



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.