

The Walls Were Rebuilt

Session 2024-08

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Hi Tweens,

Opening Prayer

Lord, when I am uncertain about what I should do, show me your ways. When I don't know which way to turn, teach me and show me. In everything I do, I ask you to guide me. I want to trust you and I ask that you would protect me. In Jesus Name. Amen!

The story in this week's lesson "**The Walls Were Rebuilt**" is from the book of Nehemiah. The book of Nehemiah tells of God's faithfulness to complete His work among His people. Through His faithfulness, God sent Jesus to a broken world to restore His people. In His life, death, and resurrection, Jesus overcame challenges and completed His work, forever securing a place for God's people with Him. **Enjoy this week's story!**

Ministry Spotlight –

Austin and Amanda Ganyo are missionaries that plant new churches in western Africa. To learn more about their ministry, click on the link:

<https://trainingtomorrowleaders.org/>



Bible Passage: Nehemiah 3-6; 12:27-43

Memory Verse: Joshua 22:5b NIV

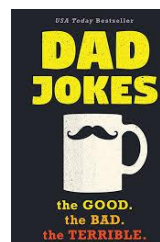
to love the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, to keep his commands, to hold fast to him and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul."

Bible Verse: Psalm 119:34 NIV

Give me understanding, so that I may keep your law and obey it with all my heart.

Text Truth: **We can continue to obey God even when facing opposition.**

Bible Skills Spotlight: Understand that the Bible teaches people how to live in a way that brings glory to God. Identify and apply biblical principles to personal and social issues.



Q. Why was the **vegetable** lonely?

A. Because it had no **pear!**

Shine!

Wednesdays

Kid friendly dinner at 5:30pm

Program starts at 6:00pm

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- “Have you ever been given a job that seemed impossible? Maybe you thought you could not possibly do it all by yourself?”
- “Sometimes, all we need to complete a difficult task is some help—help from God and other people. God gave us the church to be a family that helps each other and works together.”
- “When Nehemiah returned to Jerusalem, the people saw all the work that needed to be done to rebuild. But they needed encouragement to know that God was with them. Nehemiah was there to encourage them and to remind them that God was there for them and He would make rebuilding possible.”

ENJOY THIS WEEK’S STORY!

Nehemiah put the gates in place along the wall. Every person who worked on rebuilding the wall had a specific job. While some men built the Sheep Gate, others built the Fish Gate. There were those who worked on the Fountain Gate, and still others who built around the area of the Broad Wall. Each gate was important. They all, men and women, worked together to get the job finished.



Next, the people worked to rebuild the walls. People complained about the wall being rebuilt.

Some even threatened to come and fight to stop the building. Nehemiah prayed to God and encouraged the people to continue to build. Half of the Israelites worked on the wall while the other half stood guard in case they were attacked. Nehemiah kept a trumpet player

beside him to play in case an attack did happen.

While Nehemiah worked to rebuild the walls, messengers came to him from two men wanting to meet with him. Sanballat, governor of Samaria, and Geshem, an Arabian ruler, sent the message. Another man, Tobiah was involved also. Nehemiah sent a message back to them that he was busy with an important job and could not come down to meet with them.

The men sent the same message four times! Four times Nehemiah refused, sending the men the same message as the first. Sanballat and Geshem sent the message a fifth time. This time, the message was in a sealed letter. Sanballat told Nehemiah about a rumor that Nehemiah wanted to be king of the Jewish people and he was leading them to rebel against the king of Persia. Sanballat and Geshem threatened to report this to the king. Nehemiah did not go down. He sent a message to Sanballat. Nehemiah knew Sanballat and Geshem were trying to scare and distract the people. He prayed to God for strength.

The people obeyed God, and despite the opposition and trouble they experienced, they finished the wall in 52 days! God was faithful to work through His people and protect His people to get His work done. God guided Nehemiah through tough times. When Nehemiah’s enemies found out the wall was completed, they were scared. Even Nehemiah’s enemies knew the work had been completed through God’s faithfulness.

The Israelites gathered to dedicate the wall and celebrate what God had done. People gathered with cymbals, harps, and lyres. The people climbed to the top of the wall. One group walked to the right and one group walked to the left. They sang and praised God for all He had done.

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OPEN YOUR BIBLE TO NEHEMIAH

READ NEHEMIAH 6:15-16

- “When we accomplish something amazing, it is even better when people look and see clearly that it only happened because of God. The Israelites and the surrounding nations all knew that only God could achieve the rebuilding of the wall in 52 days.”
- Repeat this week’s Text Truth again: **We can continue to obey God even when facing opposition.**

If you have any prayer requests, please send them to cameronfamily10@gmail.com. Remember to LAUGH, have a blessed week, watch, or come to church Sunday morning, call a friend, do well in school, and remember **GOD LOVES YOU AND SO DO WE.**

The Tween Teachers

Pray for the kids in Ghana!



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12:27-43

MEMORY VERSE:
JOSHUA 22:5b

NEHEMIAH CROSSWORD

Review today's Bible story by completing the crossword puzzle. For help, use the word bank as you examine Nehemiah 3-6: 12:27-43.

NEHEMIAH LED THE PEOPLE TO FIX THE ____ (2A) THEN REBUILD THE WALL.

NEHEMIAH KEPT A ____ (2D) PLAYER BESIDE HIM TO PLAY IN CASE AN ATTACK HAPPENED.

MESSENGEES CAME TO NEHEMIAH FROM TWO MEN WANTING TO ____ (1A) WITH HIM.

NEHEMIAH SENT A MESSAGE BACK THAT HE WAS ____ (4A) AND COULD NOT COME TO MEET WITH THEM.

THE PEOPLE OBEYED GOD AND FINISHED THE WALL IN 52 ____ (6A)!

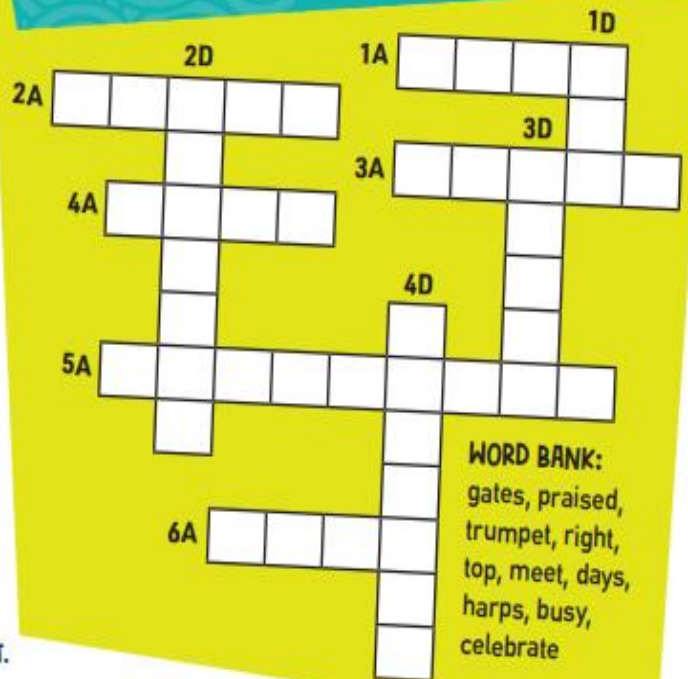
THE ISRAELITES GATHERED TO DEDICATE THE WALL AND ____ (5A) WHAT GOD HAD DONE.

PEOPLE GATHERED WITH CYMBALS, ____ (3A), AND LYRES.

THE PEOPLE CLIMBED TO THE ____ (1D) OF THE WALL.

ONE GROUP WALKED TO THE ____ (3D), AND ONE GROUP WALKED TO THE LEFT.

THEY SANG AND ____ (4D) GOD FOR ALL HE HAD DONE.



WORD BANK:
gates, praised,
trumpet, right,
top, meet, days,
harps, busy,
celebrate