Week 112 Nehemiah Looks to God-Rebuilding the Wall

Scriptures: Nehemiah 1 - 6

Key Verse: Nehemiah 6:16 'And it happened, when all our enemies heard of it, and all the nations around us saw these things, that they were very disheartened in their own eyes; for they perceived that this work was done by our God.'

Key Points:

- 1. Nehemiah was a cupbearer to the King. Nehemiah had heard of the desolate condition of his homeland in Judah, this was very distressing to Nehemiah. He prayed to God to be able to go work to restore Jerusalem and rebuild the wall. King Artaxerxes saw how this made Nehemiah sad so the king gave his blessing to go and work. Soldiers were sent to help him on his way as well as a letter from the king for permission to pass through the kingdoms and for materials needed.
- 2. Nehemiah went by night to look over the work that needed to be done. He told the Jews and officials his plans and they were encouraged, wanting to help. Enemies of the Israelites, Sanballat and Tobiah, scoffed at them, desiring to keep them from rebuilding the wall. Nehemiah prayed to God for guidance.
- 3. Many men worked to rebuild the wall. Half of it was built when Sanballat and Tobiah became angry and conspired to attack. Israelites made their prayer to God. Nehemiah set half the men to the construction and the other half behind the walls with weapons ready to fight against their enemies.
- **4.** The people complained among one another about famine and taxes. Nehemiah worked with the people to help them get along and also helped to feed them by allowing them to eat at his table. He fed as many as 150 Jews, again praying to God to remember him and the work he was there to do.
- 5. The wall was almost complete and this greatly displeased Sanballat and Tobiah. They falsely accused Nehemiah of rebelling and desiring to be king. They conspired to kill him. Nehemiah uncovered their plan and again prayed to God for his guidance. When the wall was finished all the enemies were disheartened for all could see this work was blessed by God. The wall was finished in 52 days. Nehemiah looked to God to do this work and God was with him.

The Cupbearer

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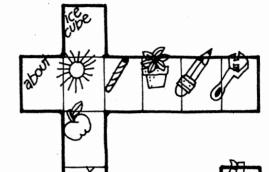
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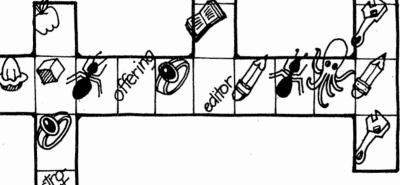
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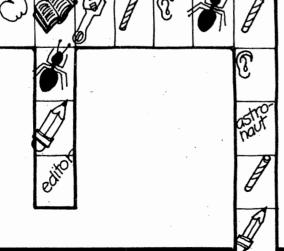
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NEHEMIAH'S PRAYER & VIEWING THE WALL

(NEHEMIAH 1:1-2:20)



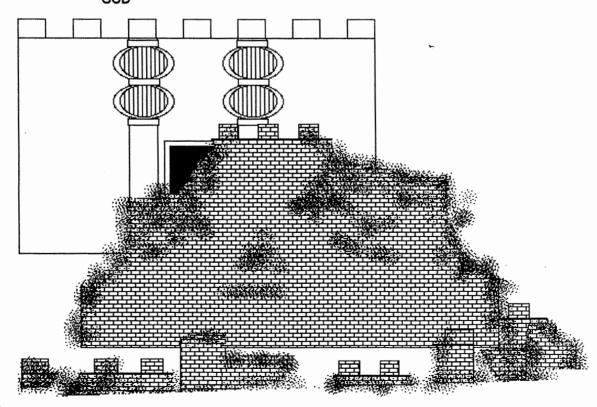
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Nehemiah asked about "the Jews who had escaped, who had survived the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem." NEHEMIAH 1:2 TRUE OR FALSE 2. And they said to him, "All is well with the survivors. The walls of Jerusalem are tall, and the gates are strong." **NEHEMIAH 1:3** TRUE OR FALSE FILL IN THE BLANKS: 3. Nehemiah said, "So it was, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned for many days; I was _____ and ____ before the God of heaven." NEHEMIAH 1:4 TRUE OR FALSE: Nehemiah was the king's cupbearer. NEHEMIAH 1:11 TRUE OR FALSE FILL IN THE BLANKS: "The king said to me, 'Why is your face , since you are not sick? This is nothing but sorrow of 5. heart.' Then I became dreadfully afraid, and said to the king, 'May the king live forever! Why should my face not be _____, when the city, the place of my fathers' tombs, lies waste, and its gates are burned with fire?' " NEHEMIAH 2:2-3 "Then the king said to me, 'What do you request?' So I to the God of heaven. And I said to the 6. king, 'If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favor in your sight, I ask that you send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers' tombs, that I might it.' " NEHEMIAH 2:4-5 7. "Furthermore I said to the king, 'If it pleases the king, let ______ be given to me for the governors of the region beyond the River, that they must permit me to pass through till I come to Judah, and a letter to Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that he must give me ______ to make beams for the gates of the citadel which pertains to the

TRUE OR FALSE:

8. Nehemiah writes, "So I came to Jerusalem and was there three days." **NEHEMIAH 2:11**

temple, for the city wall, and for the house that I will occupy.' " **NEHEMIAH 2:7-8**

- TRUE OR FALSE
- 9. He writes, "I went out by night through the Valley Gate to the Serpent Well and the Refuse Gate, and viewed the walls of Jerusalem which were broken down and its gates which were burned with fire." **NEHEMIAH 2:14**

TRUE OR FALSE

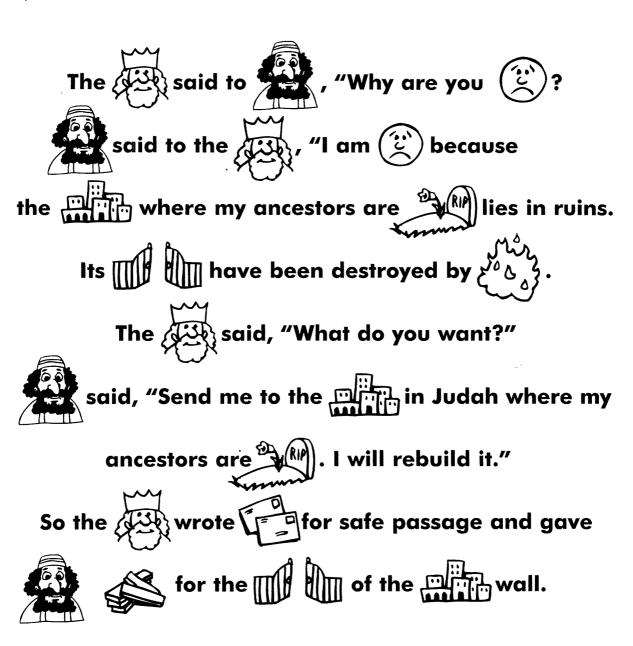
FILL IN THE BLANKS:

10.	Nehemiah told the	officials "of the ha	and of my God which h	ad been good upon	me, and also of the	king's words that he
	had spoken to me.	So they said, 'Le	et us rise up and build.'	Then they set their	to 0	do this good
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Nehemiah's Request Nehemiah 2

The King Helps His Friend

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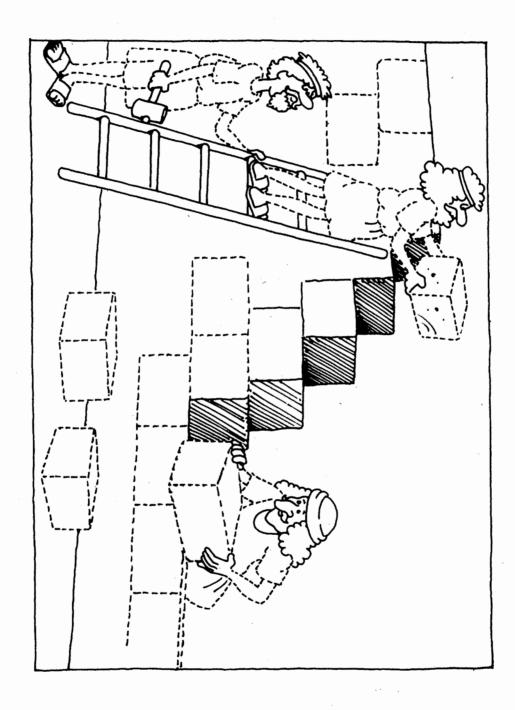




NEHEMIAH REBUILDS THE WALLS

Nehemiah 1—8

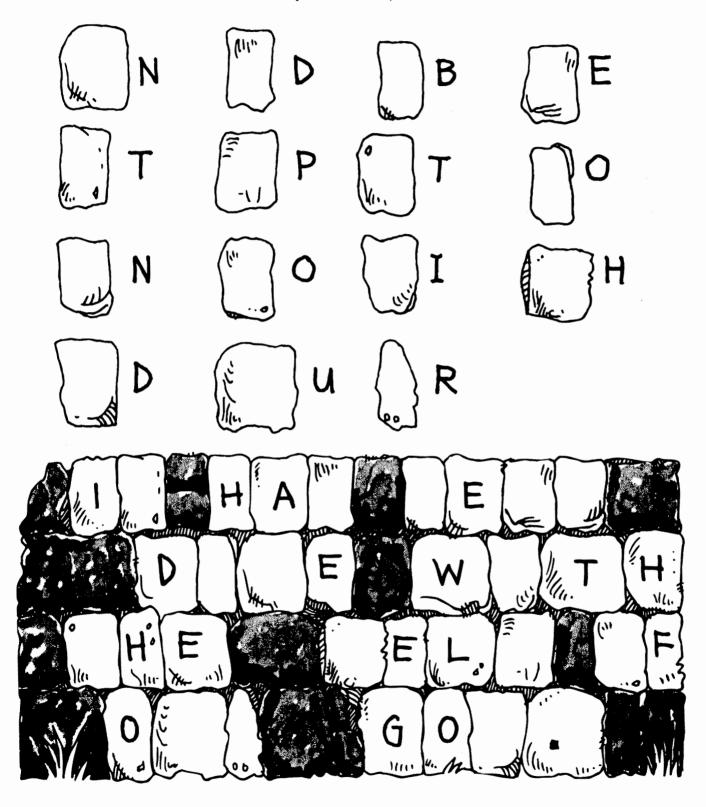
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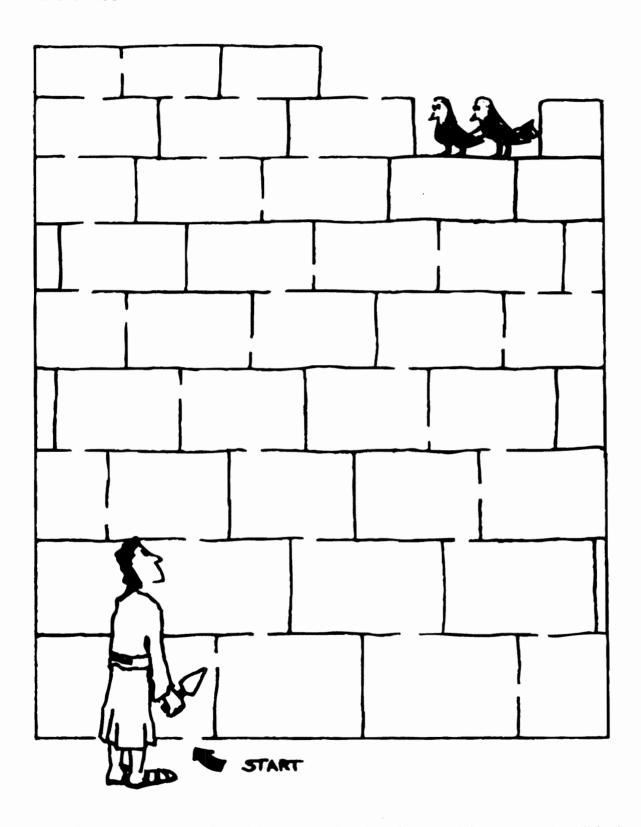
Nehemiah was the cupbearer to the king of Persia. He was upset that the walls around the city of Jerusalem were falling down. Nehemiah led a group of workers to rebuild the walls so the city would be safe from it's enemies.

Construction Site

How did the Israelites rebuild the city wall? To find out, look at the wall below. For each white brick, find the brick that exactly matches it in the code key. Write the letter in the matching blank brick. Read Nehemiah 6:15, 16 if you need help.



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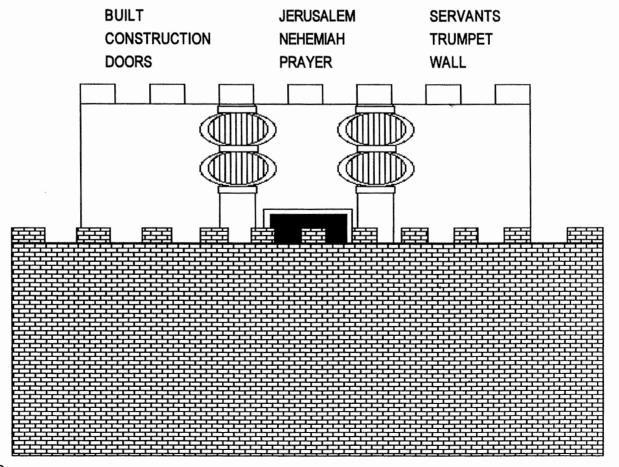


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THE REBUILDING & COMPLETION OF THE WALL

(NEHEMIAH 4:1-7:3)





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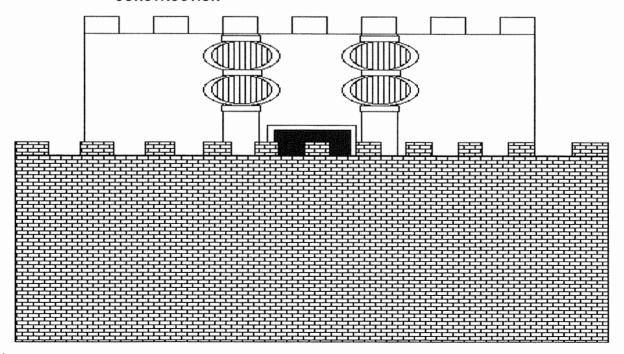
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THE REBUILDING & COMPLETION OF THE WALL

(NEHEMIAH 4:1-7:3)

MEMORY VERSE:

"Our God will fight for us." NEHEMIAH 4:20

TRUE OR FALSE:

1. "When Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, that he was furious and very indignant, and mocked the Jews." **NEHEMIAH 4:1**

TRUE OR FALSE

UNDERLINE THE CORRECT ANSWER:

- 2. "So we built the wall, and the entire wall was joined together up to half its height..." NEHEMIAH 4:6
 - a. for the people had a mind to work
 - b. for the pay was great

FILL IN THE BLANKS:

3.	"Now it happened, when Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabs, the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites heard that the walls of Jerusalem were being restored and the gaps were beginning to be closed, that they became very,						
	, 0	Jerusalem and create confusion." NEHEMIAH 4:7-8					
4.	"Nevertheless we made our them day and night." NEHEMIAH 4:9	to our God, and because of them, we set a watch against					

TRUE OR FALSE:

5. Nehemiah writes, "half of my servants worked at construction, while the other half held the spears, the shields, the bows, and wore armor; and the leaders were behind all the house of Judah." **NEHEMIAH 4:16**

TRUE OR FALSE

FILL IN THE BLANKS:

6.	"Those who built on the wall, and those who carried burdens, loaded themselves so that with one hand they worked a, and with the other held a" NEHEMIAH 4:17
7.	"Then I said to the nobles, the rulers, and the rest of the people, 'The work is great and extensive, and we are separated far from one another on the wall. Therefore, wherever you hear the sound of the, rally to us there. Our God will fight for us.' " NEHEMIAH 4:19-20
B.	"So the wall was on the twenty-fifth day of the month of Elul, in fifty-two days." NEHEMIAH 6:15
9.	"Then it was, when the wall was built and I had hung the doors, when the gatekeepers, the singers, and the Levites had been appointed, that I gave charge of to my brother Hanani, and Hananiah the leader of the citadel." NEHEMIAH 7:1-2

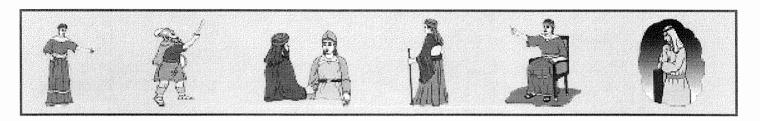
TRUE OR FALSE:

When the seventh month came, the children of Israel were not in their cities. NEHEMIAH 7:73
 TRUE OR FALSE

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Matching the Kings

Match which king belongs to the event or information about him. This may not be an easy run for younger children, but pull out the kings they would be familiar with. The Bible reference will help you get the answer.



Event or Information	Kings
1. He was 8 years old when he became King (II Kings 22:1)	A. David
2. He married Jezebel (I Kings 16:30-31)	B. Darius
3. He was known for his wisdom (I Kings 3)	C. Joash
4. He slew Goliath before he became King (I Samuel 17)	D. Zimri
5. He was a terrible king with the longest reign (II Chron. 33:1)	E. Saul
6. He had the shortest reign - 7 days (I Kings 16:15)	F. Solomon
7. He put Daniel in with the lions (Daniel 6)	G. Josiah
8. He was married to Esther (Esther 7:5)	H. Manasseh
9. He was the youngest King (II Chron 24:1)	I. Nebuchadnezzar
10. He was the first king of Israel at the divided kingdom (I Kings 14:20)	J. Rehoboam
11. He threw the Hebrew boys into a fiery furnace.	K. Hezekiah
12. He asked for the sun to move backwards ten degrees. (II Kings 20:9-11)	L. Jeroboam
13. Nehemiah asked this King if he could return to Jerusalem to rebuild the walls. (Nehemiah 2:1)	M. Ahab
14. He was the first king of Judah (I Kings 12:17)	N. Ahasuerus
15. He tried to kill David, and sought help from a familiar spirit. (I Samuel 28:7)	O. Artaxeres

Match the name of the person with the description. One name will be used twice

A prophet God used to tell of the return to Canaan.

Ezra

A king who allowed captives to return from Persia to Jerusalem

Malachi

A man who led people back to Jerusalem and rebuilt the altar.

Cyrus

A man who led people back to Jerusalem and encouraged them to obey God's law.

Jeremiah

A man who led people back to Jerusalem and rebuilt the city wall.

Zerubbabal

A prophet who promised God's law would be written on peoples's hearts.

Nehemiah

A prophet who promised the coming of the Lord.