

## FAMILY ACTIVITY TIME

### BIBLE STORY

Jerusalem's Walls were Rebuilt | **Nehemiah 3:1–6:16**

### BIG PICTURE Q & A

Q: Does God keep His promises?

A: Yes, God is always faithful even when we are not.

### MEMORY VERSE

Because of the Lord's faithful love we do not perish, for his mercies never end. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness!

**Lamentations 3:22-23**

### CHRIST CONNECTION

Nehemiah led the people to rebuild the walls around Jerusalem to protect them from their enemies. Jesus came to protect us from our enemies. He died on the cross and rose from the dead to rescue people from sin and death.

**PARENTS**, lead your family through the following activity. As the kids do their activity, review the questions on the backside of this page to reinforce what we've learned. Look up the scriptures in your Bible. Also review with your kids the main points (listed above) of what was taught in our message today. Download the Memory Verse Hand Motions to memorize and learn the verse together.

## FAMILY ACTIVITY: WALLS OF JERUSALEM COMPLETED

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Clay or Playdough

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Provide** Playdough or Clay for you child
- Have** them try to build a wall out of the play doh or clay.
- Work** together to complete it.

**WHAT YOU SAY:** "God used Nehemiah to lead His people as they rebuilt Jerusalem's walls. When the people finished the wall in just 52 days, even their enemies knew that God had been with His people to finish such a big job. When Jesus died on the cross and rose again, He finished a big job too! Jesus made the way for us to be forgiven of sin and made right with God."

## FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Where did Nehemiah live before going back to Jerusalem? (Persia, Neh. 2:1)
- Why did Nehemiah travel to Jerusalem? (to lead the people to rebuild the city walls and gates, Neh. 2:5)
- True or false: Everyone was happy that Jerusalem's walls were being rebuilt. (False, some men who lived nearby were angry; Neh. 4:1-3)
- What men opposed the Jews building the wall? (Sanballat and Tobiah, Neh. 4:1-3)
- What did the Jews do when their enemies opposed them? (They prayed for God to help them, Neh. 4:4-5)
- How did Nehemiah encourage the people? (He reminded them that God is powerful and would fight for them against their enemies, Neh. 4:14)
- How many days did it take to complete the wall? (52, Neh. 6:15)
- BIG PICTURE QUESTION:** Does God keep His promises? Yes, God is always faithful even when we are not.

**WHAT YOU SAY:** God used Nehemiah to lead His people as they rebuilt Jerusalem's walls. The people also rebuilt the gates around the city. The gates in today's Bible story had names like the Fish Gate, Sheep Gate, Valley Gate, and Old Gate. By rebuilding the city gates, the people strengthened their community. The walls and gates protected the people from their enemies. Jesus came to protect us from our enemies. He died on the cross and rose from the dead to rescue people from sin and death.

Read these passages as a family and then pray to close.  
Deuteronomy 7:9 | Psalm 33:4

Pray with Kids: Dear God, thank you for sending Your Son to die on the cross for our sins. You love us so much that you made a way for us to be with You again. We love You. In Jesus name, Amen.

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