



At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12  
Kings & Kingdoms Part 2: Judges - Esther  
Unit 9, Lesson 46

## Nehemiah Rebuilds the Wall

**Lesson Aim:** To equip children to lead others in serving God and building up His kingdom.

### THE WELCOME

**MEET & GREET:** What's the best thing you have ever built?

**GAME:** Build It Up

### THE WORSHIP THE KING WHO BUILDS HIS KINGDOM

Read Worship Scripture: Psalm 67:1-3

Sing songs and worship God. Bless and collect the offering.

Perform King City Chronicles script or read storybook.

### THE WORD NEHEMIAH REBUILDS THE WALL

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: Ezra went Jerusalem to teach the people to obey God's laws.

**Today, we will learn about Nehemiah, one of the captives in Babylon and a servant to King Artaxerxes. He asked the king to allow him to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the city wall.** Point out Ancient Babylon and Jerusalem. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Nehemiah 1:3-4; 4:6-20; 6:8-9, 15-16. Find and Highlight Key Verse Nehemiah 6:15-16 First. Pray.

**READERS' THEATRE:** Instead of reading our Bible passage, let's act it out. Distribute Readers' Theatre scripts, assign roles, and hand out props. Read and act out Nehemiah 1:3-11; 2:2-20; 4:2-21; 6:9-16.

### THE WAY LEADING OTHERS IN SERVING

**Let's look at the choices Nehemiah made. He prayed before asking the king to return to Jerusalem and again before he answered the king's question. What are the two other times he prayed?** (When the enemies were going to attack and when they threatened to tell the king Nehemiah was leading a revolt.) **What does this show about Nehemiah's relationship with God? Why is it important for leaders to pray? Why do you think it is important to pray about the work of your hands?**

**Nehemiah's enemies made fun of the Jews for attempting such an impossible project, but he prayed and didn't stop. What is the best choice for you to make if someone makes fun of you for serving God? Next, the enemies threatened to attack. How did Nehemiah react?** (He prayed and posted guards.) **What did he have the workers carry?** (Building supplies in one hand and a sword or spear in the other.) **What was everyone to do when they heard the trumpet?** (Run to Nehemiah and the trumpet player so they could fight together.) **The enemies threatened to lie to the king by saying Nehemiah was leading a revolt. He prayed and continued to lead the work. What challenges do you think you would face if you led others in serving God? What do you think are the most important things to do as you lead others? How does this story help you pray for your spiritual leaders?**

**How quickly was the wall completed?** (52 days.) **What did this show the surrounding nations?** (God helped build the wall.) **We help build up God's kingdom when we worship Him, serve Him, and point others to Him. How did the completion of this wall help build up God's kingdom?** (It protected the city of Jerusalem from its enemies, encouraged the workers to be a part of this miracle, showed other nations it was completed with God's help, showed us how to be good leaders, etc.)

**You can be like Nehemiah and work together with other families to serve God. Today, your Treasure Treat is a list of ways you can do that.** If time allows, discuss the specific team service projects on "Nehemiah's List." **Be sure to pray as Nehemiah did.**

### **CHRIST CONNECTION:**

**More than 400 years after Nehemiah led the people in rebuilding the wall, Paul explains how the body of Christ is built up by serving others.** Reveal Ephesians 4:11-13. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

**THE GOLDEN BOWL:** Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

### **FINAL FIVE MINUTES:**

- TREASURE TREAT: "Nehemiah's List"
- W<sup>3</sup> BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #46
- OFFERING OF ART: Nehemiah and the people rebuilding the wall
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

### **GOT TIME?**

**SNACK:** Build the Wall of Cookies

**GAMES:** Hand Wall

**CRAFT:** Favorite Proverbs Book—Work

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES:** Build the Wall Verse, Royal Corners

**BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW**