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Part of the Western Wall was destroyed by the Romans. It was rebuilt in later years. Look at the Wall carefully: Can you tell which ones are the original stones from the Second Temple period?



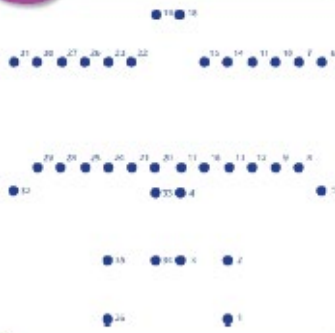
2 Write a note!

Write or color a note and tuck it between the ancient stones of the Western Wall.



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Connect the dots according to the numbers and discover what stood in the Temple 2,000 years ago!



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Go to the Western Wall Tunnels ticket booth and get a stamp that shows you visited the Western Wall!

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Welcome to the Western Wall



The Story of the Western Wall



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The is very ancient. It's already more than **2000** years old! Do you want to know more about it?

Many years ago, when kids like you came to where you are standing now, they would look up over the and see the big and beautiful Temple. The , was not only beautiful, but it also united the Jewish nation, and people wanted to come to this important place from all around the .

There was a big plaza around the , for all the people who were also called "pilgrims".

Four huge walls surrounded the plaza: The northern wall, the eastern wall, the southern wall, and the western wall. The plaza and the supporting walls are called the Temple Mount to this day.

On the of the Hebrew month of Av, almost **2000** years ago, the Temple was destroyed. It was the of the

Jewish nation. The nation's wise men explained that in those days Jews were not kind to one another and that's why they were sent away from their land.

Years later, the "Dome of the Rock" we know today as was built where the once stood. And were built up against the Western Wall that hid almost the entire wall. Even though our ancestors were exiled and scattered around the , wherever they went, they always remembered Jerusalem and in their they hoped to return to it.

And here we are!

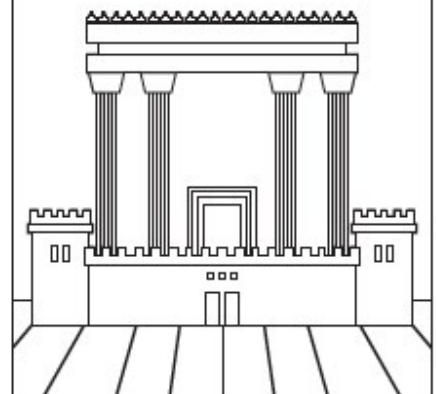
In the **6** Day War, we returned to the Old City and to the .

Today, you came to the Western Wall, the closest place to where the once stood. Adults and from all around the come here to visit, to touch, to feel, and to pray. Because of them and because of you, Jerusalem is again "the city that brings everyone together".

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Have fun coloring!



Write a note!

