



JOY TREK Sunday School: 10/18/2020
At-Home Lesson: "Nehemiah"

Story Overview:

There was a time when cities built strong, high walls around their city for protection. Nehemiah found out that the walls and gates of Jerusalem were broken down and the Jews were in great trouble. This news made him very sad. Nehemiah fasted and prayed. Nehemiah was one of God's leader who encouraged the Jews to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. The work of rebuilding the walls and repairing the gates was going to be a lot of work. It would take many people to work together to complete this job. The work was done by priests, leaders, and ordinary people like you and me. Unfortunately, there were some important leaders who would not help Nehemiah do the work. There are many unfamiliar names in this story but each name is recorded to remind us that God used them to be the hand and feet of God.

This work was important because God would use this wall to protect the Jewish people from their enemies and show them that God was with them.

This reminds me of our lesson from Esther a few weeks ago when we learned that God uses ordinary people to do extraordinary things.

Scripture: Nehemiah 4:19-20

"Then I spoke to the nobles and officials and everyone else: "There's a lot of work going on and we are spread out all along the wall, separated from each other. When you hear the trumpet call, join us there; our God will fight for us."

Family Conversation:

1. Why did cities have walls around them during Bible times? (Protection)
2. What kind of walls did Jerusalem have at the beginning of our story? (Broken walls, burned gates)
3. Who were some of the people that worked to repair the wall and rebuild the gates? (priests, leaders, goldsmiths, perfumers and ordinary people)

**Dear God,
Thank you for the story of Deborah.
Encourage us to step out and step
up for things we believe in.
Help us to be and do good in our
world. Bless our families and our
loves ones.
Thank you for loving us
We love you!
Amen**