

Nehemiah Video

Scripture: Nehemiah 1-9

Memory Verse: Nehemiah 9:5b *“Stand up and bless the Lord your God forever and ever!”*

Lesson Focus: This will be our last weekend on Nehemiah. A few of the kids watched this video several weeks ago at the Saturday night service on the weekend that the Sunday morning services were cancelled. So some of them may be watching it again. However, we wanted all the kids to watch it as it is a great summary and conclusion of all that we have studied in Nehemiah.

Teachers: Please inform parents as they are dropping off their kids that they will be watching a cartoon video. While the video does not have any really intense moments in it, overly sensitive kids might get excited. If they have any concerns, they may want to keep their kids with them in the main sanctuary.

If you would like to preview the video beforehand, you can find it here on Rightnow Media: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/KidsSeries/325517?episode=8>

Schedule:

- 1) Please bring kids into the main sanctuary as usual 10-15 minutes after service starts.
- 2) After our normal worship, I will introduce the video with some background information.
- 3) Sit down with the kids and watch the video with them (about 25 minutes).
- 4) We will dismiss the kids back to their rooms where we will provide follow-up small group activities.

Room Time Afterwards: We will have a coloring page and a word maze available for the lesson. Also see discussion questions below for your reference.

- 1st-2nd graders: Feel at liberty to either lead a small group discussion afterward (using the discussion Q provided or your own Qs) or leverage the coloring page or puzzle.
- 3rd-5th graders: Please process and digest the video with the kids in the classroom. You can use the discussion Qs below or feel free to come up with your own Qs.

Discussion Qs

Dig Into the Story

- 1) What did Nehemiah do immediately after he heard about the walls and city of Jerusalem in ruins? **Read Nehemiah 1:4.** (Remember in Week 1 we learned that Nehemiah was a “man of prayer”)
- 2) How did God use the king of Persia to answer Nehemiah’s prayer to rebuild the city? **Read Nehemiah 2:1-6.** (Remember in Week 2 we learned that Nehemiah was a “man with godly guts”)
- 3) When Nehemiah encouraged the Jewish people to rebuild the city, how did they respond? **Read Nehemiah 2:17-18.** (Remember in Week 3 we learned that Nehemiah was a “godly leader”)
- 4) What are some things that Nehemiah did when Sanballat and other enemies mocked and plotted to hurt them? Point out how he showed himself a “man of prayer”, how he showed “godly guts”, and how he was a “godly leader”.
- 5) Chris asked Nehemiah how he was able to ignore the mocking of the bad guys. How did Nehemiah respond?
- 6) How do you think Nehemiah knew his friend Shemaiah was lying to him? Have you ever been betrayed by a friend? How did you feel?

Go Deeper

- 1) Have you ever wanted to quit something because other kids were making fun of you or not being very nice?
- 2) How did Chris show “godly leadership” to those two boys in his class after he saw how God used Nehemiah as a “godly leader”?
- 3) Jesus Himself was mocked and ridiculed when He was hung on the cross. In fact, Jesus was mocked by the people He came to save! Why would Jesus do that? **Read John 3:16-17.**
- 4) When we obey God, like Nehemiah did, should we expect things to be easy? **Read John 16:33.**
- 5) Are you facing any challenges this week that you need prayer for “godly courage” to be able to face them?