

Nov 23, 2025 - Nehemiah
Nehemiah

Story:

★ **Introduction & Story:**

Recap: The Israelites have struggled with obedience to God as an entire people group. God sent the prophets to remind the people to turn back to following Him. They refused. God eventually disciplined them by removing them from their homes (exiled). We have talked about certain people who lived during that time and how God still loved His people and protected them.

Nehemiah was a Jewish man living far from Jerusalem. He had been born in Babylon while his family was there in exile. He was free to go back to Jerusalem, but he was working for the King of Persia. He was the king's cupbearer which meant that he would serve the king things to drink only after he had inspected them and perhaps tasted them to make sure that no one had tried to poison the king.

One day, Nehemiah's brother came to visit him for Judah. He brought him sad news: the walls and gates of Jerusalem, the city of his ancestors, were broken and falling down. Nehemiah was very sad because of this news and prayed to God to ask what to do.

When the King of Persia saw Nehemiah's sadness, he asked why he was upset. Nehemiah told the King about the ruined city, and God helped him ask for permission to go back and rebuild the walls. The King not only said yes but also gave Nehemiah letters and supplies to help him on his journey.

When Nehemiah arrived in Jerusalem, he secretly inspected the damaged walls, asking God to give him a plan. He then gathered the leaders and people and told them God's plan to rebuild the walls. The people were inspired and said, "Let us start rebuilding!".

However, some people from neighboring lands became angry and tried to stop the work. They made fun of Nehemiah and his people and even tried to trick him by planning to meet him at a place where they could kill him. Nehemiah would not meet with them because he wanted to continue to build the wall. Four times they requested that he come to them and each time he told them that he would not stop his important work to come to them.

Nehemiah and the people continued to work, but they also kept their weapons handy to protect themselves from the enemies. Half of the workers stood guard while the other half continued to build the wall.

Even though the work was hard, Nehemiah encouraged the people to trust God and remember that He would help them. They worked together, with some people building and others standing guard. Amazingly, the wall and gates were completely rebuilt and finished in just 52 days!

The enemies, seeing that the wall was finished, realized that it was God who had helped the Jews. The people celebrated the rebuilding, knowing that it was God's power and guidance that made it possible.

- ★ **Connection to God's Overall Story/Plan:** God had promised that His people would return to Israel after 70 years of punishment/exile. Nehemiah helped rebuild the city. God was using him to fulfill that promise. This is important because God always did what He said He would do ... and remember, He promised to send a Savior to save all people from their sins.

Follow Up:

- ★ **Retell:** Have kids share what they recall from the story. Fill in any major holes they missed.

Questions:

1. Why were the neighboring people upset about the wall being rebuilt? (The wall would protect the city, and the rulers of the other areas would not be powerful over the Jews any longer.)
2. When Nehemiah refused to go to Sanballat and Tobiah, do you think he knew that they wanted to harm him? (Possibly. The Lord may have warned him. But he was so single-minded about building the wall that he did not want to leave the work.)
3. How do you think it was possible for the people to rebuild that wall in just 52 days?

- ★ **Examine:**

- Ask, "What do we learn about God from this story? What does He do?"
 - He uses us to help carry out His plan – Nehemiah helped prepare the area for people to return home.

- Ask, “What do we learn about humans from this story? What are humans doing?”
 - We are used by God. We can hear from God. We can follow God and help carry out His plan.
- ★ **Application:** Ask, “What is Jesus asking us to do through this story? Why did God include this in the Bible?”
 - Jesus is asking us to be faithful and listen to Him and do what He asks of us.
- ★ **Prayer**

Memory Verse Practice:

- ★ **Verse:** Jeremiah 29:11
- ★ For I know the plans I have for you” -this is the Lord’s declaration -“plans for your well-being, not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

Sticky Activities:

- ★ Activity pages
- ★ Coloring pages
- ★ Crafts:
 - -use large marshmallows. Try to make them sticky and build a wall with them! (This would be a craft for a small group, easily controlled at one table so two adults can help with Wipes. A brave craft but a FUN one if executed with openness and adventure)
 - Give every child a paper and have them decorate it (markers, beads, feathers, as brave as you want to be) and put their name on it – then assemble a wall on the

wall by taping the “bricks” onto the wall



★ Movement activities:

- Build a wall with the verse – We could write on colored craft papers one or two words of the Bible verse and hand them out to the kids and they can “build a wall” using those papers by working together to put the words in order. They’d have to work backwards. So whoever has the last word of the verse tapes it on the bottom and so on until the first word of the verse is at the very top.
- -build a wall with legos, Lincoln logs, play doh

Send Home Page: See attached

Today's lesson was on Nehemiah

Memory Verse:

- “For I know the plans I have for you” - this is the Lord’s declaration - “plans for your well-being, not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.”
Jeremiah 29:11

***Kids that recite the memory verse
to the teacher next week earn a prize ***

Today's lesson was on Nehemiah

Memory Verse:

- “For I know the plans I have for you” - this is the Lord’s declaration - “plans for your well-being, not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.”
Jeremiah 29:11

***Kids that recite the memory verse
to the teacher next week earn a prize ***

Today's lesson was on Nehemiah

Memory Verse:

- “For I know the plans I have for you” - this is the Lord’s declaration - “plans for your well-being, not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.”
Jeremiah 29:11

***Kids that recite the memory verse
to the teacher next week earn a prize ***

Today's lesson was on Nehemiah

Memory Verse:

- “For I know the plans I have for you” - this is the Lord’s declaration - “plans for your well-being, not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.”
Jeremiah 29:11

***Kids that recite the memory verse
to the teacher next week earn a prize ***

Follow Up @ Home

Talk about the plans!

This week we talked about Nehemiah. This is the perfect opportunity to discuss your family plans or even the kids' plans for the future. Just like Nehemiah was blessed for building the wall, God wants to bless us for doing His work – inside and outside of the church!

Follow Up @ Home

Talk about the plans!

This week we talked about Nehemiah. This is the perfect opportunity to discuss your family plans or even the kids' plans for the future. Just like Nehemiah was blessed for building the wall, God wants to bless us for doing His work – inside and outside of the church!

Follow Up @ Home

Talk about the plans!

This week we talked about Nehemiah. This is the perfect opportunity to discuss your family plans or even the kids' plans for the future. Just like Nehemiah was blessed for building the wall, God wants to bless us for doing His work – inside and outside of the church!

Follow Up @ Home

Talk about the plans!

This week we talked about Nehemiah. This is the perfect opportunity to discuss your family plans or even the kids' plans for the future. Just like Nehemiah was blessed for building the wall, God wants to bless us for doing His work – inside and outside of the church!

Memory Verse:

“For I know the plans I have
for you” - this is the Lord’s
declaration - “plans for your
well-being, not for disaster, to
give you a future and a hope.”

Jeremiah 29:11

Fill in the Blanks

“For I know the _____ I
have for you” - this is the
Lord’s declaration - “_____
for your well-being, not for
disaster, to give you a
future and a _____. ”

Jeremiah 29:11

Draw or write about your plans for
life. Will this please God?

Fill in the Blanks

“For I know the _____ I
have for you” - this is the
Lord’s declaration - “_____
for your well-being, not for
disaster, to give you a
future and a _____. ”

Jeremiah 29:11

Draw or write about your plans for
life. Will this please God?



Nehemiah 2:11—4:23; 6:15–16

Nehemiah Rebuilds the Walls

Nehemiah Rebuilds the Walls

Nehemiah 2:11—4:23; 6:15–16

Nehemiah was the king's special helper. One day, Nehemiah's brother came from far away to visit him. The brother told Nehemiah, "The city where we used to live had strong walls. Now they are broken. The city is not safe."

Nehemiah was sad. So Nehemiah prayed to God.

When the king saw Nehemiah, he asked him, "Why are you so sad?" Nehemiah said, "I am sad because the wall around my city is broken down."

The king said, "You may go and help the people fix the wall. You can rebuild it. Come back when it is finished." Nehemiah was very happy.

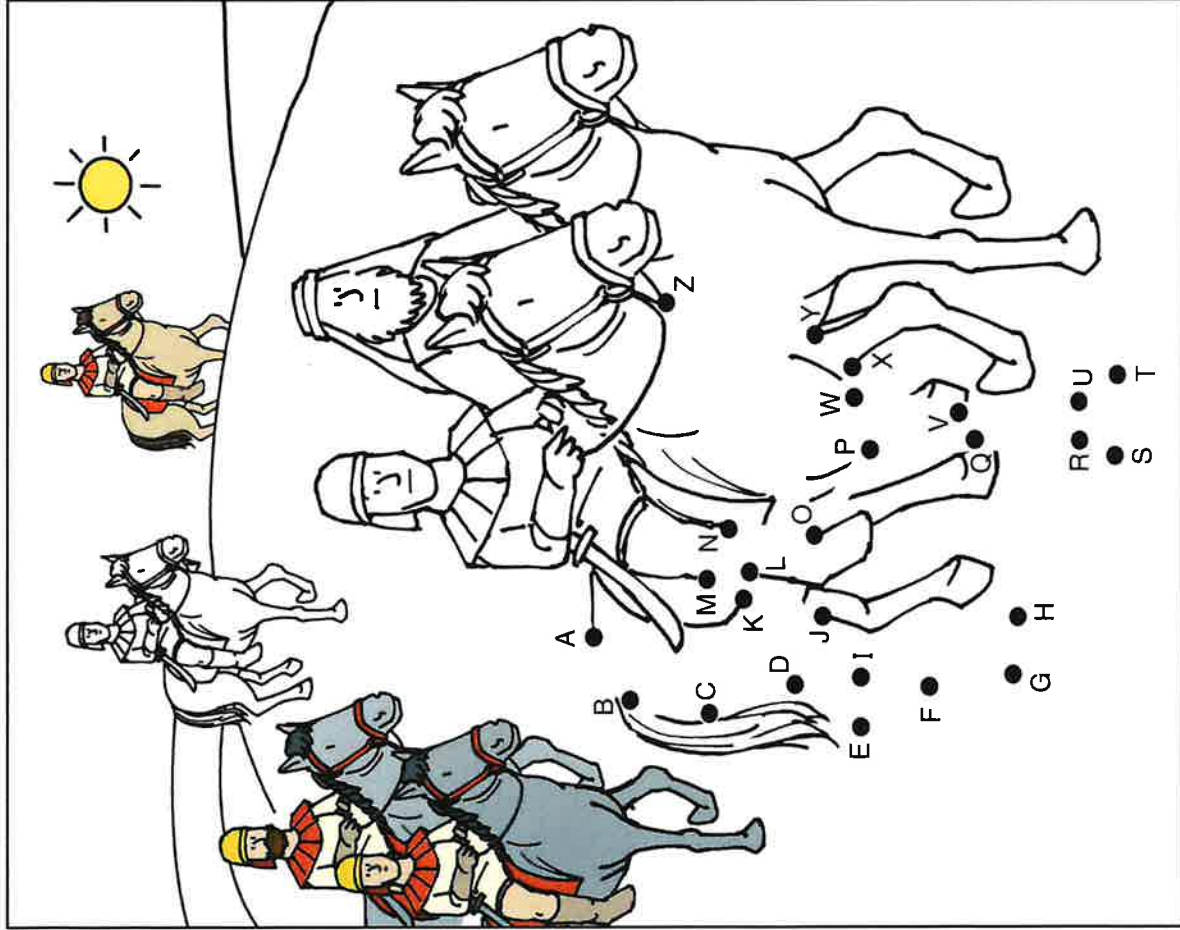
When Nehemiah went to that city, he said to all the people, "We can rebuild the wall. We can make it strong again."

Everyone worked together. After many days, the wall was finished. Everyone was glad to see the wall. And Nehemiah was glad God had heard his prayer. The people could feel safe again.

The king sent Nehemiah on his way with
 army officers and cavalry and a letter to
 Asaph asking for building materials.

Connect the dots.

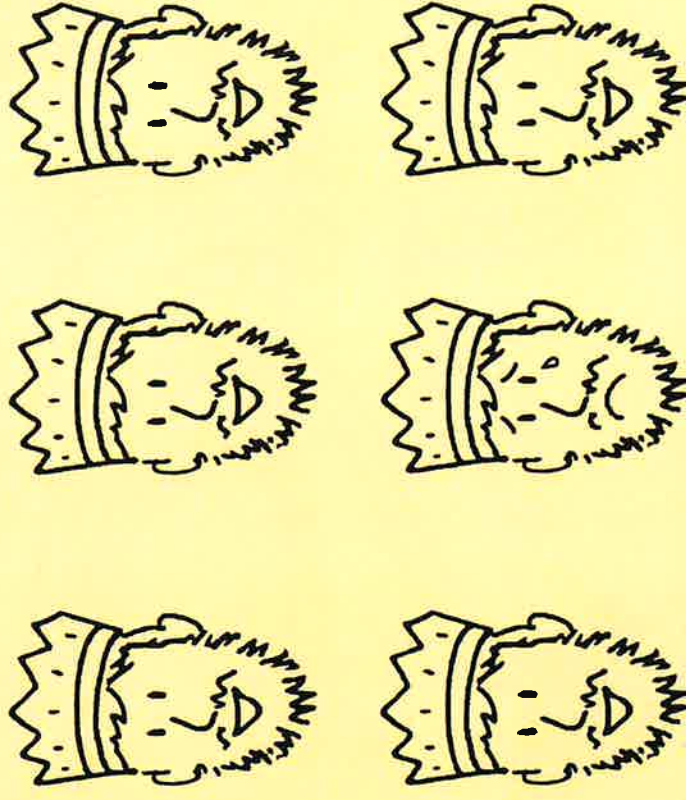
A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z



Nehemiah Goes to Jerusalem

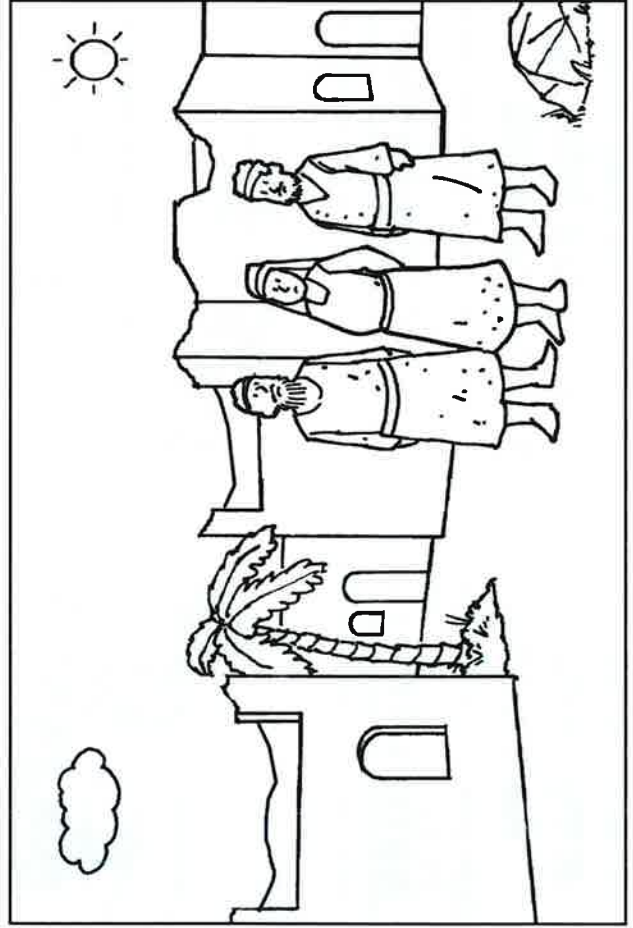
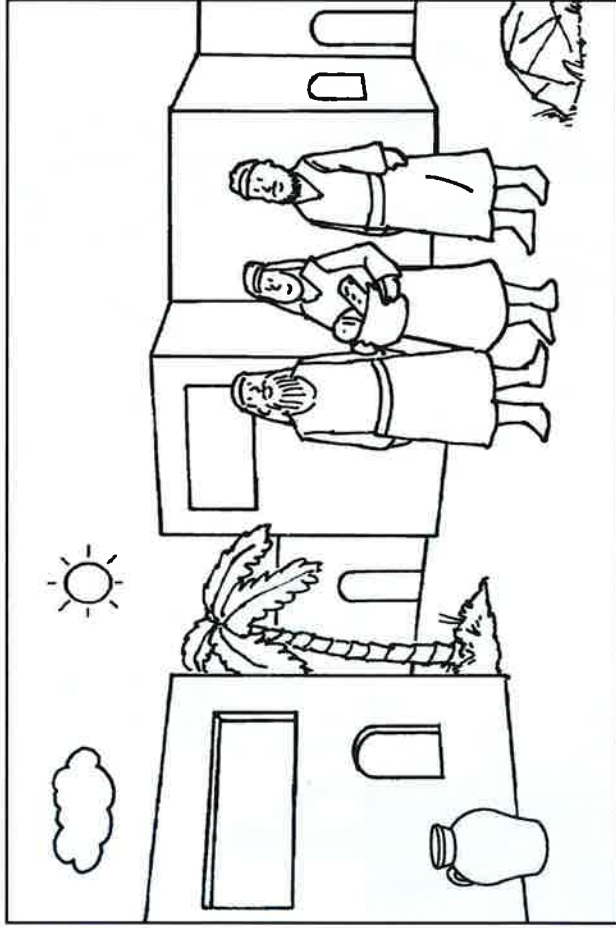
The king asked Nehemiah
 why he was so sad.

Find and circle the sad face of Nememiah.



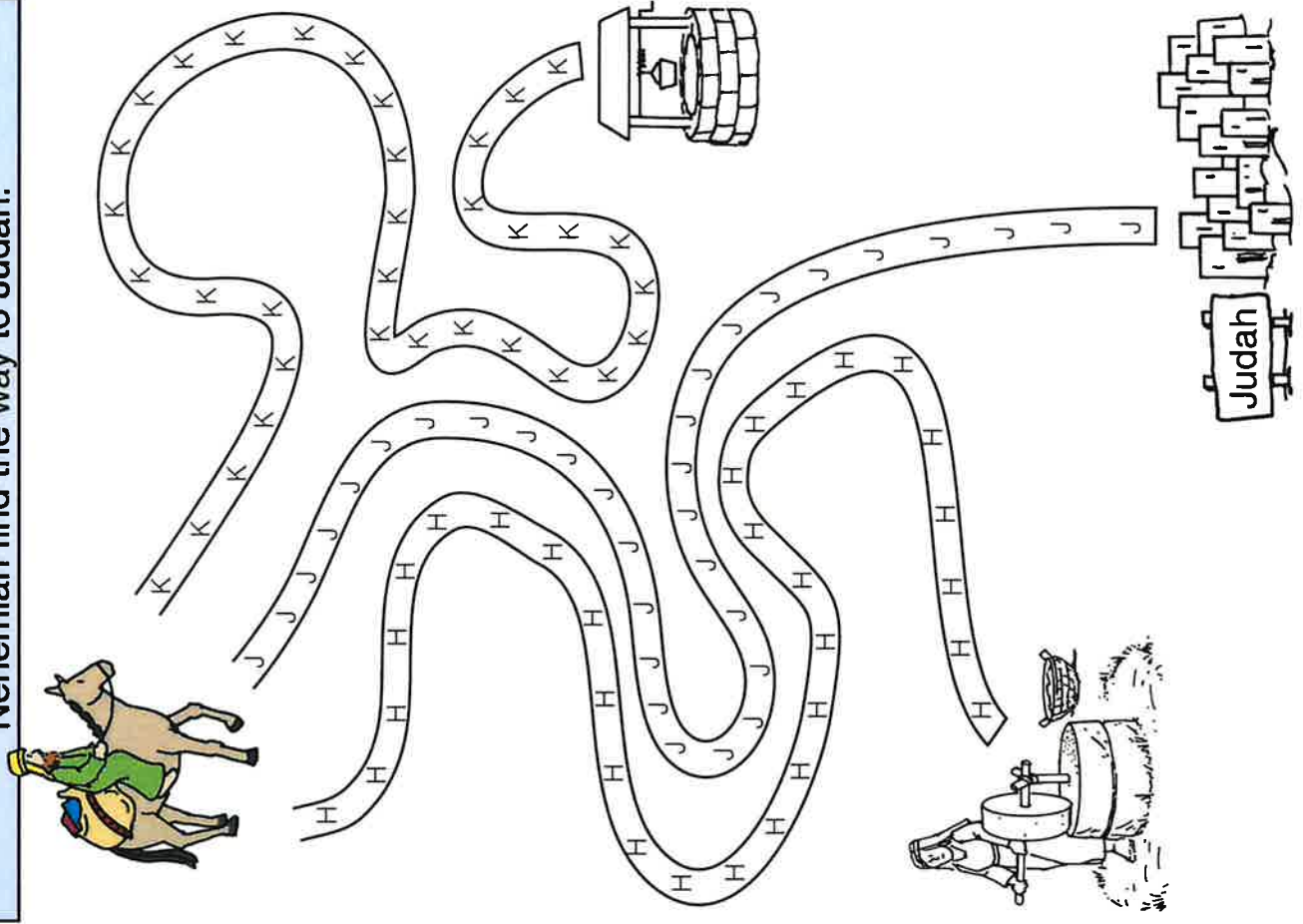
Nehemiah told the king he was sad because his home city in Judah was in ruins.

Circle 6 differences in the bottom picture.



Nehemiah asked the king to send him to Judah.

Follow the road with the J's to help Nehemiah find the way to Judah.

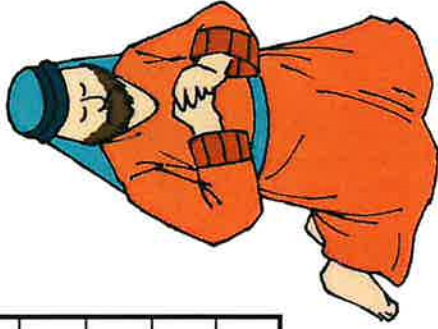




What does Nehemiah say happened?

Change each letter to the one directly below it in the chart.
The top and bottom rows of the chart are the same.

a	b	c	d	e	f
g	h	i	j	k	l
m	n	o	p	q	r
s	t	u	v	w	y
a	b	c	d	e	f



Be

T w u s o m w

n b w a l s u c i o m

b s h v i y g r

a i v q s m o j i h

g w n b w e c h a

a l s h n w v g r

l w k o w m n m

Children's Worship Bulletin



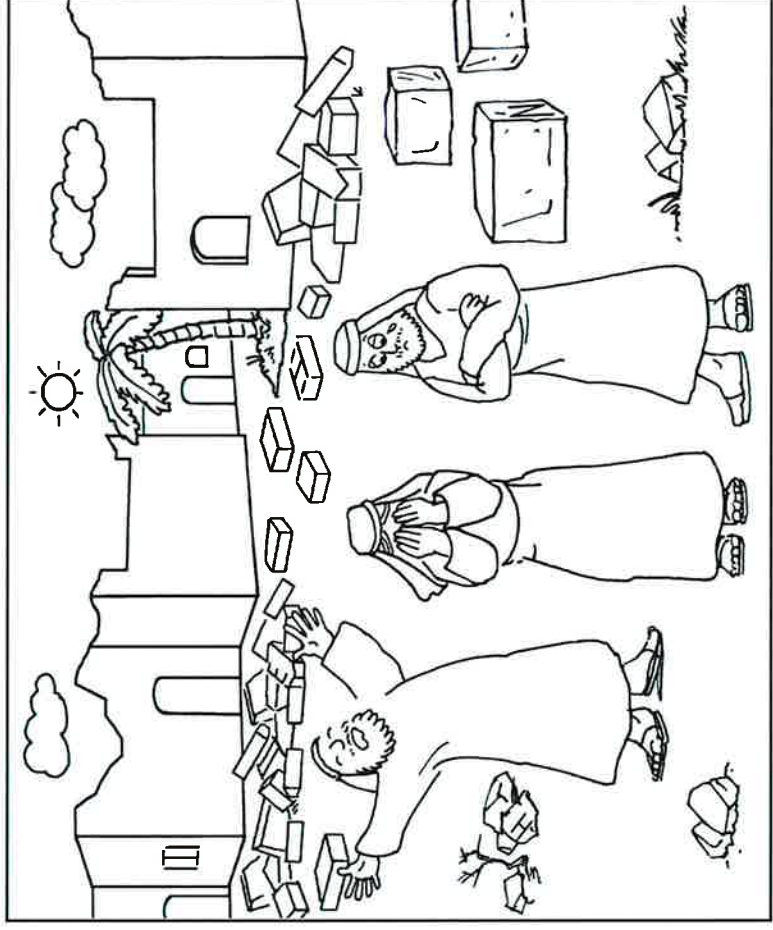
Ages 7+

October 26, 2025 • Nehemiah 2:1-10

Nehemiah Goes to Jerusalem

When the king asked Nehemiah why he was very sad, he told him that the city where his father was buried was lying in ruins.

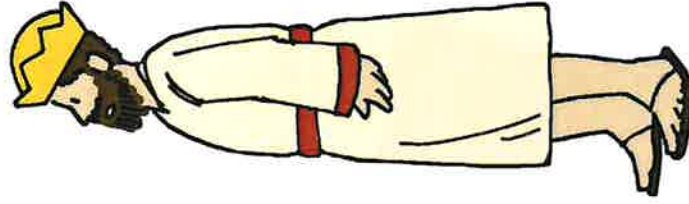
Find the letters of the name **NEHEMIAH** in the picture of the city below.



The king said to Nehemiah, "What is it you want?"
What did Nehemiah do before he answered?

Starting in the top left corner of the box, follow the arrow below each line to find the next letter in the answer.

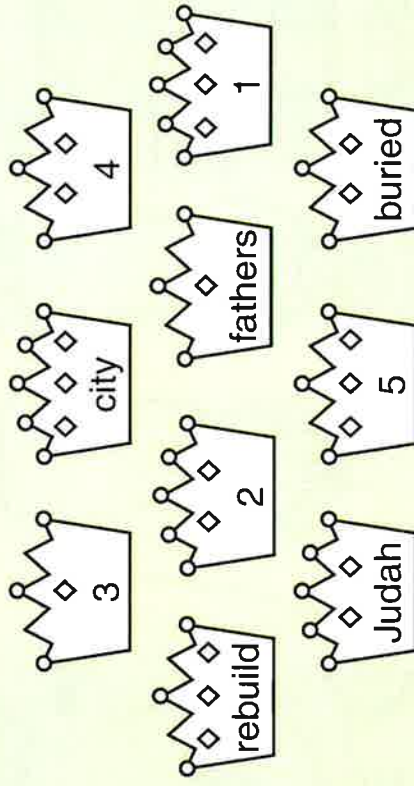
P	O	D	O	F
G	R	E	H	I
E	A	E	A	N
H	Y	D	V	E
T	O	T	V	I



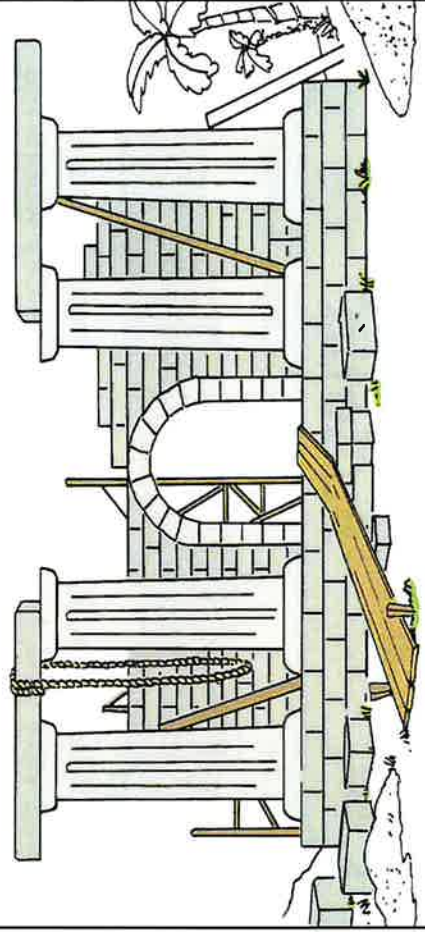
P _ _ _ _ _
 _ _ _ _ _
 _ _ _ _ _
 _ _ _ _ _
 _ _ _ _ _

How did Nehemiah answer the king?

Match the crowns to fill in the blanks in the verse.



"Send me to the _ 1 in _ 2
 where my _ 3 are _ 4 so
 that I can _ 5 it."





What does Nehemiah say happened?

Change each letter to the one directly below it in the chart. The top and bottom rows of the chart are the same.

a	b	c	d	e	f
g	h	i	j	k	l
m	n	o	p	q	r
s	t	u	v	w	y
a	b	c	d	e	f



Because
the gracious
hand of my
God was upon
me, the king
granted my
requests.

© 2012 CBA • www.ChildrensBibleActivities.com • 100% Recycled



Children's Worship Bulletin

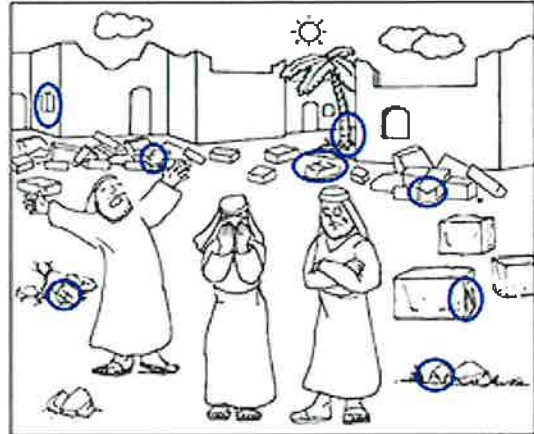
Ages 7+

October 26, 2025 • Nehemiah 2:1-10

Nehemiah Goes to Jerusalem

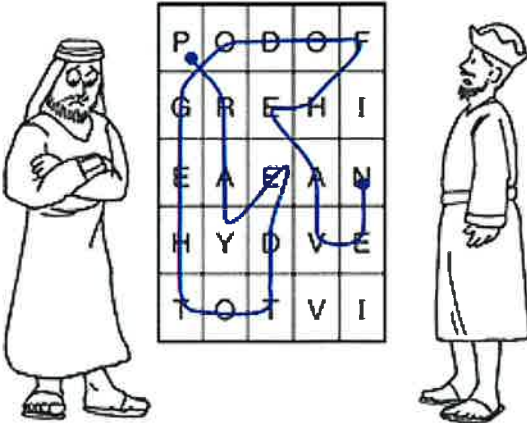
When the king asked Nehemiah why he was very sad, he told him that the city where his father was buried was lying in ruins.

Find the letters of the name NEHEMIAH in the picture of the city below.



The king said to Nehemiah, "What is it you want?"
What did Nehemiah do before he answered?

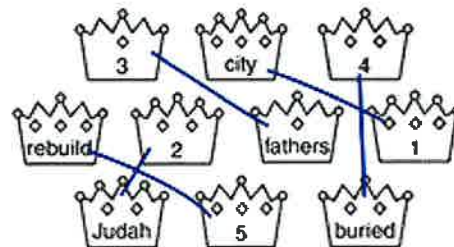
Starting in the top left corner of the box, follow the arrow below each line to find the next letter in the answer.



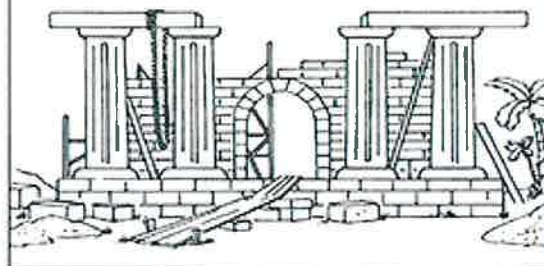
P R A Y E D
T O T H E
G O D O F
H E A V E N

How did Nehemiah answer the king?

Match the crowns to fill in the blanks in the verse.



"Send me to the city in Judah
where my fathers are buried so
that I can rebuild it."



N

ehemiah received news that Jerusalem was in bad condition.
He was sad about it. He asked the king if he could go there
to help rebuild it. The king said yes.

Fit the words into the puzzle. Write the words from the puzzle on the lines.

be able grew would gates prayed wanted forgive protect weapons finished themselves
put help stop angry place people attack himself allowed working frighten construction
sins them walls guard tried higher posted started workers building neighbors

Nehemiah _____ that God _____ the
2 28 22 DOWN

_____ of his _____ and _____. He
33 1 ACROSS 24

_____ that he _____ to
2 28 20 3

_____. The _____
11 19 16

_____, and the _____
10 17 9 23

And the _____ were _____! They _____
15 21 25

to _____ and _____ the _____. Nehemiah
26 5 31

_____. He _____ a _____. He
2 27 32

_____ to _____
13 14 12

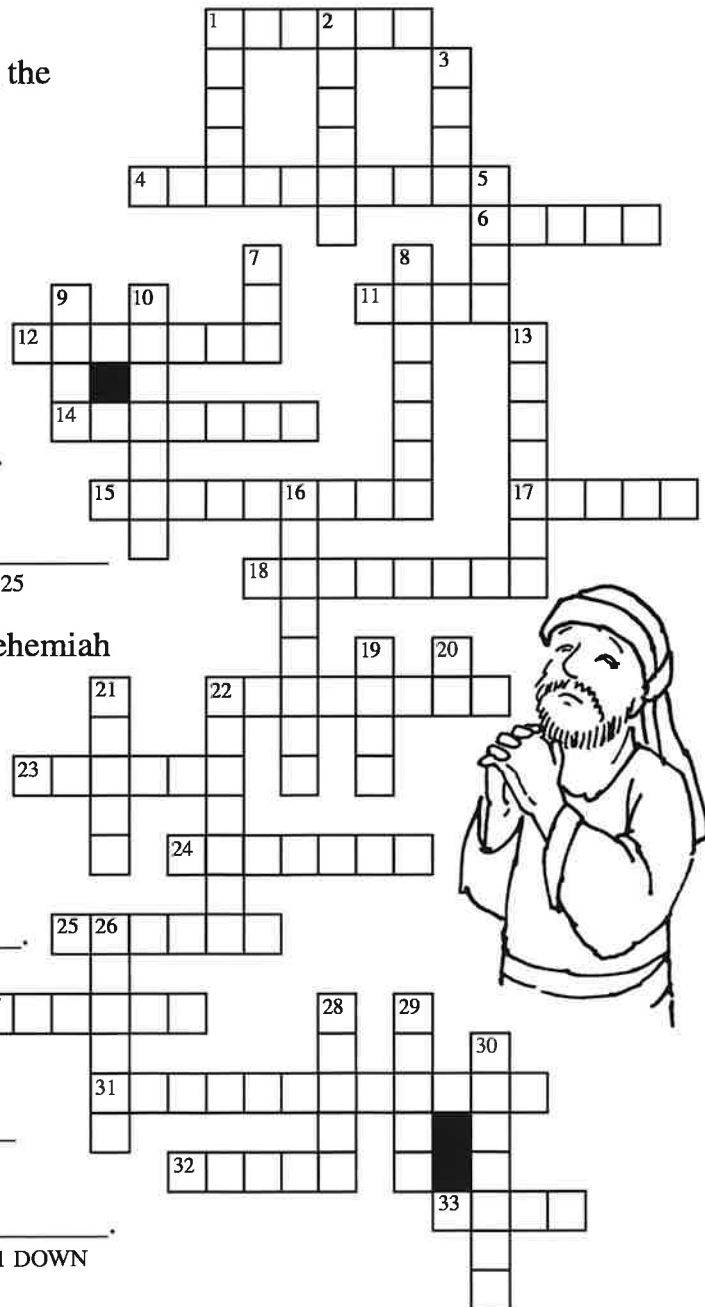
_____ with _____ while _____.
4 8 30

The _____ to
15 6

_____ the _____. But ... the _____
22 ACROSS 1 ACROSS 17

were _____. The _____ were _____ in _____.
18 29 7 1 DOWN

Name _____



NEHEMIAH'S STORY

Old Testament Lesson #152

Nehemiah (NE-he-MI-a) was a Jewish man who had been elevated to the position of cupbearer to King Artaxerxes (ar-ta-ZERK-seez) of Persia. Nehemiah received a report about the state of Jerusalem, and the news was not good. The walls were broken, the gates burned and the people "in great trouble and disgrace." Nehemiah was very sad and prayed that God would forgive the sins of his people (Nehemiah included himself) and that Nehemiah would be able to help them.

The king observed Nehemiah's sadness and asked its source. Nehemiah explained his unhappiness and asked the king's permission to go to Jerusalem to help rebuild the city. The king approved and gave Nehemiah the necessary letters and papers for the trip. In Jerusalem, Nehemiah surveyed the damage, arranged for people to work in groups on parts of the wall and spoke of the goodness of God in the way that King Artaxerxes had provided for him. The people responded, and the wall grew higher and higher.

The neighboring peoples were very angry to see the wall going up. They made fun of the workers and even planned to attack the Jews to stop the construction. Nehemiah responded by praying to God, posting a guard on the job site and allowing the workers to protect themselves with weapons while they worked.

When the walls were finally done, but before the gates were set up, the leaders of those who opposed the Jews tried four times to persuade Nehemiah to come out and meet with them. The fifth time, they sent a letter to get him to come out. In the letter, they falsely accused him of planning to make himself king of Judah and implied that word of this would get to the Persian king. The enemies were trying to frighten the Jews so they would stop the work. Again, Nehemiah prayed. He also posted guards to protect those building the walls. From that day on, half of the men worked on the construction and half stood guard. Even those who worked kept their weapons close at hand.

The walls were finished in 52 days. When the enemies heard this, they were afraid because they realized this work had been done with the help of Judah's God.

POINTS TO CONSIDER:

- A cupbearer was a person in the household who tasted the wine before passing it to the people at the table. It was an important and honored position, one which gave frequent access to the king.
- It was four months between the time Nehemiah received the sad news from Jerusalem and the time he was sad in front of the king. Compare 1:1 to 2:1.
- Nehemiah was a man of prayer and action. He prayed and trusted God, but also worked to see God's purposes accomplished.

Nehemiah's Story

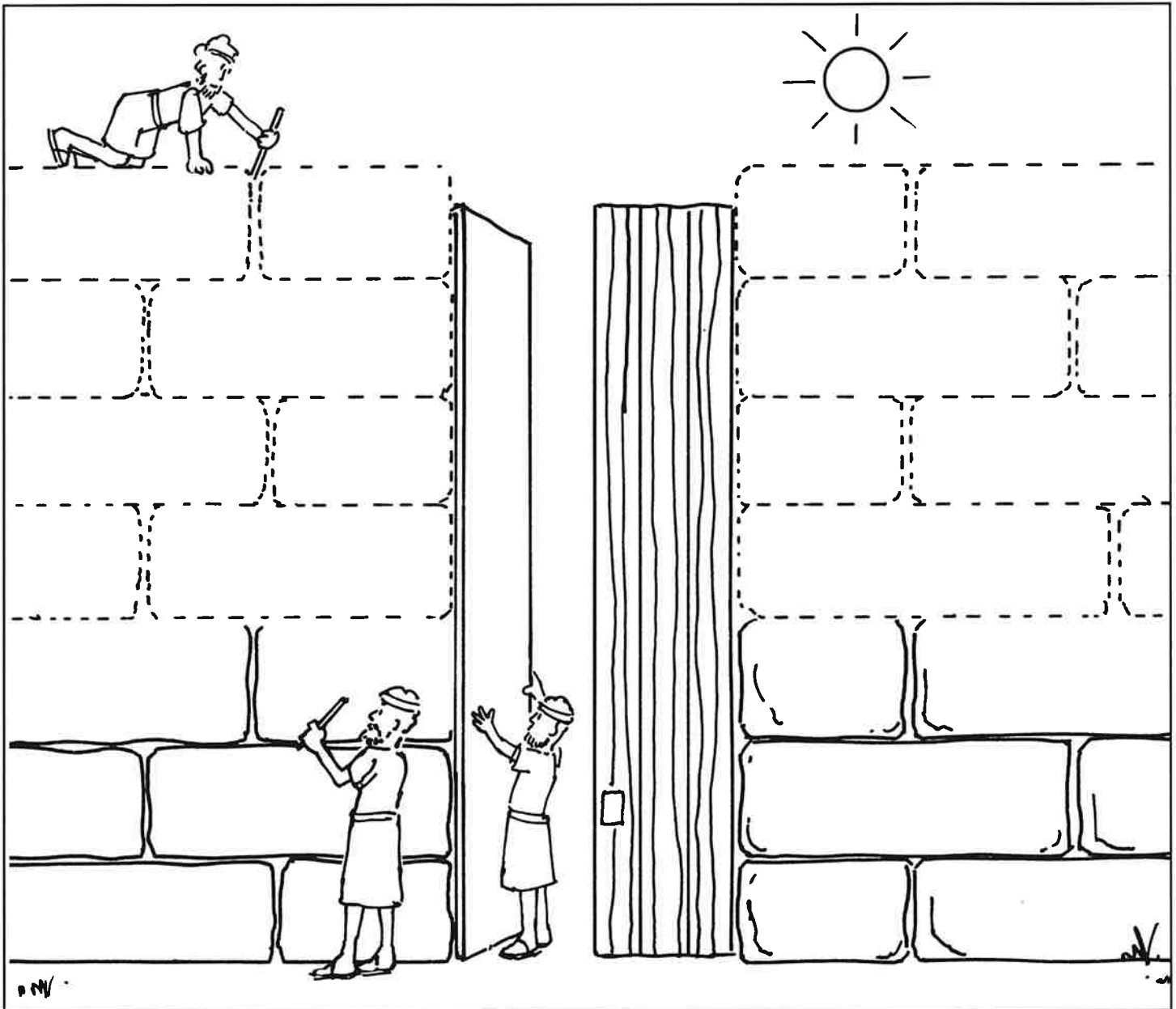
- I. Nehemiah worked for King Artaxerxes.
 - A. He learned that Jerusalem was in shambles and the people were in trouble.
 - B. He felt sad and prayed that God would forgive him and his people.
 - C. He asked permission to go to Jerusalem to help rebuild it.
- II. The king allowed the trip.
 - A. Nehemiah got people started rebuilding the wall.
 - B. He talked about God's goodness. The wall grew higher.
- III. The Jews' neighbors didn't like the wall.
 - A. They made fun of the workers and planned to stop construction.
 - B. Nehemiah prayed to God and let the workers arm themselves with weapons while they worked.
 - C. The neighbors falsely accused Nehemiah, so he prayed.
 - D. When the enemies heard that the wall was finished in 52 days, they were afraid of the LORD.

ANSWER KEY:

prayed, would, forgive, sins, people, himself, prayed, would, be, able, help, them, building, started, walls, grew, higher, neighbors, angry, wanted, attack, stop, construction, prayed, posted, guard, allowed, workers, protect, themselves, weapons, working, neighbors, tried, frighten, people, walls, finished, gates, put, place

Nehemiah went to Jerusalem to help the Jews rebuild.
The people worked in groups to rebuild the city walls.

Help build the walls. Trace and color the picture.



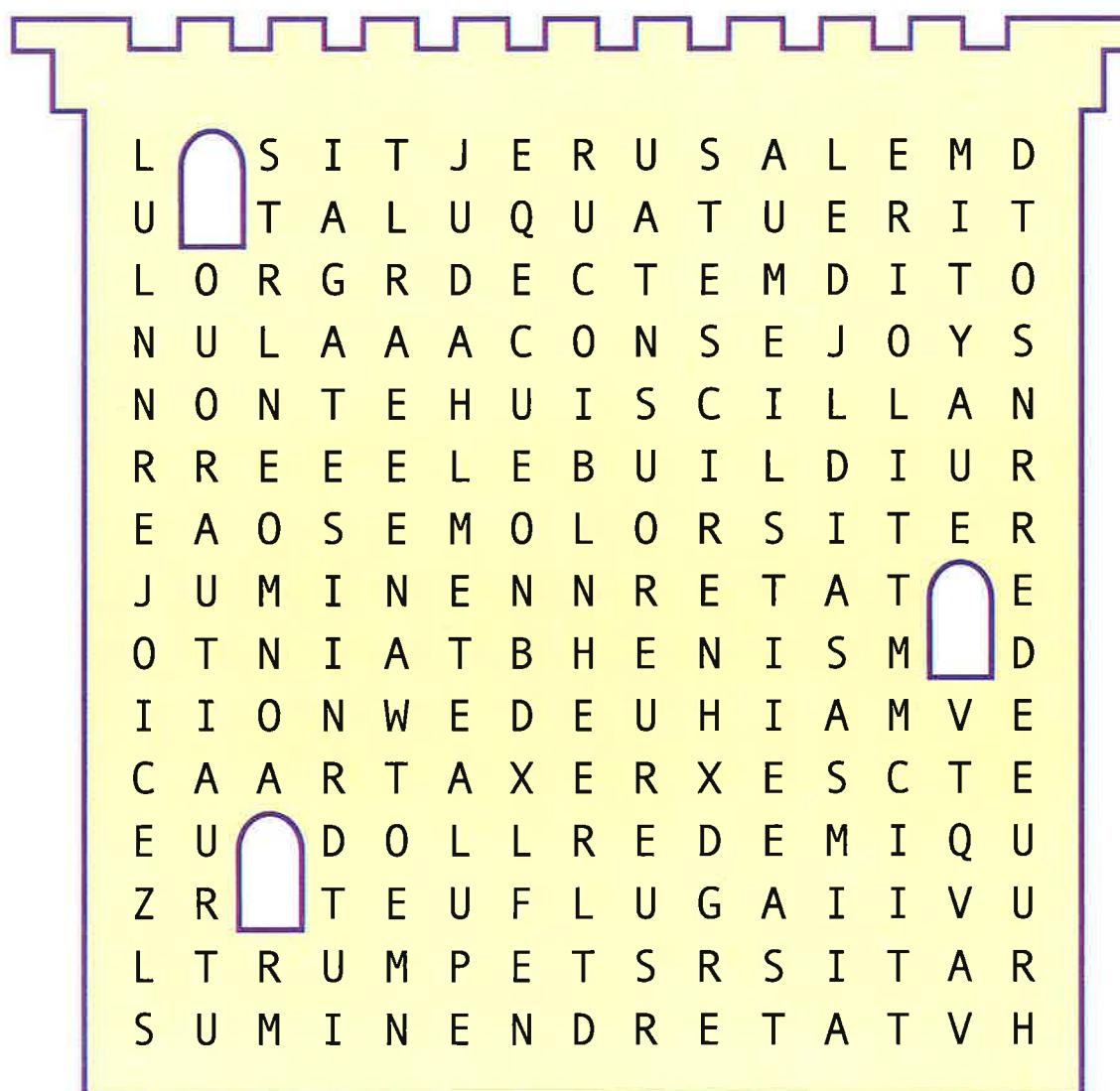
The walls were finished in 52 days! All this work got done with God's help.

Name _____

Old Testament Lesson #152

Nehemiah and the Wall Word Search

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be left to right, up and down, or diagonally.



ARTAXERXES
BUILD

GATES
JERUSALEM

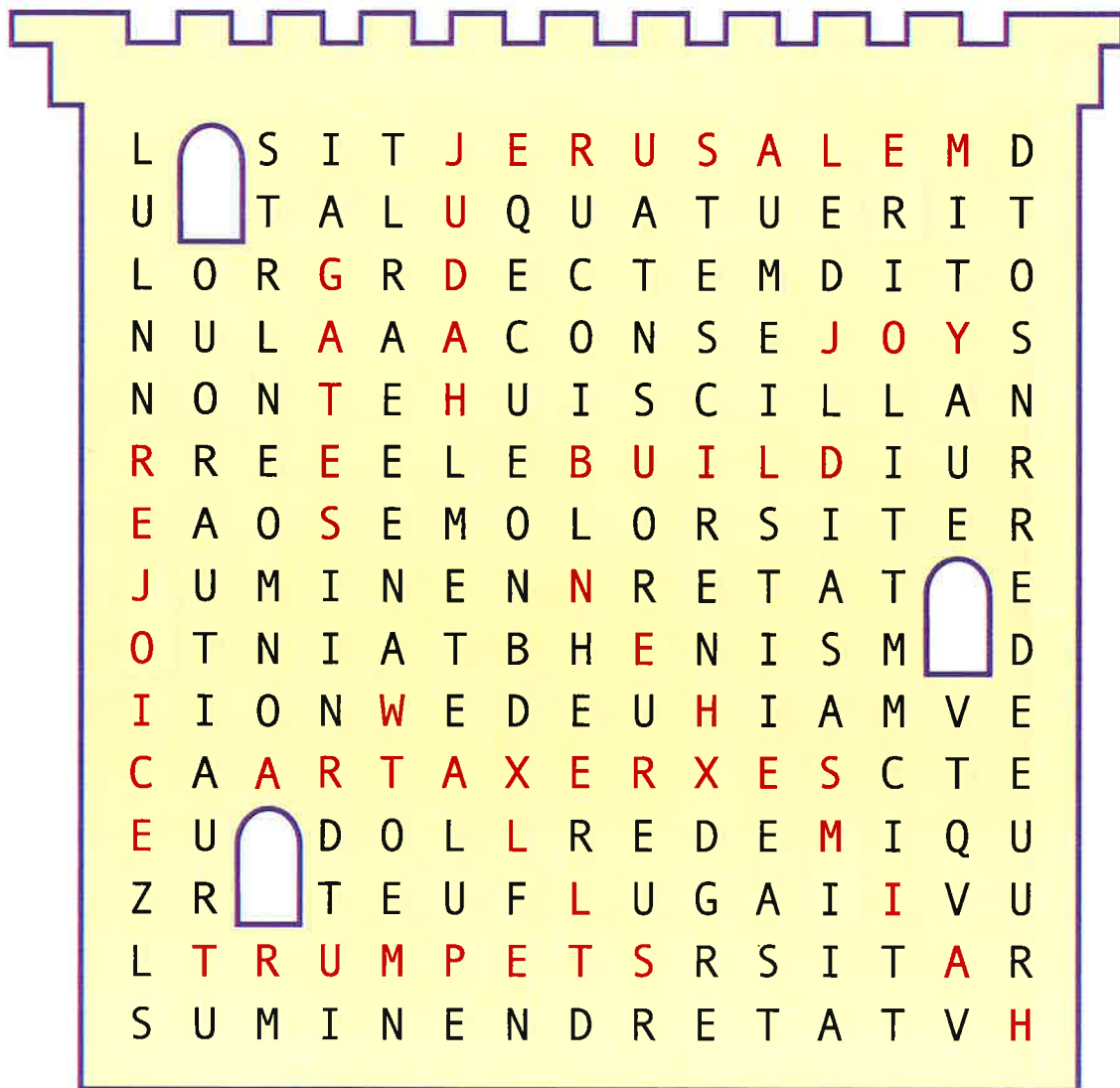
JOY
JUDAH

NEHEMIAH
REJOICE

TRUMPETS
WALL

Nehemiah and the Wall Word Search

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be left to right, up and down, or diagonally.



ARTAXERXES
BUILD

GATES
JERUSALEM

JOY
JUDAH

NEHEMIAH
REJOICE

TRUMPETS
WALL

Nehemiah and the Wall

Word Scramble

Unscramble each of the clue words. Take the letters that appear in the circle boxes and unscramble them to find the answer to the last phrase.

LAWL



OJY



STAGE



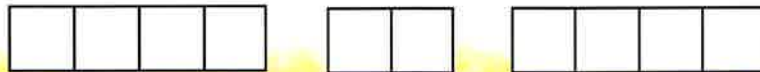
DAJHU



JIORECE



Trust the Lord and do



Nehemiah and the Wall

Word Scramble

Unscramble each of the clue words. Take the letters that appear in the circle boxes and unscramble them to find the answer to the last phrase.

LAWL

W A L L

OJY

J O Y

STAGE

G A T E S

DAJHU

J U D A H

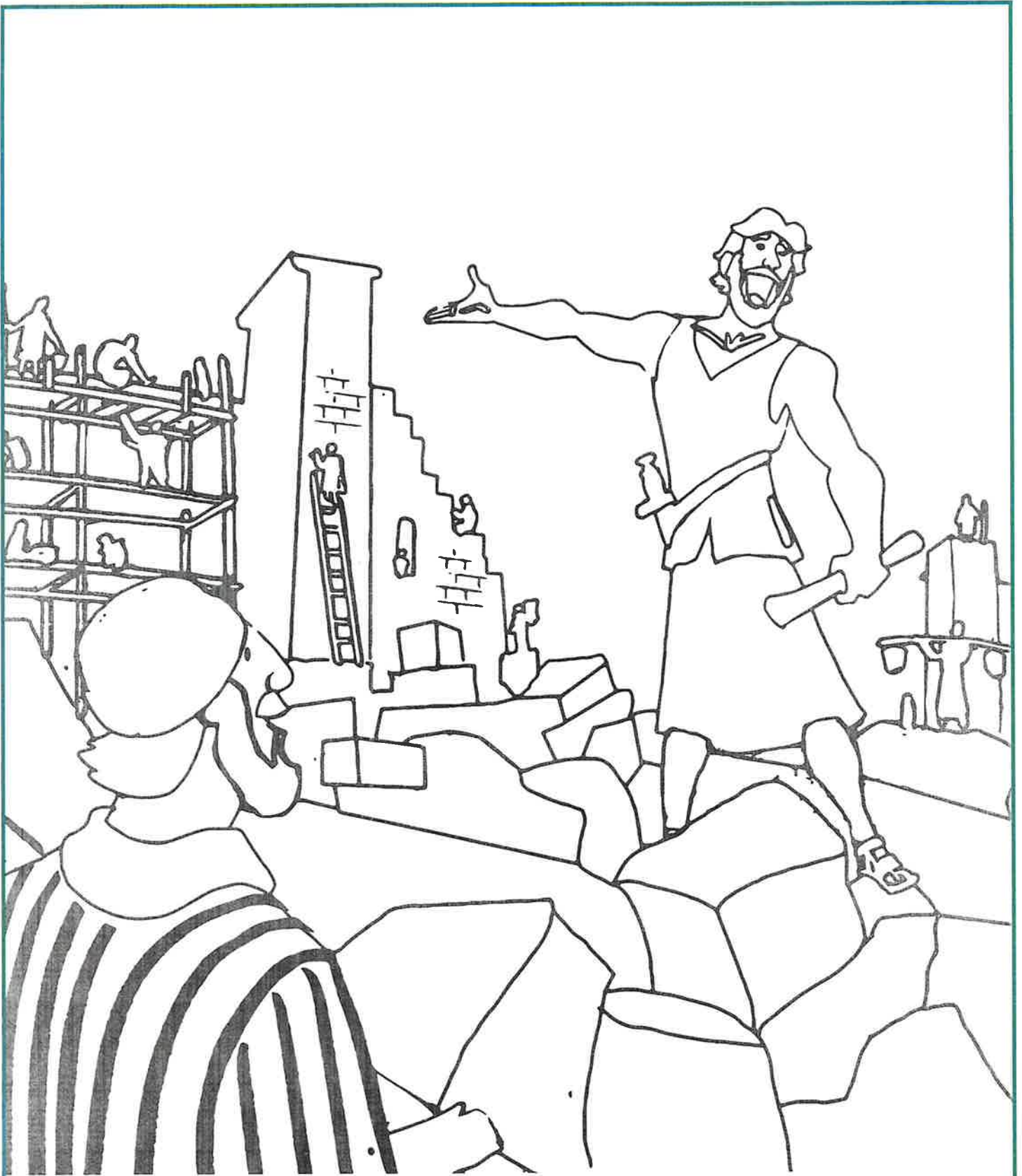
JIORECE

R E J O I C E

Trust the Lord and do

W H A T I S G O O D





Nehemiah and the wall

