



THE BIG IDEA | We can ask God our questions.

SCRIPTURE | Nehemiah Asks to Rebuild the Wall: Nehemiah 2:1-20

INSTRUCTIONS: Read the Bible passage aloud and encourage the kids to read along with you. Each time you come across a question in the passage, pause and let the kids shout, "good question!" before continuing.

- Nehemiah wanted to follow God and rebuild the wall around Jerusalem. First, he had to get permission from King Artaxerxes.
- **What big questions did Nehemiah have before he re-built Jerusalem's walls?**
- Surely, it was not an easy task! But Nehemiah knew he had already done the hard part — he already came to God. This shows us we can go to God with our questions.
- **What did the people think of Nehemiah when he decided to re-build the temple?**

ACTIVITY | In the Form of a Question (elementary)

INSTRUCTIONS: Ask kids some of the questions to review the Wise series, and throw in some random trivia questions, too. But like the famous quiz show, Jeopardy!, kids must answer in the

form of a question. For example: you would say, "The king who asked God for wisdom." And kids would respond with, "Who is Solomon?" Here are some questions you could ask:

- The king who asked God for wisdom. (Who is Solomon?)
- What Solomon had brought into the temple he was building. (What is the Ark of the Covenant?) What two women were arguing about in front of Solomon. (What is a baby?)
- Two things we learned this month that we can ask God for. (What are the right words and our questions?)
- The cup-bearer to Artaxerxes, (Who is Nehemiah?)
- The city Nehemiah wanted to rebuild the walls of. (What is Jerusalem?)
- The book, chapter, and verse of this month's memory verse that says: "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God. . . and it will be given to you." (What is James 1:5?)

DISCUSSION

- Why is it important to ask questions? Re-read Nehemiah 2:7-8. Why was it wise of Nehemiah to ask these questions to the king?
- Why do we sometimes hesitate to ask questions?

PRAYER

- Dear God, Thank You for listening to and answering our questions. Remind us to always come to You with our questions. We know that the more we ask You, the more we will get to know about You!

MEMORY VERSE | James 1:5

