

K-3rd

Large Group

November — Week 5

Large Group Leader Guide

Today's Suggested Schedule

Kids arrival : 9:25 / 11:10

Play high-pitch music as kids arrive

Countdown : 9:30 / 11:15

Start the countdown with excitement!

Large Group : 9:30-9:55 / 11:15-11:40

→ Opener

→ Bible Story

→ Talk It Out!

→ Memory Verse

→ Prayer

Kids move with their leader to small groups

Small group : 10:00-10:25 / 11:45-12:10

Creating a safe place to connect.

✦ Need activities for a K-5th group? Check out the 2nd-3rd guide.

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)



Inclusive Pro Tips

Loud sounds, bright lights, and large groups can be overwhelming or overstimulating for some children. To create a more inclusive large group experience, consider offering adaptive tools like noise-canceling headphones, sunglasses, sensory-friendly items, or access to modified spaces.

10 MINUTES

OPENER

① Opener

AUDIO → Play high-energy music as kids enter.
SLIDE → Theme

→ Host enters.

Optional Video → Countdown
Optional Video → Theme Intro

HOST: “Hey, there! I’m so glad that each one of you is here today. I love getting to spend time with you. All month, we’ve been digging into our theme of Bedrock: Building Confidence in God Block by Block. And today we’re going to meet someone who took that confidence in God and built on it ... literally! He knew God was with him, so he was able to build something big!

“So to warm us up, I think we should play a building game. It’ll fit right into our Bible Story today! Who wants to play?

SLIDE → Game_Stack It Up!

→ Choose 6 volunteers and bring them up on stage. Divide them into three teams of two.

“All right. We’ve got our teams. But we still need our building material. And it looks like ... this!

→ Pull out stacks of large, plastic cups. They can all be red, but it would also be fun to have a different color for each of the three teams.

“Each team will get 50 [OR YOUR NUMBER OF CHOICE] cups. When I say, ‘stack it up,’ you will have ONE minute to see which team can build the very tallest tower. You can stack the cups end to end or make a large pyramid. You can build them up in any other way you want. But when we hit one minute, that top cup has to hold for at least a count of five!

“Are all of the teams ready? Do you understand the challenge? (MAKE SURE EACH TEAM HAS WHAT THEY NEED.)

“Then ... STACK IT UP!

AUDIO → Upbeat Music
Optional Video → One-Minute Countdown

→ Start the timer or the countdown. When the timer reaches zero, count to five out loud and announce the winner. The winner will have the tallest structure that also holds the top cup steady for a count of five!

10 MINUTES

OPENER

“Okay, those were some amazing towers! Let’s have a round of applause for all of our builders.

→ Lead the kids in a round of applause.

“You can all go back to your seats now.

→ If time allows, play a second round with new volunteers.

“It’s clear that plastic cups are not always trustworthy for building! But there is something we can always trust in. SOMEONE. It’s God! He goes with us through every single thing.

“In our true story from the Bible today, we’ll learn how someone’s trust in God helped them do something really big!

10 MINUTES

Story

Bible Story

SLIDE -> Story Lab W5

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "Rebuilding the wall of Jerusalem had seemed like a nearly impossible job. But Nehemiah had made a habit of talking to God. Whenever he needed help, he asked God! When Nehemiah went before the king to ask permission to go rebuild the walls, Nehemiah prayed. And God answered! When Nehemiah needed help with his enemies, he prayed. And God answered!"

"God helped him with every single step of the building of the wall, so Nehemiah was able to do a big thing!"

"God is always ready to help us do what He calls us to do too! Let's say our Bottom Line together."

SLIDE → Bottom Line

[BOTTOM LINE] "God can help you do big things. Say that with me."

→ Host enters and joins in.

STORYTELLER, HOST, and KIDS: [BOTTOM LINE] "God can help you do big things."

SLIDE -> Memory Verse

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5 MINUTES

TALK IT OUT



"Today we learnt that Samuel made a wise choice. What a great story from the Bible, God's true Word.

Now, before we move on, I have a question for you... (lean in and whisper) do you know what time it is?



It's time to... (pause, cup your hand to your ear) **TALK IT OUT!** That means it's your turn to do the talking! You get to share your thoughts, ask questions, and see how this story connects to YOUR life.

So, let's put on our 'thinking caps' ... zip up our listening ears... and get ready to Talk. It. Out!"

SLIDE -> Talk It Out

TALK IT OUT!!!

- **What was broken in Jerusalem?**

Answer: The walls and gates.

- **What was Nehemiah's job for the king?**

Answer: He was the king's cupbearer.

- **What did Nehemiah do when he heard the city was broken?**

Answer: He prayed, cried, and asked God for help.

- **Who gave Nehemiah permission to go rebuild the wall?**

Answer: King Artaxerxes.

- **Did Nehemiah fix the wall by himself?**

Answer: No, the people helped him.

- **Who tried to stop the people from building?**

Answer: Sanballat and Tobiah.

- **What did Nehemiah tell the people when they were afraid?**

Answer: "Don't be afraid. God is great and powerful."

- **How long did it take to finish the wall?**

Answer: 52 days.

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Prayer

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STORYTELLER or HOST: “Dear God, thank You so much for the incredible story of Nehemiah. Help us to come to You first for help, any time we face something big. Help us to trust that You are always with us and You will give us everything that we need to do the things You call us to. We love You and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

Transition → Dismiss kids to their small groups.

AUDIO → Play high-energy music as the kids exit.

SLIDE → Theme

Optional Video (MEDIA PACKAGE) → Theme Loop