

K-5TH

LARGE & SMALL GROUPS

NOV.-WEEK 5

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

PRE-SERVICE

GAME 15 MIN

LARGE GROUP [33 MIN]

OPENING GAME 10 MIN

WORSHIP 5 MIN

STORY VIDEO 13 MIN

BOTTOM LINE

WHAT'S OUR PART IN THE STORY

SALVATION MOMENT 5 MIN

SMALL GROUP [30-35 min]

APPLICATION 1 12 MIN

APPLICATION 2 12 MIN

CLOSING PRAYER 6 MIN

THIS MONTH



Today's Bible Story

Nehemiah
Nehemiah 1-4; 6:1-15

Bottom Line

God can help you do big things.

Memory Verse

Those who trust in the Lord will receive new strength. They will fly as high as eagles. They will run and not get tired. They will walk and not grow weak.
Isaiah 40:31 (NirV)

PRE-SERVICE GAME

“TALLEST TOWER”

What You Need

- Large LEGO® bricks or building blocks
- Timer

Welcome kids by name as they arrive with a high five, fist bump, or a wave!

What You Do

1. Divide the kids into two teams.
2. Give each team a pile of blocks.

Play Together

1. Share the challenge:
 - Each group must attempt to build the tallest tower possible, but only one person can build at a time for 10 seconds.
2. Use the timer to count off 10 seconds per builder.
3. After 10 seconds, shout “Switch!” and instruct the next kid on each team to take over.
4. Repeat several rounds until every kid gets a turn to build.
5. Gather the kids to discuss.

What You Say

“Way to go, friends! What a challenge. It took teamwork, focus, and patience. This reminds me of a job that God gave a man named Nehemiah. Nehemiah wasn’t even a builder, but God gave him a very big task to rebuild something that was broken.

“In the true story we’ll hear from the Bible today, we’ll discover how Nehemiah trusted God to help him do something big, and God helped him every step of the way. Let’s go!”

SMALL GROUP

APPLICATION 1

“VERSE ROLL”

What You Need

- Bibles
- Assembled dice from the “Verse Roll” Activity Page
- “Verse Cards” Activity Page
- Cones or floor tape

What You Do

1. Divide the kids into three teams.
2. Mark three start lines with cones or floor tape.
3. Mark three finish lines a few feet away from each start line.
4. Scatter a set of “Verse Cards” Activity Pages at each team’s finish line.
5. Give each team a paper dice from the “Verse Roll” Activity Page and a Bible.
6. Invite the teams to look up Isaiah 40:31 as a group using the Bible Navigation Tips.
7. Encourage them to read the verse together.
8. Discuss any words in Isaiah 40:31 that might be unfamiliar to the kids.

Move Together:

1. The kids in each team will take turns rolling the verse dice.
2. After rolling the dice, the kid who rolled it is to retrieve the matching card from the finish line
3. If a kid rolls a phrase of the Memory Verse they’ve already collected, they may roll again.
4. After all six phrases of the Memory Verse are collected, the teams are to work together to put the verse in order.
5. Once everyone is finished, read the verse aloud and celebrate!

What You Say

“Great job, teams! Isaiah 40:31 reminds us that when we trust in God, He gives us strength. When we feel tired, nervous, or overwhelmed—God is with you! When you trust Jesus, God gives you new strength through the Holy Spirit. None of us has to be strong on our own. We can keep going because we can trust God to give us EVERYTHING we need to do big things!”

SMALL GROUP

BIBLE NAVIGATION TIPS

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Finding verses with Kindergarteners

- ① Guide children to open their Bibles to the marked page.
- ② Point to the book name at the top of the page as you say it aloud.
- ③ Guide them to find the big number on the page—this is the chapter number.
- ④ Guide them to look under the big number for the little number; this is the verse number. Tell them to leave their finger on the verse as you read it aloud.
- ⑤ Lead everyone to say the verse together.

Finding verses with 1st graders

- ① Guide them to open their Bibles to the front and find the table of contents. Hold up a Bible opened to the table of contents to show the kids what the page looks like.
- ② When the kids find the table of contents, lead them to find the name of the book in the list. You can help by pointing out the first few letters of the book's name.
- ③ When the kids find the book, lead them to look at the page number beside it. Explain that the number tells them on what page they can find that book. Help the kids find the page.
- ④ When they find the book, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Help them find the right chapter.
- ⑤ When they find the chapter, explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Help them find the correct verse in that chapter.

Finding verses with 2nd-3rd graders

- ① Guide them to open their Bibles to the front and find the table of contents. (HOLD UP A BIBLE OPENED TO THE TABLE OF CONTENTS TO SHOW THE KIDS WHAT THE PAGE LOOKS LIKE.)
- ② When the kids find the table of contents, lead them to find the name of the book in the list.
- ③ When they find the book, lead them to look at the page number beside it. Explain that the number tells them on what page they can find that book. Help the kids find the page.
- ④ When they find the book, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Help them find the correct chapter.
- ⑤ Then explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Help them find the correct verse in that chapter.

SMALL GROUP

APPLICATION 2

“BUILD AND REVIEW”

What You Need

- Print “Story Review” Activity Page on paper, one for each Small Group
- White board and marker
- Sticky notes (in two different colors); two stacks for each Small Group

What You Do

1. Make a line down the center of a white board and label each side “TEAM 1” and “TEAM 2”
2. Divide the kids into two teams and give each team a stack of sticky notes (each team has their own color).
3. Explain that each team will work together to build a wall on their side.
 - You will ask a question from the “Story Review” Activity Page. If a team raises a hand and answers correctly first, that team adds a “brick” to its side.
 - If a team answers incorrectly, the other team gets a chance to answer.
6. Continue until all questions are answered.
7. Congratulate the teams for building their walls together

WHAT YOU SAY

“Great job, friends! With God, anything is possible!”

“Nehemiah had an important job working for the king, but when he heard that the walls of his hometown were broken and the people were in trouble, he was really sad. So he prayed and asked God for help, then bravely asked the king if he could go rebuild the wall—and the king said yes! God even gave Nehemiah everything he needed for this big project.

“When Nehemiah arrived in Jerusalem, he saw that the walls were in really bad shape. But instead of giving up, he gathered families, friends, and workers from all kinds of jobs to help. They weren’t expert builders, but they trusted God and worked together to fix the wall. Even when people made fun of them or tried to stop them, Nehemiah prayed, and kept going.

“In just 52 days, they finished rebuilding the whole wall!”

“Rebuilding the wall was a huge task, but Nehemiah did the whole big task with God. Whenever Nehemiah needed help throughout rebuilding the walls, he prayed. When Nehemiah needed building supplies from the king, he prayed. When he needed help against their enemies, Nehemiah prayed. Nehemiah asked God for what he needed every step of the way, and God gave it to him.

“God never left Nehemiah—He gave Nehemiah everything he needed to do big things! God can help you do big things too!”

SMALL GROUP

PRAY AND DISMISS

What You Need

- 3rd-5th Graders - Index Cards & Pens**

What You Do

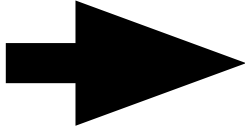
Prayer

“God, thank You for being good and powerful! You were with Nehemiah, and we are so thankful You are with us too! You’ve made each of us SO uniquely, and we are so grateful. We want to live for You, God, so help us to do the big things You call us to do. YOU are strong when we feel weak, You are wise when we feel unsure—so remind us of those truths when we don’t feel confident. Help us to trust You and take the next brave step You ask us to do. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen!”

**3rd-5th- write down your prayer request on a index card and place inside the prayer box.*

GETTING READY

What You Need



PRE-SERVICE GAME

- Large LEGO® bricks or building blocks
- Timer

SALVATION MOMENT

- Salvation cards
- Salvation sheet

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