



Unit 12, Lesson 47

TODAY'S EPIC STORY: NEHEMIAH

NEHEMIAH 1:1-4;
2—4; 6

THE STORY HOME

Nehemiah was a Jew. He was also King Artaxerxes' cupbearer. When Nehemiah heard that the wall around Jerusalem was still completely destroyed, he was very sad. King Artaxerxes gave Nehemiah permission to go lead the rebuilding of the wall. He sent letters of permission, as well as army officers with Nehemiah. Many people worked hard to rebuild the wall, but there were a few who did everything they could to distract Nehemiah and plot against him. However, God was with Nehemiah and the wall was built in just 52 days.

PARENTS & KIDS QUESTIONS:

- Can you imagine building a wall by hand around an entire city in just 52 days?
- Sanballat, Tobiah, and Geshem were bullies. They did everything they could to distract Nehemiah, trick him, and try to kill him. Do you know people like that? How did Nehemiah respond to them?
- Why do you think it was important for the wall to be rebuilt?
- What does the way Nehemiah lived tell us about how we should live?

TOGETHER HOME

The wall around Jerusalem was rebuilt by stacking huge stones on top of each other. Find some rocks or small stones and try to stack them up to make a tower or wall. What would it be like to build a huge wall around an entire city?

BIBLE MEMORY HOME

“The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “When I will make a new covenant... I will be their God, and they will be my people.” (Jeremiah 31:31, 33)

Say this verse together as you get ready to go to school and work in the morning, and then before you go to bed at night. Talk about how you lived out this covenant as God's people each day this week.

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