

God Sends Nehemiah to Rebuild the Wall Nehemiah 1–4; 6



Because of the sins of the Israelites living in the southern kingdom of Judah, God used foreign powers to capture them and take them to distant lands (exile). These foreigners, the Babylonians, also destroyed God's Temple and the walls around Judah's capitol city, Jerusalem. Nehemiah is one of the Israelites exiled to Babylon. He becomes cup bearer to king Artaxerxes, and because of his faithful service, Nehemiah is granted a special request by the king: Nehemiah is allowed to go back to Jerusalem and lead a team of Israelites to rebuild its walls. The task is a hard one, and made doubly difficult because evil men living in Jerusalem – Sanballat and Tobiah – threaten Nehemiah and his helpers, mock them, and try to sabotage the wall rebuilding project. God, however, is with Nehemiah and the walls get rebuilt in record time. God is stronger than those who are against Nehemiah. God is also stronger than those who are against us. Read the whole story in Nehemiah chapters 1-4 and 6.

Modified Large Group Fun

This week was Modified Large Group. Kids were divided into mixed age groups (ages 3-12 together) and worked through different activity stations: The Wall video, 4-Way Tug-O-War, Team Tower Build, and snacks. See pictures below of a couple of the activities.

Mission Offering Total to Date:
\$478.73 toward \$500 goal
This week's attendance: 64



ASK YOUR KIDS about the video we watched showing Sanballat and Tobiah (portrayed as grasshoppers) trying to ruin the wall-rebuilding project of the Israelites (portrayed as ants.) Why were Sanballat and Tobiah trying to ruin the project? How did Nehemiah respond? How did Nehemiah and the Israelites show courage? Why were they able to succeed? How would you have responded to Sanballat and Tobiah's bullying? Have you ever been bullied by someone? Explain. How did the video show that God is stronger than those who are against us?

As a family, watch this week's video and discuss it. You can find it at stpaulmuskego.org. Click "Grow" then "Sunday Morning Youth Ministry" then "Kids Club Weekly Resources."

