

Large Group

Nehemiah Rebuilt the Walls

Bible Passage: Nehemiah 1-7

Memory Verse: 2 Corinthians 7:10

Big Picture Question: How should we feel when we sin?

When we sin, we should feel sorry that we have disobeyed God and want to turn from our sin because we love Him.



Countdown Video (3 mins)

Worship Song (4 mins)

Worship Leader briefly introduces self, welcomes kids, leads 1st worship song, and prays for the time.

Welcome (1 mins)

Large Group Leader tell kids what to expect to happen (1 minute)

- watch the lesson video
- retell the story.
- read the story from scripture

Watch the Lesson Video (4 mins)

Retell the Story (11 mins)

Lead the kids in a fun retelling of the story

Here are some resources to help you formulate this time.

Review what we learned:

God's Word is one big story and it all points to Jesus. When we read the stories in the Bible, we are reminded that God will always protect His people, and He sent Jesus to protect us from our enemies—sin and death. Last week, we learned that there was an enemy trying to destroy God's people. Esther bravely went to the king and told him all about Haman's evil plan. God was in control and kept Esther and her people safe.

Today, we will learn about another way God protected His people. God used Nehemiah to lead the people in rebuilding the wall and reminded them they needed to trust in Him.

Today's Lesson

Nehemiah was a Jew living in Babylon. God had given Nehemiah a job with great influence. What was Nehemiah's job? [Allow responses.] Nehemiah was a cupbearer to the king of Babylon. God placed Nehemiah in a special position to help the Jews, just as God had placed Esther as queen of Persia to save them from Haman's evil plan.

Some of the Jews had gone back to Jerusalem but were sad to find the walls around Jerusalem broken. Walls and gates were built to keep enemies out. Nehemiah was very sad to hear about the broken wall. What did the king do when he saw how sad Nehemiah was? [Allow responses.] The king told Nehemiah he could go back to Jerusalem and rebuild the wall.

Some people tried to stop the wall from being built and attacked the builders. What did Nehemiah tell his people when they were being attacked? [Allow responses.] He told them to trust God. God would protect His people. How long did it take to repair the wall? [Allow responses.] It only took 52 days to rebuild the wall! That was so fast that the enemies around Jerusalem knew the Jews had God's help. The enemies were very afraid.

God is faithful to provide and to protect His people from their enemies. God is in control of every situation. We can trust and believe that He will be faithful to us.

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 greatest enemies, sin and death. He died on the cross and rose from the dead to rescue everyone who trusts in Him.

Read from the Bible (4 mins)

Nehemiah 1:3-4; 2:1-6, 11, 18; 4:6-9, 14-16; 6:15-16

Remind Kids of Four Questions (1 min)

- What did you like about today's story?
- What did you find confusing?
- What did you learn about people?
- What did you learn about God?

Memory Verse Song (4 mins)

Worship Leader connects the lesson to the memory verse, leads the memory verse song with hand motions, and closes in prayer.