#### The Prophet Haggai

The prophet Haggai has his own small book in the Bible. It is a collection of messages that came from the Lord and were spoken to the people through Haggai.

<u>Bible Passage</u>: Haggai 1-2 <u>Aim</u>: To understand God knows you and has a plan for you. God uses people to spread his messages. God wants you to be faithful to him.

### Challenge

Use play bricks or lego, or another building material that you have.

Can you build a tower? How tall can you make it? Is it strong? Will it hold a weight?

Can you improve your tower? Challenge your family, have fun!

## Bible Time

Read from the book of Haggai from your own Bible or ask a parent to read it to you. Its just over 2 pages long, near the end of the Old Testament. Watch the video of Tamsin from the TMC website or Facebook page.

Haggai was given a message from God and spoke to the Israelites after they had returned to Jerusalem. God wanted the people to stop rebuilding their own houses and start to build up the temple again, after it had been destroyed by the Babylonians. At first the people worked hard, but after a while they got distracted and fed up. Haggai reminded the people that it was very important to God that they rebuild the temple, worship him and place their trust in Him again, then they could receive all the blessings that God wanted to give them. He said that He was with them and promised to make the temple great again. God commands his people to love, serve and obey him above all other things.

- 1. Do you ever get fed up or bored of doing things you know you should do?
- 2. Have you ever started something and not finished it?

God reminds us that He is with us in all we do, put our trust and faith in Him and He will help us! He wants to encourage us not to give up.

Dear God,

Thank you that we can learn about your will for us from the Bible. Thank you that you have promised to always be with us whatever we do, even when we find things hard, you will help us. We love you almighty God, we put our trust and faith in you today, Amen.

# **Craft Time**

- 1. Make a pasta temple picture. Use dried pasta shapes to make a picture of a temple. Arrange the shapes on a piece of card, you don't need to glue the pieces down unless you want to keep your picture of course!
- Junk modelling or Lego creations. See if your parent has any appropriate clean recycling that you can use to create your own temple model. Or make a temple out of Lego bricks.



## Think about....

How can you put God first in your life?

What things do you need to keep working at, that you find hard? At home? School? Family or friends?

Pray to God to help you with these things.