

HEROES TAKE ACTION

Nehemiah Helps People Follow God

LESSON POINTS

Bible Story: Nehemiah Gives the Word of the Lord – Nehemiah 8-10

- When the wall was finished, all the people were safe inside.
- Nehemiah had the priest read the word of God to the people.
- The people realized that they were not following God's word.
- They told God that they were sorry, and they worshiped Him.
- Nehemiah and the people made a promise to God.
- They told God that they would follow His commands and worship Him.
- When the people were safe, Nehemiah took action to make sure the people were following God's word.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why was it so important that the people rebuild the wall?
2. How did the people feel after hearing God's Word?
3. The people decided to follow God and worship Him. What promise did they make God?
4. Why is it so important that we teach others about God's Word?

MINISTRY IDEA

Have children close their eyes and in their mind ask God to show them how they can help someone. Then they should sit quietly and listen to God.

DRAMA SCRIPT 82

Flossie mistakes a fountain for a swimming pool. Eric and Chloe warn her that swimming in the fountain would be breaking the rules.

ACTIVITY IDEAS

Graham Cracker Walls

Let each child have several graham crackers and a Dixie cup with some icing in it. Help them use their icing and graham crackers to build a wall. When they are finished, they can eat their walls as a snack.

Shields

Help children make shields. You can use large paper grocery sacks or poster board. Let each child have one and let them decorate using crayons or stickers. When they are finished, you can staple on a strip of paper to the back for a handle.

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