



TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

**Won't You Please,
Please Help Me?**
Nehemiah Rebuilds the Walls
Nehemiah 1-4; 6:15

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Work together to solve problems.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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one. They can help each
other in everything they do.
Ecclesiastes 4:9, NIRV

MONTHLY VIRTUE

Cooperation—Working together
to do more than you can do alone

BASIC TRUTH

I need to make the wise choice.

PRELUDE: Setting the Tone for the Experience

See the **Getting Ready** pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today.

In the **Prelude** folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

Check out our Pinterest page here <https://bit.ly/447HSzi> for a visual on some of the activities.

Check out our Small Group Leader Conversation Guides to guide you through salvation conversations: <https://bit.ly/4daxSUg>

SMALL GROUP

15
MIN

SOCIAL: Providing Time for Fun Interaction

Early Arriver
Opening Activity

LARGE GROUP

35
MIN

STORY: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways

WORSHIP: Inviting People to Respond to God

Opener
Worship
Bible Story
Bottom Line
What's Our Part in the Story?
Prayer

SMALL GROUP

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a Safe Place to Connect

Bible Story Review: Wall Repairs
Application Activity: Tower Builders
Memory Verse Activity: Build a Memory Verse
Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss

HOME: Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

Parent Cue Card (Print or Email)
Devotionals for Kids
Parent Cue App



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SMALL GROUP
K-1

PRELUDE **SOCIAL** **STORY** **WORSHIP** **GROUPS** **HOME**

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO CONNECT

an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding



Before kids arrive, take a few moments to pray for them. Pray for those who might visit your group for the first time. Thank God for giving you and your few wisdom and creativity. Ask God to help the kids learn how to collaborate, solve problems, and recognize that we are better together.

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1. EARLY ARRIVER

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container; LEGOs®, blocks, Lincoln Logs®, or other building blocks

WHAT YOU DO:

- Greet kids by name as they arrive and welcome them to your group!
- Encourage kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Set out the building blocks.
- Invite the kids to build together.
- While the kids are building, use the questions below to ask them about their week.
 - "What was your favorite part of your week?"
 - "What was your least favorite part of your week?"
 - "What made you laugh this week?"
 - "Did you have any problems? How did you solve them?"

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MADE TO PLAY

an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group



2. OPENING ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: Blocks or dominoes, and timer

WHAT YOU DO:

- Divide your group into two teams.
- Give each team the same number of blocks or dominoes.
- Explain that teams will compete to see who can build the tallest tower before the timer goes off after two minutes!
- Share that if the tower falls, the team must start over.
- Set the timer for two minutes.
- Say, "Go!" to start the game.
- When the timer goes off, check their towers and declare a winner.
- Play another round, this time instructing the kids to place one hand behind their backs as they build.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Wow! You made amazing towers and worked really well together! *[Transition]*
Today, we'll hear about a group of people who had a big building job to do. Let's go find out what happened when they decided to cooperate!"

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Lead your group to the Large Group area.

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CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO IMAGINE

an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates biblical application through role-play and reenactment



* 1. WALL REPAIRS

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: LEGOs® (or blocks), and floor tape

WHAT YOU DO:

- Use floor tape to create a 12" x 12" square on the floor.
- Instruct the kids to gather around the square on the floor.
- Set out the LEGOs® (or blocks) in the group.
- Share that the kids are to work together to build a wall around the taped square using the provided building supplies as you recap the Bible Story.
- One bullet point at a time, read the Bible Story below, instructing the kids to place blocks along the taped square as you review:
 - Nehemiah was an Israelite who lived in Persia and served King Artaxerxes.
 - Invite a kid to place 3 blocks along the taped square.
 - Nehemiah learned the wall around Jerusalem was broken and was very sad.
 - Invite a kid to place 2 blocks along the taped square.
 - Nehemiah asked King Artaxerxes if he could return home to rebuild the wall.
 - Invite two kids to place 2 blocks along the taped square.
 - So Nehemiah traveled to Jerusalem, rallied the people, and they began rebuilding, with each family working on a section.
 - Invite a kid to place 3 blocks along the taped square.
 - God's people kept working despite challenges and insults from enemies like Sanballat and Tobiah!
 - Invite two kids to place 2 blocks along the taped square.
 - God's people had to arm themselves for protection, working with tools in one hand and weapons in the other.
 - Invite two kids to place 3 blocks along the taped square.
 - In just 52 days, God's people rebuilt the entire wall and celebrated by reading God's law.
 - Invite two kids to place 1 block along the taped square.
 - Though the wall had been broken for over 100 years, they trusted God, worked together, and completed a huge task!
 - Invite two kids to place 2 blocks along the taped square.
- If there is still space on the taped square, invite the kids to finish building the wall.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Great job, builders! Can you imagine fixing a whole city wall in less than two months? The Israelites worked together and trusted God to do what seemed impossible! By cooperating, they made their city safe again.

"Do you know who else chose to work together with everyday people? Jesus, God's Son! We can be more like Jesus and cooperate when there's a problem to solve—big or small. If your grown-up is getting ready for dinner and needs some help, you can help out to lighten the load. Or maybe a friend dropped their food



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(* 1. WALL REPAIRS, CONTINUED)

on the floor at lunch. If just one person tried to clean it up, it would take a long time, but if everyone at their table works together, the mess gets cleaned up faster! Cooperating with others is not always easy, friends, but it's important! Let's remember to **work together to solve problems.**"

[Make It Personal] (Tell your few about a time you needed to solve a problem and worked with others to figure it out! Maybe it was a project at work that you couldn't complete on your own. Maybe it was a big building project during a service project or mission trip. How did cooperation—working together—help you solve the problem and get more done?)



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MADE TO EXPLORE

an activity that extends learning through hands on experimentation and discovery



2. TOWER BUILDERS

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Plastic cups

WHAT YOU DO:

- Divide your group into two teams.
- Give each team an equal number of plastic cups.
- Challenge teams to stack their cups as high as they can to build a tower.
- If their cups fall, encourage the kids to discuss why it didn't work and come up with ideas for making their next tower even taller.
- After a few more tries, bring both teams together to build one BIG tower using all the cups and their problem-solving skills!

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Wow, you did a great job, friends! I love how you talked through problems and made your towers better each time. Sometimes, when we face a problem, we try to fix it all by ourselves—but God made us to work together! That's what cooperation is all about, working together to do more than you can do alone. A friend might have an idea you didn't think of, and you might have a new idea too! God made us so uniquely, and we all have something to share with the people around us! This week, let's ask God to give us patience and courage to cooperate so we can **work together to solve problems.**"

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MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application



4. PRAY AND DISMISS [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite the kids to join you in a seated circle.
- Lead the kids in a call-and-response prayer, asking God to help us cooperate and **work together to solve problems.**
- Encourage the kids to repeat each line below after you as you pray together.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Dear God, (pause)
We know that two are better than one! (Pause.)
Help us to cooperate (pause)
and work together to solve problems. (Pause.)
Thanks for giving us friends and family (pause)
to help us. (Pause.)
We love You. (Pause.)
In Jesus' name we pray. (Pause.)
Amen." (Pause.)

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As adults arrive to pick up, invite the kids to show off their building skills from the Wall Repairs Activity, the Tower Builders Activity, or the Build a Memory Verse Activity as they talk about the story, cooperation, and how they'll choose to **work together to solve problems** this week.

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