

HEROES TAKE ACTION

Nehemiah Hears Bad News

LESSON POINTS

Bible Story: King Sends Nehemiah to Jerusalem Nehemiah 1-2:9

- Nehemiah was the king's cup bearer.
- One day Nehemiah heard that his hometown, Jerusalem, was in bad shape.
- This made Nehemiah very sad.
- Nehemiah prayed and asked for God's help.
- The king noticed that Nehemiah was sad and asked him what was wrong.
- When Nehemiah told him, the king gave Nehemiah permission to go to Jerusalem.
- When Nehemiah heard about Jerusalem, he took action and asked for permission to help.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Nehemiah was the king's helper. What was his job for the king?
2. What was the news that Nehemiah heard about?
3. Why do you think this news made Nehemiah so sad?
4. The king tried to help Nehemiah. What did he tell him to do?
5. Tell about a time when you have wanted to help, like when someone you love was in trouble.

MINISTRY IDEA

Challenge children to share with God something that they may be worried about, and then listen to what He tells them.

DRAMA SCRIPT 79

Flossie and [PUPPET] are sad because their friend broke his arm. Eric cheers them up by telling them about Nehemiah and how God helped Nehemiah take action when he got some bad news.

ACTIVITY IDEAS

Memory Verse Cups

Give each child a print out of a king's cup or goblet. Let the kids use stickers, crayons, or sequins to decorate their cups. Help them write their names and memory verse on their cups when they are finished decorating.

Happy/Sad Face

Give each child 2 paper plates, and let them use crayons to color a "happy" face on one of the paper plates, and a "sad" face on the other. Next, have them glue a popsicle stick onto each plate as a handle. Give a few examples of times when we might be happy or sad. As you're giving examples, let the kids hold up their paper plates telling how that example made them feel.

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