

## **The Story: The Bible as One Continuing Story of God and God's People**

### **Chapter 19: The Return Home**

As you read, take note of the cast of characters. Write a short descriptive to help you remember.

Write any notes or questions you have.

Review the questions on page 481 in your book to prepare for discussion in class.

Why did God rescue the Israelites again?

Have you ever experienced the rescuing power of God? If so, how?

What did the Israelites do to deserve the mercy they received?

What reason does God have to be merciful to you?

The Jews returned home to rebuild the temple, the dwelling place of God on earth. Why was this important for them to do this?

What roadblocks did they encounter? How were they able to keep moving forward in spite of the opposition?

Where does God dwell on earth today?

Do you find it easy or difficult to keep moving toward a worthy goal in spite of opposition? Why or why not?