



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9
Kings & Kingdoms Part 2: Judges - Esther
Unit 9, Lesson 46

Nehemiah Rebuilds the Wall

Lesson Aim: To understand how working together to serve God helps build 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 WORKING TOGETHER

Why did Nehemiah want to return to Jerusalem? (To rebuild the city wall.) **What did Nehemiah do before he asked the king for permission to return to Jerusalem?** (He prayed.)

What was Nehemiah's plan for finishing the work even while enemies were attacking? (He prayed and posted guards.) **What did the workers carry in each hand?** (Each worker carried building supplies in one hand and a sword or spear in the other.) **What was everyone to do**

when they heard the trumpet sound? (They were to run to Nehemiah and the trumpet player so they could fight the enemy together.)

Nehemiah's plans would only work if everyone worked together. 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 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, etc.) **There are many great things we can do when we work together. Have you ever worked with others on a team? Can you think of examples where working hard together to serve God today might point others to Him?**

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. Nehemiah prayed and 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. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

What kind of work do you do at home and school? If God told you to do those jobs, would you work harder and be more excited to do the work?

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