

FAMILY FIELD GUIDE



Date: June 20th

Main Point: God is our Foundation and Protector

Scripture: Nehemiah Rebuilt the Walls

GATHER

Gather your family together for a special family worship/devotional time. Remember to exercise patience and press ahead even if kids are whining or complaining. Try to get in a routine so it is not a big surprise to them and keep it fun. Find ways to include your kids in the worship time as well, so that they are participants and not spectators.

SING

Sing together to begin your time of worship. Below are links to worship songs you can watch on youtube.

Sing about God's Mercy

His Mercy Is More - Geddy's Music

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d-31oJTdh1w>

Sing about Trusting God

Trust - Austin Stone Kids Worship

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z1fRhOVy3RA>

STORY BACKGROUND

God's people had lived in Babylon for 70 years. Then King Cyrus, the king of Persia, took over Babylon and let them go home. Some of God's people went home to Judah, but some of them stayed. Nehemiah stayed and worked as a cupbearer for the king of Persia.

One day, some men came from Judah. Nehemiah asked, "How are God's people doing in Jerusalem?" The men had bad news: "The people are in trouble. The walls around Jerusalem are broken down, and the gates have been burned down." Nehemiah was sad by this news and spent a month praying and fasting. Finally, the King of Persia noticed Nehemiah and asked him what he could do for him. Nehemiah asked for permission to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the walls so God's people could be protected. God gave Nehemiah favour with the king and the adventure began.

READ & DISCUSS

Read the Scripture together as a family. If you have older kids, have them read the story.

Read Nehemiah 2:9-3:2

What gave Nehemiah confidence that he could rebuild the walls of Jerusalem? What gives you confidence that God can use you?

Read Nehemiah 4:1-14

In verse 14 and verse 20, what do we learn about how God protects and works through us?

WATCH

Watch today's Bible story video "**Nehemiah Rebuilt the Walls**" on the Central App or on the Kids page of the Central website.

DEVOTIONAL

In the story of Nehemiah, we learn that God is our foundation and protector. God worked through his chosen leader, Nehemiah to help his people rebuild the walls of Jerusalem and be protected from their enemies. In the same way, God has sent his son Jesus to protect us from sin, death and Satan. Like Nehemiah, if we build our lives on God and his promises, he will fight for us and through us. This will not always be easy and there will be people who will oppose God's work. But God's promises are true and nothing can stop God from protecting his people and building his church (Matt 16:18).

FAMILY DISCUSSION

Talk to your kids about what it means to build their lives on Jesus and ways that Jesus protects us? Like Nehemiah, how can we be part of building God's kingdom? How can we depend on God as we do it?

PRAY

Nehemiah prayed and asked God for forgiveness and and to fight for him. Ask God to forgive you for your sins today and ask him to fight for you and your kids in the areas that you need.