



Hey Tiny Town Parents!

Though we can't meet in person this weekend, we don't think learning about God needs to stop! Here's a lesson you and your kids can work together on this week. In the email is a great video that shares the story of Nehemiah leading the charge to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. If you are unable to watch the video, you can read it together below!

The story of Nehemiah reminds of how God was faithful then and how God remains faithful today! There are also discussion questions that are great for continuing the conversation of Nehemiah with our older Tiny Town kids as well as an activity everyone can participate in.

Nehemiah Leads the Charge to Rebuild the Walls of Jerusalem

Bible Passages: Nehemiah 1-4; 6-9

Today we're going to hear a story about a man named Nehemiah. Nehemiah was a man who trusted God and listened to what God had commanded him to do to help God's people.

Hundreds of years ago, God's people, the Israelites were living far from their home in Jerusalem. God's people were finally allowed to go home, but some of them still lived far away. Nehemiah was one of these people.

He talked to God about everything. One day, Nehemiah's brother came back from a trip to Jerusalem and told Nehemiah that the walls around the city had fallen down and were burnt from fires. The people living there were in trouble.

This news made Nehemiah very sad. He cried and didn't eat or drink anything for days. He also prayed to God for help. He knew that God is faithful to His people. God always keeps His promises, and we can trust Him. Nehemiah remembered God's promise that no matter how far His people were from Him, if they obeyed God, He would take care of them because He is faithful.

Nehemiah worked for the king, and the king saw how sad he was. The king asked Nehemiah why he was so sad. Nehemiah prayed to God before answering. Then he asked the king if he would send him safely back to his homeland of

Jerusalem so he could rebuild the walls and help the city. The king agreed and gave him everything he needed to rebuild the walls.

All the families of Jerusalem were given a section of the wall to rebuild. When the families got tired, Nehemiah spoke kind words and helped the people know God was with them. He reminded all of the people that God is faithful.

After 52 days, the wall was finished! God's people would be safe behind the new wall. When everyone was together, a priest read the book that was filled with God's Word to the people. He read it out loud so everyone could hear the words. Everyone was so happy, and they spent time worshipping and praising God.

God is faithful. Just like He had brought His people back to Jerusalem, He also provided a wall to keep them safe. God also promises that He will bring us to our new home in heaven someday to live with Him forever. While we wait, we can tell everyone about our faithful and loving God. We can trust God to help us every day!

Continue the conversation by asking...

I wonder ... What were the people thinking about as they rebuilt the wall?

I wonder ... How did the Israelites feel to be safe behind the new wall?

What does it mean that God is faithful?

Activity: Nehemiah Helps Rebuilds the Walls

Nehemiah led God's people to rebuild the walls around the city of Jerusalem to keep the city and people safe.

Parents - gather together some blocks, leggos, or some toys. Be creative! You can also use graham crackers and icing, pillows and blankets, or whatever you have around the house!

Help your kids build a strong and mighty wall to protect the city and God's people, just like Nehemiah did!

