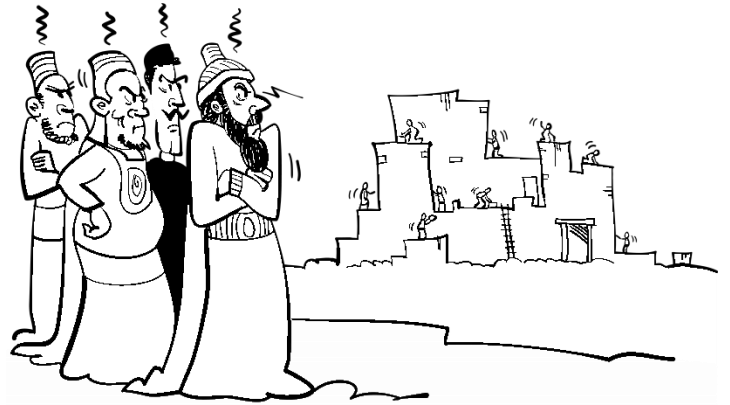
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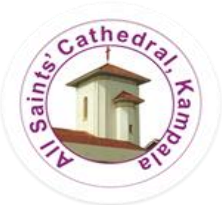


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to their land and rebuild the temple. He sent back the gold and silver that Nebuchadnezzar had taken from the Lord's temple. King Cyrus put these instructions in writing.

The people returned to Jerusalem and rebuilt the altar so they could start worshipping God again through sacrifice. They were led by Jeshua and Zerubbabel.

Next, they started to rebuild the temple. When the foundation was laid, the people celebrated – but others wept because the foundation could not compare to the glory of the temple before it.

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God's people today are not trying to build a temple in Jerusalem, but they are trying to build the kingdom of God as people come to know and love Jesus as their king. *How can you be part of this project?*

*Are there people who interfere with this project? How? Do you think they will succeed in the end? Why?*

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Who caused King Cyrus to send the Jews back to Jerusalem? (1:3) \_\_\_\_\_

What did the people of God do when they arrived in Jerusalem? (3:2, 3:10, 3:14)  
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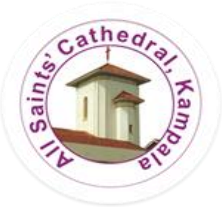
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## ASCK CHILDREN'S CHURCH 2022

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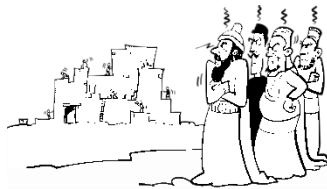


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