

**FINISH LINE:** Timeline Weekend – Exile, Return, Silence

**SCRIPTURE:** 2 Kings - Malachi

## ACTIVITY 1: TIMELINE REVIEW GAME

**SUPPLIES:** 12-15 index cards or pieces of paper, a pen or marker, Bible Timeline One-Pagers (found on this week's Elementary Kids Kit)

**SET UP:** This week we learned about the Exile, Return, and Silence eras. Write down the name of each of these eras on a separate index card. You will need an additional 3 or 4 index cards for each era. On those cards write down either the names to know or major stories from each of the three Bible Timeline eras you learned about. For an extra challenge, hide the cards around the room.

**DIRECTIONS:** Tell your kids how many cards from these three Bible Timeline eras are hidden all around the room. Challenge them to see how quickly they can find all the cards. Once they have found them, bring all the cards together and divide them into the correct Bible Timeline era.

**HOLD ONTO THESE CARDS.** You can keep practicing by pulling them out once a week and see if you can put them in the correct era faster each time. Save these cards so you can use them and add to them throughout the year. Pull out the previous Timeline cards if you have saved them. Be on the lookout for future Timeline Weekends so that by the end of this school year you will know all thirteen Bible Timeline eras.

## ACTIVITY 2: LESSON REVIEW

**OPTIONAL SUPPLIES:** Bible Timeline One-Pagers (found on this week's Elementary Kids Kit), various supplies you can use as props and costumes

**DIRECTIONS:** Choose one story from each of the three Bible Timeline eras you learned about today to act out. Feel free to be as creative as you want, using props and costumes found around the house. You can read part of the story from the Bible or use a storybook Bible to help retell the story. If you have enough people, you can divide up into groups. When one group is acting, the others can try to guess which story they are telling.

**WRAP UP:** After you have spent some time acting out these stories, talk through how each era points us to Jesus. Remember that the Bible is a bunch of smaller stories that point to one big, true story: The story of God and His rescue plan through Jesus. Spend some time praying together thanking God that He loves us and has a rescue plan for those who trust in Jesus.