



At-A-Glance: Ages 6-7
Kings & Kingdoms Part 2: Judges - Esther
Unit 9, Lesson 46

Nehemiah Rebuilds the Wall

Lesson Aim: To work hard together to build up God's 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. Pray. Read.

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 WORKING TOGETHER

Why did Nehemiah want to return to Jerusalem? (To rebuild the city wall.) **Nehemiah had great plans for rebuilding the wall but it required everyone to work together.**

When the enemies threatened to attack, Nehemiah prayed and posted guards with the workers. What did the workers carry in each hand? (Each worker carried building supplies in one hand and a sword or spear in the other.) **When everyone heard the trumpet sound, they were to run to Nehemiah so they could fight the enemy together.**

Nehemiah gave everyone an important part of the work to do. Did everyone do their part? (Yes.) **The wall was finished in just 52 days! What did this show the surrounding nations?** (God helped build the wall.) **There are many great things we can do when we work together. Have you ever worked together with others on a team?** (Children give examples such as team sports, group projects with family, church or school, etc.)

Nehemiah led many families as one team, working together. The wall they rebuilt protected the people of Jerusalem. 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."

Nehemiah prayed for God's help all along the way, so be sure to pray for your team from the beginning to the end of the project.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

The enemy tried to stop Nehemiah and God's people from rebuilding the wall. When God's people began working together, Nehemiah said, "The God of heaven will give us success. We serve Him." Nehemiah worked with all his heart to serve God. Over 400 years later, Paul told us to do the same thing. Let's read what Paul said about our work. Reveal Colossians 3:23. Read.

What kind of work do you do at home and at school? (Children give examples such as chores, class work, homework, etc.) **Who are the people that give you this work to do?** (Children give examples such as parents, teachers, coaches, etc.) **Imagine God Himself told you to do those same jobs. Do you think you might work harder and be more excited to do the work if you did it for God?**

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

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: "Nehemiah's List"
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- 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