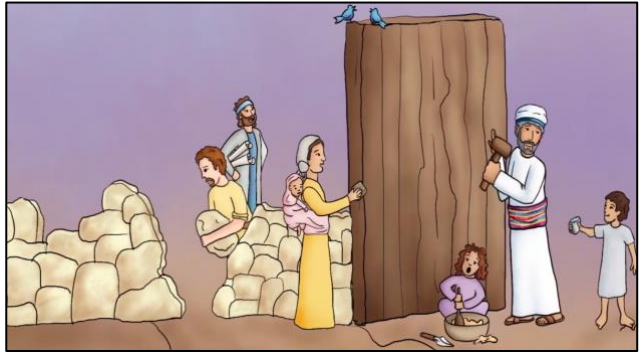


Video:
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Lesson #16: NEHEMIAH HELPS REBUILD THE WALLS OF JERUSALEM (Nehemiah 1-3)



The Bible says that some of God’s people were still living and working in the cities of Persia. One of these men was named Nehemiah. Nehemiah was a special servant to the king of Persia. He was a cupbearer. He brought the king his cup with drinks.

One day, Nehemiah’s brother who had been living in Jerusalem, came back to Persia. Nehemiah asked, “Tell me about Jerusalem.” “Oh, the people are very sad,” his brother answered. “The wall around Jerusalem is broken down. It’s just a pile of rocks now. And the gates have all been burned with fire.”



When Nehemiah heard this, he sat down and cried. “What? No walls?” The walls and the gates were what protected God’s City. The walls kept enemies out and kept the people safe. Nehemiah cried for many days. He didn’t even eat, but just kept crying.

He cried, “God, I know we have all committed many sins against You and have made You sad. But remember You said that if we came back to You and obey, You will help us.”



Later Nehemiah took the king his drink. “Nehemiah,” the king asked, “why is your face so sad? I know you aren’t sick, but it looks like your heart is sick.” Should Nehemiah tell the king the truth of why he was so sad? What if the king got mad at him?



But Nehemiah took a deep breath and told the king, “How could I not be sad when the land of my family is all broken down and burned up?” The king asked, “Well, what do you want?”

Nehemiah prayed a silent prayer to God, and then boldly said to the king, “O King, would you please send me back to the city of my relatives so that I can rebuild the walls and the gates?”

The king asked Nehemiah, “How long would your trip take? How long would you be gone?” When Nehemiah saw that the king was really thinking of letting him go, he knew God was with him. So, Nehemiah answered him and then asked, “Would you also give me some letters? And some soldiers to keep me safe on my journey? And also, what about some wood to rebuild the walls and gates!?”



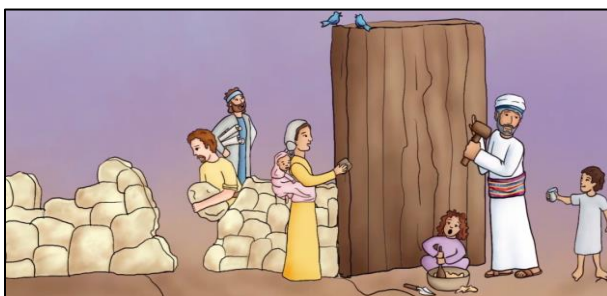
The King gave Nehemiah what he asked for. So, Nehemiah left. Nehemiah arrived in Jerusalem. After 3 days Nehemiah got up in the night and quietly inspected what was left of the broken walls and burned gates of the city.

He rode on his donkey and looked around at the crumbled, burned mess. Then Nehemiah said to the people, “This city is truly in a mess! The gates have been torn down and burned, and everything is a disaster! We must rebuild the city’s wall!”

Then he told them about God’s kindness. And when everyone heard it they said, “Let’s start rebuilding right now!”



“My household and I will rebuild the Valley Gate!” one person said. “And we will work on the wall near our house!” one said. “And we will work next to you!” his neighbor said. “Each one of us in front of our own house!” said one of the priests. And on and on and on, more and



more and more worked side by side. Day after day with ALL their heart, they built and stacked stones and fixed the gates and walls.

**Always remember that God will help us!
When God’s people work together, we can do great things!**

PRIMARY GRADES ACTIVITY
Color the Picture of **NEHEMIAH** Rebuilding the Walls of Jerusalem



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UPPER GRADES WORDSEARCH
REBUILDING THE WALLS OF JERUSALEM

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WORD BANK				
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What do you learn about GOD in this lesson?

What lesson do you learn about YOURSELF? How can you help?
