

HEROES TAKE ACTION

Nehemiah Stands Guard

LESSON POINTS

Bible Story: The Wall Is Built

Nehemiah 3 & 4

- Every family helped to rebuild the wall in their neighborhood.
- Pretty soon everyone was working side by side.
- The wall was going up.
- The enemies of the Israelites didn't like that the wall was being rebuilt.
- When the wall was half way up, these enemies decided to attack Jerusalem.
- Nehemiah told the people that half of the people would work and half would guard the wall.
- All the builders kept their swords ready at all times.
- When the enemy heard that the Jews were ready for their attack, they didn't bother.
- The people kept working until the wall was finished.
- Nehemiah took action when they might be attacked, by making sure the people could protect themselves

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Everyone worked together to rebuild the wall. Why do you think they were doing such a good job building the wall?
2. The enemies didn't like that the wall was being rebuilt. What did they decide to do?
3. What plan did Nehemiah come up with to protect the wall?
4. The people kept working as some protected the wall. Why did the enemy give up?
5. Why was it so important that the people worked together and never gave up?

MINISTRY IDEA

Ask some leaders to pray before and during service for prophetic words in season to give to encourage the children.

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Flossie, Eric, and Chloe act out and tell the story of Nehemiah having the people build the wall and stand guard against their enemies.

ACTIVITY IDEAS

Guarding the Castle

Play a game of guarding the castle. Let half of the children start building a wall out of aluminum cans or small boxes. Have the other half of the children stand behind a line several feet away and throw balls at the wall trying to knock it over as the children are building it.

Protecting Your Square

Make an oversized foursquare on the floor, marking the boundaries with tape. Spread many cotton balls throughout the four squares. Divide children throughout the four squares. Tell them the object of the game is to clean their square of cotton balls completely. They can only throw cotton balls into each other's squares, not outside the boundaries. They must defend and protect their squares from others' cotton balls. Begin game by saying, "Go." After a couple of minutes, stop game and have children collect the cotton balls in their square. Team with the fewest cotton balls wins!

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