

# HEROES TAKE ACTION

## Nehemiah Gets to Work

### LESSON POINTS

#### Bible Story: Nehemiah Gathers the People

#### Nehemiah 2:11-20

- When Nehemiah got to Jerusalem, he saw that it was in very bad shape.
- The walls were broken down and the gates were burned.
- Nehemiah went to the people who were in Jerusalem and encouraged them to rebuild the walls and the gates.
- They told Nehemiah that they would work to rebuild the walls and gates.
- When Nehemiah arrived in Jerusalem, he took action by gathering the people to start working on the wall.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Nehemiah went to Jerusalem. What did he see when he got there?
2. Nehemiah decided to take action. Who did he talk to?
3. What did the people of Jerusalem agree to help Nehemiah do?
4. Name a time when you have had to work hard to fix a problem.

### MINISTRY IDEA

Have children get into groups of two or three and tell each other about a problem they could help others with.

### DRAMA SCRIPT 80

Flossie and the kids set out on a mission to clean up the park. They decide to take action like Nehemiah did when he gathered the people to rebuild the wall around Jerusalem.

### ACTIVITY IDEAS

#### Helping Hand

Have children work together on a jigsaw puzzle or to clean up a mess. While working, discuss with children the importance of working together just like in the story of Nehemiah.

#### Building a Wall

Have children work together to build a wall. They can use shoe boxes, blocks, or legos as building supplies.

### OBJECTIVE

Children will learn how Nehemiah took action when he found out Jerusalem was in bad shape. Nehemiah took action by following God and rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem.

### APPLICATION

Through learning how Nehemiah took action, children see that they can make a difference, if they will take action when presented with a problem.

### MEMORY VERSE

Do what God's teaching says; when you only listen and do nothing, you are fooling yourselves.  
James 1:22