



The Walls Go Up

Nehemiah and Ezra

Nehemiah 1-4; 6:15-16; 8:1-3; 10:28-29; 12:27



Review and Discussion:

Challenge your child to retell the story. Help him or her remember key details by asking the following questions:

- ★ **What did Nehemiah say when he saw that things were even worse than he'd heard?** ("This will be a big job but, with God's help, we can rebuild these walls.")
- ★ **How did the enemies of God's people react?** (First, they laughed. But as the walls grew higher, they prepared to attack.)
- ★ **What did the people do when the wall was finished?** (They promised to obey God's law and praised Him for protecting them.)

Read the following thought aloud to help increase your child's understanding:

Nehemiah could have given up, but he did not. Nehemiah knew they could rebuild the walls with God's help. Nehemiah told the people this. Then, they worked together to get things done. It was not easy, but with God it was possible.



Explore God's Big Story:

Together, discover how this specific lesson ties into God's Big Story. Read the following aloud to your child:

Nehemiah knew it would take a lot of work to rebuild the walls. But he also knew that God would help them. We can also know that God will help us when we choose to follow and obey Him.



Memory Verse:

"...The God of heaven *(point both hands up)* will help *(link index fingers together)* us succeed. We, his servants *(place one hand on chest and bow slightly)*, will start rebuilding this wall *(pound fists together)*."
Nehemiah 2:20a (NLT)



Talk to God:

Dear God,
Help me to have the same kind of courage that Nehemiah did. Help me remember his example about the power of praying with others who also love You.
Amen.

