

Journal Page

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- How can we follow Nehemiah's example when we are worried?
- How did God's people show endurance in the story?
- How can we show endurance in our lives?

The Walls Rebuilt

Nehemiah 1-6

STORY POINT: GOD USED NEHEMIAH TO REBUILD JERUSALEM'S WALLS.

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. Nehemiah stayed and worked 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 cried. The king asked, "What's wrong?" Nehemiah said, "The city where my ancestors are from is in ruins."

The king sent Nehemiah to Jerusalem. Nehemiah inspected the walls and led the people to start rebuilding the walls and gates. Not everyone was happy that Jerusalem's walls were being rebuilt. Some men who lived nearby were angry. God's people kept working on the walls, but their enemies made a plan to attack them and stop their work.

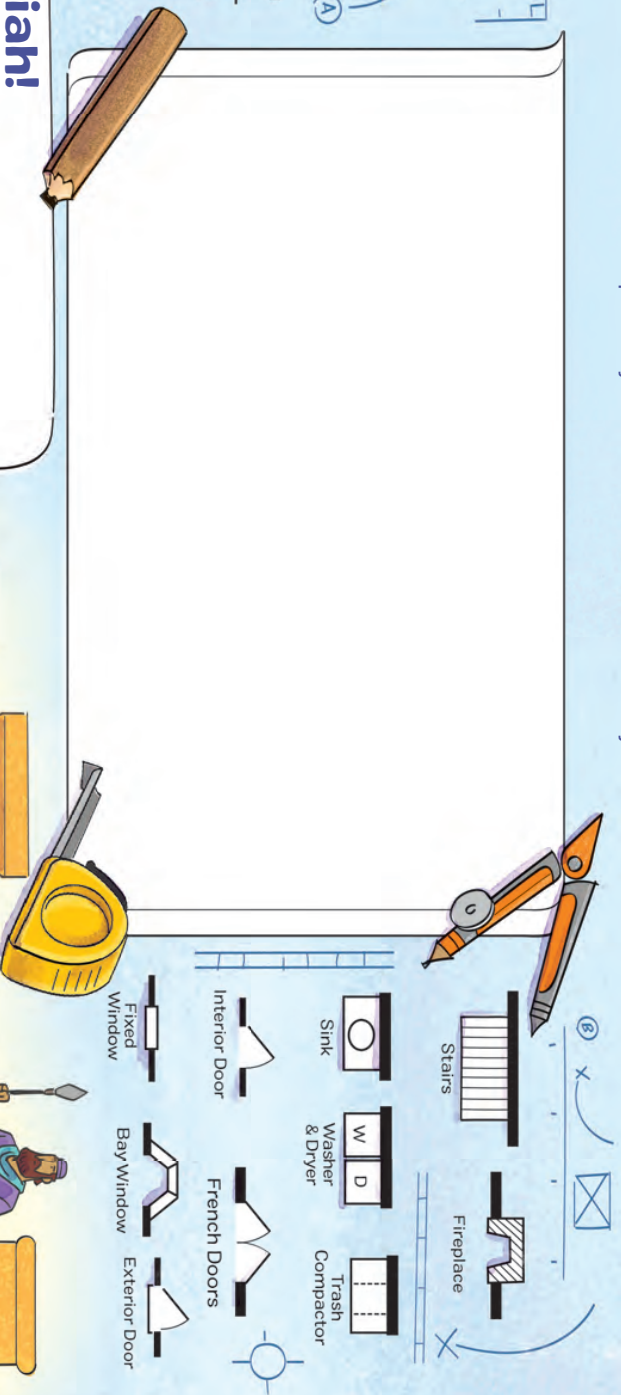
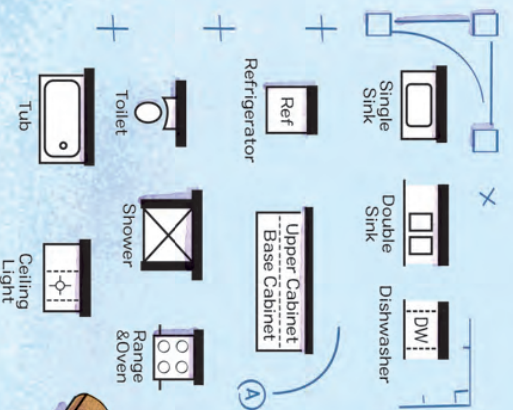
Nehemiah reminded the people that God was with them. "Don't be afraid. God is great and powerful!"

So God's people went back to work. Some stood guard with weapons, and others worked on the wall. In just 52 days, the wall was complete! All of Jerusalem's enemies were afraid because they knew God was with His people.

Christ Connection: Nehemiah led the people to rebuild the walls around Jerusalem to protect them from their enemies. Jesus came to protect us from our greatest enemy, sin and death. He died on the cross and rose from the dead to rescue everyone who trusts in Him.



Blueprint | Use the space below to draw a blueprint of your home. Include some of the symbols below to add various features.

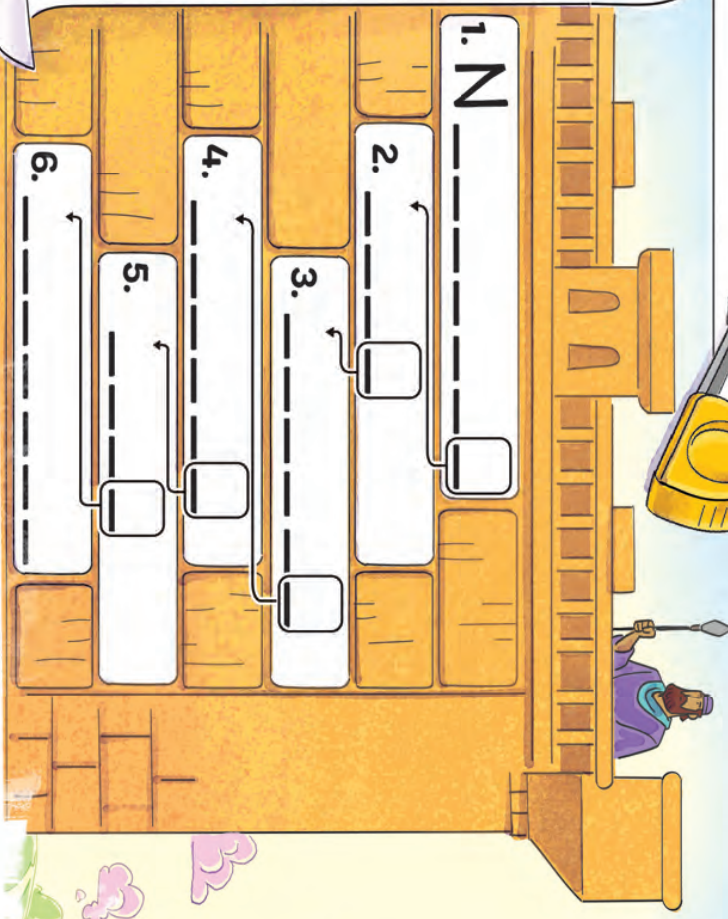


Help Nehemiah!

Fill in the words in the paragraph below and use those words to help Nehemiah finish building the wall around Jerusalem.

Hint: Each word begins with the last letter in the previous word you filled in. (Example: If you filled in "apple", the next blank would start with e.)

N_____ was working for King Cyrus, but he heard that his people needed _____. Nehemiah talked to the king of _____, even though he was _____ he might get in trouble for being sad in front of the king. The king sent Nehemiah to Jerusalem to help. The people worked hard, but they were scared of their enemies. Nehemiah said "_____", be afraid. God is great and powerful!" They _____ God, and God protected them.



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