

Children's House Church - Bible Study (Week 1/18 ~ 24)

Title: God's work! Together as God's family.

Bible Story: Nehemiah rebuilt the walls

Bible Passage: Nehemiah 1:1-4, 2:11-18

Today's Bible Study Time

1. Read the summary story and Bible passage together.
 2. Share the discussion questions and pray for one another.
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[Summary Story]

God's people had lived in Babylon for 70 years. Some of God's people went home to Judah, but some stayed in Babylon. Nehemiah stayed and worked for the king of Persia. One day, some men came from Judah.

The men had bad news: "The people in Jerusalem are in trouble. The walls around Jerusalem are broken, and the gates are burned down." Nehemiah sat down and cried. Then he spent time praying and fasting. The king asked, "What's wrong?" Nehemiah said, "The city where my ancestors are from is in ruins."

The king sent Nehemiah to Jerusalem. Nehemiah led the people to start rebuilding the walls and gates. People worked side by side. Soon the wall was half as tall as it had once been! But not everyone was happy that Jerusalem's walls were being rebuilt. Some men who lived nearby made a plan to attack them and stop their work.

God's people prayed and chose men to guard the walls all day and all night. Nehemiah reminded the people that God was with them. Enemies could threaten God's people, but they could not make God's people stop building. God's people went back to work. Some stood guard with weapons, and others worked on the wall. They were always ready to fight, just in case.

In just 52 days, the wall was complete! The city was ready for more of God's people to come home. When Jerusalem's enemies heard that the wall was rebuilt, they were afraid because they knew God was with His people.

[Number the events in order it happened]

- () The people guarded the walls.
- () The neighboring rulers interrupted and threatened Nehemiah and the people.
- () Nehemiah prayed and fasted to go to Jerusalem.
- () Nehemiah and the people started to rebuild the walls.
- () Nehemiah cried about the sad news about Jerusalem.
- () The wall was completed.
- () God protected and strengthened Nehemiah and the people.

Answer: 5 - 4 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 7 - 6

[Discussion Questions]

Q1. What does this story teach us about God?

Q2. Does trusting God mean we always just sit back and wait? Why not?

Q3. What does it mean that God restores our relationship with him?

[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.